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James Cleary writes winning essay

James Cleary, son of Mark and Jennifer Cleary, Lexington Avenue, was awarded the Certificate of Recognition by the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont at their May 22 meeting. James' essay, "What Memorial Day Means to Me," was judged the winner of the 40 essays submitted by sixth grade students of Terrace Park Elementary School.

James read his essay to a standing room only crowd at the Kiwanis meeting and received a standing ovation from the members and guests. By writing the winning essay, James was invited to read it to the Terrace Park Community as part of the Memorial Day program on the Village Green.

Other finalists were: Kari Donley, Jayne Fisher, Meray Shell, Julianne Smith and Steph Swart.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

What Memorial Day Means to Me

by James Cleary

This year, on May 28, we will honor the many American souls who sacrificed their lives in war to defend our country. Many families lost their loved ones on the bloodstained fields of battle. This day, my friends, is called Memorial Day. It is a day of the memories of bloodshed, gunfire, and death. We honor not only the improvements these people made in our lives, but also the acts of true bravery, compassion, and dedication to our country that these brave men put forth in battle. We honor the thousands of soldiers who sacrificed themselves in those gruesome, unforgettable wars for our country's freedom. To some people, Memorial Day is a big parade and a festive environment of fire trucks, candy, and a day off from school, but to me, Memorial Day is a day of thanks and honor to our brave soldiers who were lost in war to save us. It is a day of grieving for our loved ones and our old friends.

My uncle, Alex Walker, was stationed in Vietnam to help fight in the Vietnam War. This was a very violent war indeed. Alex was the wit-

ness of hundreds of deaths, including some very close friends. All of the deaths affected him very deeply and he will never forget those hard times of war. I will always respect my uncle because he has seen and experienced a lot more than I have. I know that he will never fully recover from the memories of war, and the death of 56,000 people will haunt him in his dreams.

My grandfather, Bob Cleary, was in the Merchant Marines during WWII. He had many close friends who enrolled along with him. One day my grandfather fell ill. He was supposed to go on a cargo ship carrying high-octane gas used to fill up battleships but he was too sick to go. It was fortunate that he did not go because the next day my grandfather got the news that the cargo ship he was supposed to go on was torpedoed by a submarine. He lost many friends on that fateful day and he never fully recovered. It still takes a lot out of him whenever he talks about it. That day, when he lost many friends, was one of the worst days of his life.

In Washington D.C. there is a long wall made of black marble that con-



Photo: Gregg Bolsinger

Ray Normile announcing the Veterans.

tains the names of 56,000 men and women who sacrificed their lives for freedom. There is a chance that a memorial of WWII will be built and it will honor the many people who fought against the Germans to save our country. Both memorials will always honor the acts of bravery that these servicemen displayed for America.

We honor Memorial Day because of the people who lost their lives defending our country and our democracy against tyrants. These brave men and women stood up, with bloodstained hands, and said, we will not fear you. You may slay many of our soldiers and armies, but you will never slay our hearts or the love that it holds within for our country. With that, many of these men were impaled on the tips of bayonets or felled by the impact of bullets. Many kept on fighting and



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Boy Scouts raising the Flag during the Memorial Day ceremony.



Photo: Ellie Pohlman

Veterans of WWII being honored on Memorial Day.

won many battles. We honor them today and if you look into your hearts, you will find that you have similar beliefs today. Let us thank

them for freedom and a good life. If you do this then you will gain a power of love and trust that is far greater than the power of any army.

Art in the Park 2001

By Tracy McMullen

Undaunted by ferociously soggy weather, 21 local artists displayed their works at the third annual Art in the Park exhibit held May 18-20 at the Community Center. The event opened with a reception Friday evening and attracted viewers from all over the city. Terrace Park artist Peyton Petty once again

provided capable and creative direction for the exhibit.

Right: Jeanette Pruiss with some of her original weavings and prints of previously commissioned works. Bottom left: Betsy Schwinn and friend Janet Mayo of Mt. Washington admire story paintings by Peyton Petty.

Photos: Tracy McMullen



Adrian Vissat, Karen Vissat and Susan Brengle enjoying the opening reception.

Concerned residents address Council at June meeting

By Lynette Overbey

Several Village residents addressed Council Tuesday, June 12. Ray Normile, 609 Amherst, began by thanking Council for its help with the speaker system for the Memorial Day ceremony. He was particularly grateful to Councilman Jim Peterkin for setting up the system and making certain that it worked properly. He also expressed his hope that the speaker system would be available for future celebrations. On the other hand, he criticized

Council for what he perceived to be its lack of responsiveness to his concerns regarding the maintenance of the Village Green facilities and speeding on the streets around the Green.

The same criticism was voiced by Al Nelson, 735 Franklin. He was concerned that, although it has been a full year since maintenance recommendations were made last year by a citizens' committee, few items have actually been implemented. He felt that there was no one person in Village government accountable for overseeing

No July paper.
Next deadline is August 13

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Village Views is pleased to announce that we will once again sponsor the Pet Parade in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 3. The categories to be judged are Best Theme, Best Pet Costume and Best Dressed Lab. Valuable prizes will be awarded. So put on your thinking caps—we'll tell you more about it in our next issue!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Terrace Park Residents:

Thank you so very much for purchasing plants at the Terrace Park Garden Club Plant 2001 Sale. This year's plant sale, May 18-19, was a great success due to your support, and we are deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness and generosity. Proceeds from the plant sale are used for beautification projects in Terrace Park which include the Memorial Bed, Wooster Pike Beds, Community Building Beds, and other Village areas.

Again, thank you!

Cordially yours,

Jane Allan and Lucy Maish, Plant Sale Co-Chairmen

Dear neighbors,

I am continually amazed and disappointed that I am required to attend Village Council and Committee meetings to present my position on issues of zoning and law with regard to the proposed massive expansion at St. Thomas. To have to argue points of arcane zoning code against a church is not my idea of a good time. But I feel that it is my responsibility to present my thoughts regarding safety, aesthetics, and financial impact on our corner of the village. As one who spends my life at that corner of the Village I feel that I am uniquely qualified to speak to some of these issues. While some of the major supporters of this expansion are Village residents (In fact Council members with an apparent conflict of interest), others are not even residents and so I feel not as concerned with the impact on our neighborhood.

Some of the facts and current plans regarding this proposed expansion include:

- A 40,000+ square foot addition to a 20,000 square foot facility
- A need for at least two variances to the zoning code
- A cost of \$9,000,000 (50% more than originally estimated with the potential to go higher because of unforeseen expenses in site preparation)
- No additional parking
- Removal of mature trees not in the construction area
- Building in an environmentally sensitive area
- No additional sanctuary seating
- A residential home to be used as a construction office for the period of construction
- A residential home back yard to be used as a play ground for the Pre-School
- Worsening of the traffic, congestion and parking that affects neighbors seven days a week
- The resultant reduction of the real estate value of one of the most unique home sites in the village
- A strain on emergency services
- A safety concern for Village children and those visiting or attending pre-school.

I contend that this is a mere continuation of the recent "redevelopment" of Terrace Park. Maybe this is what Village residents want. Village by design. Bigger, newer, more expensive. Do we really want to redevelop the Village with homes that look like those in every planned subdivision in the city? Do we want to extinguish every bit of character from Terrace Park so that it is indistinguishable from those developments outside the outerbelt?

What attracted you to T. P. ? If you are concerned about this project and it's impact on Terrace Park, I urge you to make your concerns known to Council, to St. Thomas and to your neighbors. Once this juggernaut picks up speed it's tough to stop.

I probably have sealed my fate with regard to my hopes for Sainthood with this uncomfortable position that I am taking but I feel that my opposition to this project is in the best interests of the Village. Do you?

Jeff Chapman
111 Terrace Place

To the Village Views,

The Memorial Day Committee would like to thank those residents who helped to make Memorial Day 2001 a very special day in Terrace Park: The Terrace Park Sometimes Marching Band under the leadership of Al Nelson, vocalist Katie Troller, James Cleary who read his Memorial Day essay, Rev. Don Waring, Mayor Dan Startzman, Roger Stafford who helped with setting up, Stephanie Fitzgerald who organized the parade. Special thanks goes to Councilman Jim Peterkin who set up the loud speaker system so that all could hear.

Many of you sent me notes and expressed appreciation for the fine Memorial Day program. The Committee and I thank you! As I stood on the Gazebo and we held hands and sang "America the Beautiful," I realized how fortunate we are to have a community like Terrace Park to call home.

Ray Normile
609 Amherst

Dear Editor and Terrace Park Friends:

Thank you for my 32 years of enjoyable service in Terrace Park. Everyone made my job a pleasure. I'll miss seeing and talking to all of my friends on the route. Thank you all for the gifts, cards and "good wishes." Stop by and help me rock on the porch.

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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.

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Letter to the Editor:

The Memorial Day program was a most beautifully organized and executed day of remembrance.

The parade, led by a Marine Corps Color Guard which established the dignity of the occasion, was followed by our own veterans, on foot and in cars. The High School Band and the Terrace Park Misfits played the service hymns with reverence. Even the Brownies and Cub Scouts seemed to recognize the solemnity of the occasion as they marched quietly, waving their little American flags. But that was just the beginning.

The program on the Village Green was the best we have ever witnessed. Opening with prayer, followed by the introduction of the veterans according to their branch of service, and the memorial wreath dedicated to those who didn't return from war or who are no longer with us, made it an unprecedented tribute to those who served. An outstanding essay by sixth grader, James Cleary, and the patriotic music of both bands made it a day to remember.

We thank the Mariemont Kiwanis Club and in particular, Ray Normile, for the thought and planning that went into this special day.

Beth and Harry Kauffman
509 Stanton

Dear Village Views,

My father, Ken Hinners, and Bill Krummert have been serving the residents of Terrace Park for more than 25 years. Over that time many friends have been made and many cars have been kept running. Over the past few years with gasoline prices rising, many people are looking for the best deal on gas. There have been quite a few times when the stations in Terrace Park have been cheaper than the competitors in Milford and the surrounding area. Meijers, Costco, and most recently Kroger, have added gas to their stores. These high-volume outlets can easily sell gas at a lower cost or a loss in order to get customers in their doors. Small independents such as the stations in Terrace Park cannot always match the low prices but at a difference of about .05 cents a gallon, the average savings per tank is only \$1.00. When Terrace Park residents need their car jumped or have a flat tire in the driveway, help is a short distance away. Sometimes a convenience like having a full-service facility around the corner can be taken for granted, just to save a nominal amount on a tank of gas. Many residents continue to support the Marathon and Citgo stations on Wooster Pike and we thank you for your support. If you value the services provided by your local establishments, please support them with your business even when their prices can't always be the lowest in town.

Fill 'er up and tell 'em Todd sent ya,
Todd A. Hinners

Dear Editor,

On Friday night of the Terrace Park Garden Club's annual plant sale, as plants sat on the rain-soaked Village Green, a group of boys gathered nearby. Christy, our daughter, and I perked up when we heard one say, "Let's go get some flowers!" Immediately, another voice, perhaps from the smallest member of the group, responded, "No way! Leave those flowers alone!" We watched and listened. Moments later the same young voice again protested, "We can't take those plants!" Before the group moved down the street, that same young man once again defended the flowers on the Village Green. We'll probably never know his name, but we'll always remember his courage in standing up for what is right. It only takes one to make the world a better place.

Thanks, young friend!
Patti Normile
609 Amherst

Letter to the Editor:

To those that had any part in the thought - planning or carrying out of the Memorial Day celebration - a big - heartfelt "Thank you"! In our 46+ years of living here in Terrace Park, that was one of the nicest - most meaningful programs we have had. It was much needed - deserved - and well done - and appreciated by the WWII Veterans as well as all the veterans - loved ones and the people 'next door' and 'down the street.' Again - thank you.

Virginia & Franklin Jacob
106 Wrenwood Lane

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Jeff Chapman, 111 Terrace Place, addressed the issue of the zoning variance granted to St. Thomas Church on the basis of what he regarded to be an inadequate tree screening of the wall that would face the Souhrada property. He felt this seemed particularly unfair when compared to the denial of another resident's variance request for his home. Councilman Dan Keefe pointed out that Zoning Board rulings cannot be appealed to Council.

In other Council action:

- Two auxiliary police officers were sworn in: Eric Schmidt and Travis Grooms
- \$50,000 was allocated for the Village portion of the Wooster Pike sidewalk project, which will include curb and crosswalk enhancement. The lowest and best bid was accepted. Another bid was rejected as non-responsive.
- Council passed a resolution to sell a 1991 pickup truck owned by the Village.
- Auxiliary Officer Mike Walker was commended for his work on the Seat Belt Safety Program which he presented to all the third graders at Terrace Park elementary. The program included a model, constructed on his own time, which featured a model car rolled down a ramp; when the car struck an obstacle, the children could see for themselves the car's unbelted contents flying in all directions.
- Mayor Startzman reported that Time Warner would be dropping one tier of its service, switching 3 stations over to its Standard tier, and raising the price for that tier.
- Council expressed its appreciation for a thank you note from the Greatest Generation Committee for Council's help in the Memorial Day activities on the Village Green.
- The Eastern Corridor study will have an open house to explain its Land Use Vision Plan. The plan is limited to land to the south of the Little Miami River, although traffic through Terrace Park could be affected. More information on the Open House is available at the Village Office.
- The Hamilton County Park District has made a video about its program to protect animals in the parks. The video can be borrowed by interested Terrace Park residents.
- Treasurer Al Roberts reported on the Village budget. A special hearing on the budget was held immediately prior to the Council meeting. Council also held a hearing on the 2002 budget. At the hearing, Jack Brown, Chairman of the Finance Committee, explained that Terrace Park will no longer receive inheritance tax money, which used to be a significant source of income for the Village. There is a shortfall in the proposed budget, but Mr. Brown explained that, since there is adequate money in the Village's surplus account, the shortfall should not be a problem. Copies of the pro-

posed budget are available for review in the Village office.

- The problem of abandoned cars was addressed. Councilman Stephen Holmes and Police Chief Bacon discussed the legal procedure with Village Solicitor Robert Malloy. Owners of cars in the maintenance area must fill out forms in order to obtain permission for their cars to remain in the area. Efforts will also be made to give notification regarding vehicles which have apparently been abandoned by unknown owners.
- Councilman Jim Peterkin asked the solicitor his advice on how to deal with the problem of a resident who appears to be selling cars from his property on a regular basis. The solicitor replied that there were two issues—whether the volume of cars was such that he would be required to be licensed as a dealer, and whether the sales had created a zoning problem. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- Fire Chief Jeff Carl reported 4 Squad/EMS runs last month. In addition, the Fire Dept. conducted a training fire at the house struck by lightning last year on Wooster Pike. The house was then burned down at the owner's request.
- Chief Robert W. Bacon reported that police calls last month were primarily in 14 mutual aid runs to other areas, but there were no mutual aid calls into Terrace Park. He also reported that an officer has been certified as an instructor in alcohol detection, and another officer has been certified in defensive driving.
- Building Official William Fiedler reports that 2 applications will be coming before the Board of Zoning Appeals. With regard to zoning issues, Dan Keefe reported that he and several other public officials have received telephone calls late at night or early in the morning by irate citizens who subjected them to verbal abuse. He asked Villagers to use some restraint and consideration when dealing with public officials.
- Council approved a motion to obtain bids on the Indian Hill Road repaving project when Hamilton County allocates its traffic funds. Village Engineer George Kipp distributed a detailed report to Council members on all facilities owned by the Village. The reports will be used as the basis of formulating a maintenance plan and schedule. Copies will be available for public inspection at the Village office or for purchase once the cost of making copies is established.
- Jim Peterkin reported that Rumpke is having difficulty getting into some Village alleyways because of overgrown bushes and garbage cans placed where they obstruct the truck's path. The affected residents will be notified of the problem, but Rumpke will be required to continue to use the alleys for trash pick-up. It was also noted that there have been weekly complaints from residents about streets that were missed by Rumpke during their rounds.

Village Calendar 2001

JUNE

- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Terrace Park Swim Club Ladies Day

JULY

- 1 Deadline for Terrace Park Recreation Committee fall soccer registration. For information call **Patty or Rich Beyersdorfer @ 576-0540**
- 4 Terrace Park Swim Club Fourth of July Celebration
- 9 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Mariemont Kiwanis meeting every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the MJHS cafeteria. New members welcome!
- 10 Terrace Park Garden Club Garden Walk, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Residents and their guests are invited to tour five local gardens free of charge.
- 10 Terrace Park Council Meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Terrace Park Swim Club Family Grill Night.

- 24 Mariemont Board of Education Meeting, MJHS Cafeteria, 7:15 p.m. Public welcome.
- 27 Terrace Park Swim Club Family Grill Night.

AUGUST

- 10 Terrace Park Swim Club Family Grill Night.
- 13 Mayor's Court, Community Building, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Village Views deadline for articles, photos and camera ready ads, 9:00 p.m.
- 14 Mariemont School District Board of Education meeting, MJHS cafeteria, 7:15 p.m.
- 14 Terrace Park Council meeting, Community Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Terrace Park Elementary Welcome Night for new TPE families, 7:00 p.m. For information, call **Kelly Wittry @ 248-9212**.
- 22 Mariemont School district first day of school for students
- 24 Terrace Park Swim Club Family Grill Night

THERE WILL BE NO JULY ISSUE OF VILLAGE VIEWS. Please submit August calendar information to **Jenny Whitaker @ 248-9268** at your earliest convenience.

Interview with council members

By Katy Wood

There will be an election November 6. Who's ready for another one? And even if you are, why are you reading about it in the June issue of the Village Views? Because, on November 6, the voters of Terrace Park will have the opportunity to elect four members of Council. And, by August 23, the candidates need to get 50 valid signatures on a Board of Elections petition. Let us hope that there are candidates. In the last two elections, all Council seats have run uncontested, and two positions have been filled with write-in votes. The disadvantage of an unopposed race is obvious—boring. The disadvantages of an unopposed, or worse, non-existent race in an election are more complex and far-reaching. The importance of the November 2001 election cannot be compared with the Presidential election in 2000 in terms of importance. Nevertheless, Terrace Park's Village Council makes decisions, big and small, that directly affect our lives in everyday ways. In an effort to motivate potential candidates, but also realistically represent the, basically, volunteer job of Village Council member, Jack Brown,

who has served for one four-year term, and Dan Keefe, two-term member, were interviewed about the role. Initially, the potential candidates were asked about their plans. Will they run again? Both laughingly referred to conferring with their support personnel (at home). Keefe is "leaning toward running," Brown is leaning away. (Of the other candidates whose terms are up, Stephen Holmes is considering running again, while Al DuPlace will not run). **Village Views (V.V.):** What would persuade you to run again? **Brown:** If not enough people file for the number of open seats. Even still, it would be a tough decision because I'm traveling so much more now for my job. But, I would hate to see Council have to appoint someone. **Keefe:** Yeah, especially if there's an appointment, you risk getting someone coming forward with a personal agenda. **Brown:** We have such a significant, how should I say this, "retired" population in this community. I would love to see someone from this group run for Council. **Keefe:** You're right. Approximately 30% of residents who vote in Terrace Park are over 65. Young fami-

lies with children are more visible, but on voting day you see all the older people at the booths. **V.V.:** Do you think potential candidates may refrain from running to avoid the publicity or a negative outcome? **Brown:** Possibly. **Keefe:** Yeah. We haven't had a contested Council seat as long as I've been around. (Laughs) Which is maybe why I'm still around. **V.V.:** Like any volunteer position, the time required could dissuade potential candidates. How much time do you spend as a Council member? **Brown:** Including calls from residents and working on specific issues, I probably spend on average, four to five hours a month, outside of the Council meeting. **Keefe:** It's about the same for me — some months less, some months more. **V.V.:** What about committee meetings? There's been some criticism that Council members don't spend enough time working in committees. **Keefe:** There's no need to have regularly scheduled committee meetings. It depends on what's on the agenda. **Brown:** Attendance at monthly meetings, though, is essential for accomplishing what needs to get done. **V.V.:** Attendance has been very good with the current Council, hasn't it? **Keefe:** Yes, currently it's good. During my first term though, we had a member who only showed up when he had something to report. Otherwise, he was a no show. That was frustrating. **V.V.:** How difficult is it to respond to resident concerns while maintaining fiscal responsibility? **Keefe:** It depends on the concern. **Brown:** In my four years, I have had very few complaints about budgeting issues. The only controversial budget issue I can recall is when we added the sixth police officer. **Keefe:** Yeah. With salary, uniforms, gas mileage, benefits, that position probably costs \$80,000 per year. **Brown:** I don't recall anyone ever attending the public hearings on the budget, and I'm not aware that anyone has ever asked for a copy of the budget (although I might not be aware of that). Residents must be comfortable with the tax rate. It seems to me that people are more concerned about things we don't do that cost money. **V.V.:** Does Council refrain from be-

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ing proactive due to fiscal conservatism?

Brown: Coming up with a plan for the Rawnley property is an example of an issue that some residents would like us to deal with more quickly. Council is waiting now, with bated breath, for a facilities management report from the Village engineer. I expect that it will recommend tearing down the Rawnley house and renovating the Community Building. It should be costly. We wanted a five-year plan with a regular maintenance schedule.

Keefe: I think we should hire an architect to come up with a design, then put it forward to residents on a bond levy. In regard to the original question, we did just spend about \$800,000.00 to replace our antique water lines. Of course there was no question about having to do that. We halved our surplus.

V.V.: A surplus that existed because of the inheritance tax, right?

Keefe: That's right. A tax, otherwise known as the death tax, that's going away. We would have needed a bond issue for that project, otherwise.

Brown: During my term, there hasn't been one resolution voted down as a money issue.

Keefe: I can only think of one.

V.V.: So, you don't agree with the criticism I sometimes hear that Council is reactive rather than proactive?

Brown: We tried to be responsive to concerns about the Village Green.

Keefe: And the basketball goals at the log cabin. We have a regular maintenance schedule for roads and sidewalks. People are always asking me about asphaltting the roads. The cost ratio of tar and chip to asphalt is about 3 to 5.

Brown: Can we be more proactive? Yeah, but we're pretty open to resident suggestions. I think a problem is that people expect Council to react immediately. But that's not the way government is supposed to work. Given the regulations, the process for passing ordinances and resolutions, we can't react as quickly as people would like. That can be disappointing and frustrating.

V.V.: So how does it feel to disappoint your neighbors? Is the diplomacy aspect stressful?

Keefe: I've only lost my temper once with a resident on the phone. There's a certain amount of biting your tongue involved.

Brown: In the end, you have to vote. This is not a job, like some volunteer jobs, that you do to make friends. You're not always doing

something that's viewed as positive.

For instance, a lot of people got angry when we changed the job description of Building Inspector.

Keefe: That was easily one of the most divisive issues.

V.V.: So what makes you want to run again?

Keefe: First of all, I like the people I work with, the interaction. I like operating out of some sense of community. I would like to give back. In the context of my position on Council as Planning and Zoning Chairman, what irritates me the most, is people whose sense of community doesn't extend beyond their front door. I get some satisfaction confronting that.

V.V.: Why should someone else run for Council?

Brown: People are good about volunteering for difficult jobs in the community, like firemen and EMS volunteers. They should look at this job in the same way.

Potential Council members should pick up a petition at the Board of Elections. There is a \$30.00 filing fee. Filing must take place by 75 days before the election, August 23rd. Council members receive \$25.00 for each regularly scheduled meeting they attend.

Know your neighbor

By Sherry Holcomb

Helen Christopher Barnett thinks of Terrace Park as her anchor in the world. After numerous adventures in this country and abroad, Helen has been happy to come home to 215 Oxford for all of her 84 years. "Terrace Park has always kept me content," says Helen. "In my youth I did try a bit of the world, but was always happy to return here."

Helen's bit of the world includes travels to Alaska, Ireland, Holland, South America, England, Mexico and Europe, to name a few. Though she hasn't traveled in recent years, Helen continues to visit her favorite spots around the globe with her photos and memories. Each destination conjures up an adventure story.

So how did a self-described "unsophisticated Terrace Park critter" who lives in the home she was born in, become a world traveler, wife and highly experienced office manager? After four years at Western College for Women in Oxford, business school in Cincinnati, and five uninspiring years of office work at an insurance company, a girlfriend suggested that she and Helen take a year off to travel. It

turned out that the trip fell through, but the travel bug had bitten.

Instead of vacation travel, Helen applied to the Foreign Service through the State Department and was hired as a clerk assigned to the Dominican Republic. "Neither I nor my family had ever heard of that country," Helen says. After a little research, Helen's father determined that the Dominican Republic was no place for his daughter, and he told her so. She went anyway.

Helen decided to return home to Terrace Park after about a year of working six or seven days a week at the U.S. embassy. After a grueling work schedule and demanding social life in the Dominican Republic, Helen's return to Oxford Avenue initially focused on sleep.

She wasn't at rest for long, however, because Helen got a job in Cincinnati and took language classes to keep up on her Spanish. A series of office jobs followed, but Helen still managed to pursue her interest in travel. Helen finally retired from part-time office work at Flach Douglas & Co. when she was 75.

During those working years, Helen's father passed away and she continued to live with her mother until mom died at the age of 97. "I promised not to leave her alone," Helen said. "It was a good arrangement, because mom took



care of the house and I took care of the yard." True to her word, when Helen married Lowell Barnett in 1969, the couple lived with mom in the Oxford Ave. home that her parents had built. Lowell didn't have far to move, since he was a widower with three grown children who lived just around the corner. Lowell passed away in 1973, leaving Helen with three stepchildren, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren located around the country.

Helen now lives alone and enjoys gardening, living with many objects and memories of the past, and watching Terrace Park change with the times while keeping a friendly, established atmosphere. Many would agree with Helen's reflection, "I'm pretty much attached to Terrace Park as a place to stay."

Dear Editor,

Terrace Park is a wonderful place to live. Most of our best community activities are led and implemented by volunteers. The list of activities and volunteers is long and every contributor has my gratitude. However, our elected Village Council (referring to six Council members and a Mayor) has in recent years declined in overall performance to a level that now needs public attention to affect improvement to former high levels.

I became aware of this trend four years ago and discussed it with the Mayor. The Mayor (not our present Mayor) was also frustrated with Council results, but had no ideas for improvement.

To those folks who have not been aware of this situation, I apologize for being the messenger of unpleasant news. Neither I, nor any persons quoted below, is attacking any single Council member. Each is a fine person, but the total results have been disappointing for years. Organizational structure, or the lack of it, is partly the cause.

Here are comments from six former Council members:

- "It's a problem of apathy. Not enough voters care enough, and consequently not enough Council members care enough to do the job well."
- "We need to encourage and elect younger candidates who have the ability and commitment to lead and take action."
- Council needs job descriptions for every elected and employed position to supplement those provided by law in the Ohio Revised Code. We also need an organization chart showing who is accountable for what. Things could be run a lot better."
- "I agree with the need for improvement."
- "No one can make the Council members do their job if they don't want to."
- "I am very disappointed with the 'do-nothing' Councils of recent years."

Here are comments from six other concerned residents:

- "We'll never get Council to act on our recommendations (for Village Green improvements) unless we pressure them in the Village Views."
- "I agree with you, but it takes four votes to pass anything. We need more good Council members."
- "What you're saying is true. I'll help in any way I can."
- "Council members are so worried about making an unpopular decision (or simply saying 'No') that they are strangled by indecision."
- "It's high time someone said these things publicly. I went to Council twice with requests and was appalled by their attitude. I may never volunteer for any Village work again."
- "You can only improve Council on Election Day."

I will be pleased to discuss these twelve quotations further with anyone. Eleven of the twelve quoted above still live in Terrace Park.

If my memory and records are correct, only one of our current seven Council members has ever been elected against competition. All the others either have been appointed by their friends on Council, or elected unopposed. This is a major cause of our current low commitment/low achievement Council.

At the end of this year, the terms of four Council members will expire. The election is November 6, 2001 for four-year terms beginning January 1, 2002. Petitions for candidacy can be picked up at the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 824 Broadway, 632-7000. A candidate must be a registered voter in Terrace Park and obtain signatures of 50 other voters. Completed petitions must be returned to the Board of Elections by August 23, 2001. We should have at least six candidates for the four positions. Please consider if you can take on and accept this very important commitment for the improvement of our Village. I will gladly assist any new candidate with the petition signings, if asked.

Many years ago, Terrace Park held public "Candidate Forum" meetings, where Council candidates openly stated their qualifications, commitments and goals to merit their election. Such a public meeting is again scheduled for Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 PM in our Village Hall. It will be moderated by a former Mayor or Council member. All candidates are urged to be present to tell the electorate their commitments and goals for the next four years.

Some examples of Council's failures are printed in this paper as an appendix. To be credible, these examples had to be rather detailed, perhaps being boring to many readers if they were in the body of this letter, and detracting from the primary message and plans for improvement.

Accomplishing what is needed on November 6th will require broad public support. Please let me know by phone, letter, or in person, if you agree with the rest of us and can assist in any way in this Terrace Park Village improvement effort. aanelson@fuse.net

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Zoning Board approves St. Thomas landscaping plans

By Cyndy Finnigan

The Zoning Board of Appeals met May 22 to discuss landscaping plans for a privacy screen between the Souhrada property at 110 Terrace Place and St. Thomas Church. The plans were submitted by the Church and their landscape architect in response to a request by the ZBA in October 2000 for the Church to provide a "green screen" to minimize privacy loss on the part of Mr. Souhrada due to the proposed plans for Church expansion. At the October meeting, the ZBA approved three variances requested by the Church: 1. A front yard setback. 2. A variance for number of stories (a small portion of the new building may be considered a fourth story.) 3. A dimensional variance due to the fact that the current Church is not in conformity with codes, and therefore the entire facility needed to be looked at. These variances were granted by the ZBA upon certain conditions being met; one being a non-revocable deed restriction on park-

ing at the Village Center parking lot allowing over-flow parking for large functions at the Church, that the Church expansion be subject to all building and fire code requirements and that the aforementioned landscaping plans, approved by the Board, must be installed and maintained at the Church's expense.

The Church's landscape plans presented at the May 22 meeting were recommended by Steve Smith, the landscape contractor for the Village. The ZBA voted to review the plans which would require the Church to plant eight Norway Spruce trees, four of which are eight feet high and four twelve feet high, on a three-foot berm to elevate the trees further. The Church will maintain the trees and will replace dead or sick trees in accordance with industry standard. These plans, along with the accompanying variances, will proceed to the Planning Commission for final approval before being sent to Hamilton County to obtain a building permit.

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David Allan Earns All-American Honors

David Allan, DePauw University junior, was named a Golf All-American at the NCAA Division III Golf National Championship held May 6-10, 2001 at the Persimmon Woods Golf Club in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to the tournament David was also named an All-American Scholar Athlete, a member of the NCAA Division III District 4 All-Star Team, and a Golf Coaches of America Association All-American. At the NCAA National Championship he placed 14th with a four round score of 294 to earn his All-American honors which included a 71 on the final day to tie for that day's low round among all the golfers. David, the son of Jane and Roy Allan, is a Mariemont High School graduate where he was a member of the Varsity Golf, Baseball, and Swimming Teams and a three year member of the National Honor Society.

Local student setting new standards for leadership

National Young Leaders Conference Develops Skills

Washington, D.C. - Robby Crosswell of Terrace Park has been selected to attend The National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from July 15 to July 25, 2001 in Washington, D.C. Crosswell will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars from around the country to attend the conference.

The theme of the NYLC is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the 11 day conference, Crosswell will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Crosswell will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

"The National Young Leaders Conference provides an opportunity for students like Crosswell to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the NYLC. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Crosswell will be a junior this fall at CHCA. He was chosen by his economics/polyscience teacher for participation in the conference. For additional information on the National Young Leaders Conference, log on to the Internet at www.cylc.org.

All American GOP Family Picnic

Julie Rugh, Terrace Park Delegate to Northeast Hamilton County Republican Club is Chairperson of the "All American GOP Family Picnic", Sunday, July 15th, 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., Blue Ash Community Park, (Blue Ash Shelter) 4433 Cooper Road. This is Julie's second year as Chairperson of the picnic.

There will be food, drinks, singing and music by "The Four Star Edition" Barbershop Quartet and The Dulcimer Society, a celebrity Pie Auction, food and fun for the entire family. Julie Rugh can be reached at 248-1091 for information about the picnic.



Photo: Mark Castator

The Ladrigan residence, 598 Wooster Pike, was burned down by the TP fire department during a practice drill June 2, the one year anniversary of its being struck by lightning during a storm.

"It was an ideal site for practice conditions for the department," states Dennis Elliott, training officer.

Mr. Ladrigan plans on building a new home on the site.

Helmets on for safety!

Safety helmets for bike riding, skating, and skateboarding are being sold this summer in several sizes and color combinations for the non-profit price of \$15.00 at the Terrace Park Police Department.

Stop in or call Lt. Jerry Hayhow at 831-2137.

Proceeds are turned over to Children's Hospital.



Confirmands Laura Ward, Katie Carman, and Sari Dehner, shown with the bishop, reflected on that Sunday's Scripture readings at the 9:15 service.

Confirmations at St. Thomas

On Sunday, May 20th, twelve of our younger members at St. Thomas made their confirmation vows before Bishop Kenneth Price of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. Our confirmands were: Suzanne Marie Augsburg, Chelsea Lane Bachman,

Cub Scouts Celebrate with Blue & Gold Barbeque Banquet

By Craig Sattergren

Cub Scout Pack 97 celebrated the end of the Scouting year on Friday May 18th with their traditional Blue & Gold Banquet. The evening included an awards ceremony and barbeque dinner. The grills were manned by the graduating fifth grade Webelos Scouts and parents, under the guidance of long time Den Leader Jerry Koszycki.

Reverend Don Waring of the Pack's Chartering Organization, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, offered the invocation. The U. S. Congress has chartered the Boy Scouts of America since 1916. The Boy Scouts, in turn, charter organizations like St. Thomas to carry out the full Scouting program. This process was symbolically reenacted as Congressman Rob Portman passed the Pack 97 Charter to District Executive Brian Hurst of the

Dan Beard Council, BSA. He then passed the Charter on to Reverend Waring.

Congressman Portman then presented a special U. S. Flag to Cubmaster Craig Sattergren. The flag had been flown over the U. S. Capitol in honor of Terrace Park Scout units, and was seen in the Memorial Day parade, proudly carried by Boy Scouts in Troop 286. Cubmaster Sattergren remarked that not every Cub Scout Pack has the honor of the participation of a Member of Congress in their Blue and Gold ceremony. It helps to have friends in high places, namely Will and Jed, (Portman) both members of Pack 97.

Jed and the rest of the graduating Webelos bridged over to Boy Scouts the following Sunday evening during the Troop 286 Court of Honor ceremony at the Log Cabin.

Younger Cubs participated in various aspects of the ceremony, including the presentation of the colors, singing of the songs "America" and "Taps", and a closing prayer. Advancements and other awards were presented to each Cub, recognizing their hard work and achievements.

Long time Cub Scouters Riley Humler and Annie Bauer were honored for their many years of service to Pack 97. They most recently served as Cubmaster and Committee Chair, respectively, and continue their scouting involvement with Boy Scout Troop 286. Webelos Den Leaders Jerry Koszycki and Mike Seeley were also recognized for their many years of service as they move on with their boys to Boy Scouts.

This year's banquet was sponsored, in part, by area businesses, including Terrace Park's own Ted's Toys & Trains.

Brownie Girl Scouts - Troop #7773

By Debbie Graumlich

The first grade Brownie Girl Scout Troop #7773 celebrated the end of the year with a very special event. On Thursday, May 31st, Dr. Edith Markoff, from Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, visited with our troop. In addition to her work as a research doctor, Dr. Markoff is the director of the Dog Visitation Program at the hospital. The program is made up of volunteers and their dogs that come into the hospital and visit with the children. The children look forward to these visits and treasure their Polaroid photos taken with the dogs.

Dr. Markoff explained to our troop all about the Dog Visitation Program. Dr. Markoff also brought along her Newfoundland, Murphy, who played with the girls, showed off her volunteer jacket and badge, and entertained us with wagon rides just like she does for the children at the hospital.

The Brownies decorated 60 frames with ribbons and stickers that will hold the pictures given to the children. We then presented Dr. Markoff



Pictured (from left): Murphy, Emily Graumlich, Lauren Frey, Elizabeth Anne Douglas, Emily Clark, Dr. Edith Markoff, Lea Phillips, Maren Machles, Hanna Neuburger, Abby Mathis, Nicole Mackey, Elizabeth Keller, Katherine McCormack, Grace Gardner, and Meagan Majchszak. (Not pictured: Caroline Brown, Ellie Osborn, Hanna Reeder, and Madeline Cinquina).

with a donation to the program. The donation represents proceeds from the Girl Scout cookie sale.

The Dog Visitation Program is a wonderful program at the hospital. Dr. Markoff and all of the volunteers are extremely dedicated and

bring great happiness to the children. The Brownies are very proud to be involved with such a worthwhile project. Thank you to all who purchased cookies from our troop — your purchases made this donation possible.

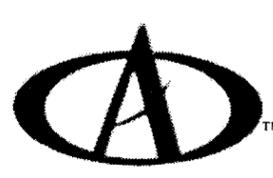


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Police Beat

Terrace Park Police statistics from May 8 through June 11 are as follows:

There were four properties found unsecured; a person locked out of their vehicle and one out of their residence. There were four alarm drops, four EMS run assists, two assists with fire personnel. There was a complaint about a sales solicitor who falsely claimed he was a TP resident, suspicious persons at the log cabin check, one possible stalker complaint and one check on the welfare of a child request.

Animal complaints ranged from several dogs at large to a deer being struck and causing damage to a vehicle. There was an investigation of a possible prowler and a stop for suspicious vehicle. They provided mutual aid to Milford several times for auto accidents and a foot pursuit. They were called by Newtown to help break up a fight and a domestic abuse complaint. For Fairfax they provided mutual aid in the form of back-up for a subject resisting arrest and aid to a Norwood SWAT team to help secure a scene.

A resident complained that her door had been hit by a paintball gun; another had a yard sculpture overturned. A fireworks complaint was lodged. There was a keg law violation filed when underage teens were found drinking alcohol at a party. (a neighbor had called to complain because of the noise.) Altogether there were 30 traffic warnings given and 69 traffic citations written.

While patrolling the Village May 22, Officer Davis was dispatched to a residence for suspicious persons and vehicle on the property. The resident stated he had arrived home that afternoon to find a grey Dodge Dakota parked in his driveway with no markings or names on it. He said he had recently hired a contractor

to do some roof work and assumed the truck belonged to them. He had gone inside to watch TV, noticing a ladder leaning against the patio up to the roof. When inside he saw two individuals walk past the patio window. After ten minutes, the individuals and vehicle were gone. The resident became suspicious and called his contractor only to find out that his contractor had not been at the residence working that day nor any of his workers or trucks. The police spoke with the contractor who assured them that he had not been there that day and that he did not subcontract work. The resident was assured that police would increase patrol in his area and that a report would be filed.

Annual third grade sleepover

The Terrace Park Police Department's annual 3rd grade sleepover will be held this year on Saturday, August 4, 2001, at the log cabin. If your child is attending please drop him/her off at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th, and pick him/her up by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 5th. If your child failed to receive a permission slip for the sleepover there are plenty available at the village office. If you have any questions concerning this event please contact officer **Doug Sowders at 831-2137.**

Estate tax phased out

By Katy Wood

June is budget month for Terrace Park Council. The new budget has been prepared with a change in perspective, given changes in the estate tax.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee on Terrace Park's Village Council, currently Jack Brown, prepares Terrace Park's budget for the following year (2002) by June's Council meeting, presenting it for review and approval. Changes to appropriations are made in February of the following year.

Currently, there's a surplus in the budget of approximately \$675,665 largely due to the former estate tax, which provided a single windfall to Terrace Park's budget in 1999. (About half of this surplus, approximately \$800,000, was spent on the water main project last year). Each budget written with this surplus available, has been a deficit budget, developed with the surplus in mind.

An Ohio state tax cut, effective January 1st, changed the value of estates taxed from \$25,000 to those over \$200,000 this year. In 2002, only estates worth above \$338,000 will be subject to the "death tax."

While the law decreased the worth, and therefore, the number, of estates taxed, it did increase the percentage of the tax going to municipalities, with the intent to ease the burden of lost revenue to communities such as Terrace Park. However, there is also a provision in the bill to eventually phase out the tax completely.

How will this change affect the residents of Terrace Park? Finance Committee Chairman, Jack Brown

had some thoughts:

"A problem with the inheritance tax is that it is unplanned. You can't run a business counting on the possibility of revenue coming your way." Brown added, "We received no money from estate taxes in 2000. If we don't receive more estate tax revenue over the next couple of years, we might have to look at a tax increase. We haven't had one since 1993."

Brown continued to examine implications for the 2002 budget. "When developing the next budget, [Council] will pay more attention to recurring expenses."

"The biggest recurring expen-

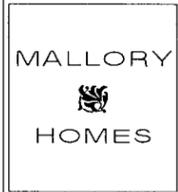
diture we've added is our 6th police officer," said Brown. "Our income was set in 1993. Adding the officer in 1998 was a pretty big chunk on a recurring basis to add without a tax increase. I voted for [adding an officer] and I would vote for it again, but we may need to increase revenue."

"Because of our surplus," he emphasized, "we didn't have to face this."

(The Treasurer's seat will also need to be filled for the next four-year term. The stipend for this position has been increased from \$200 to \$1,200. The process for filing is the same as for Council seats. see box at end of Council interviews)

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Stepping Stones Center is a nonprofit, United Way agency that has been serving persons with disabilities in Greater Cincinnati for almost 40 years. A point of pride for Indian Hill, Stepping Stones offers summer camps, inclusive pre-schools and services for adults and seniors. Stepping Stones relies on the generosity of the community to continue to fulfill this mission.

The \$18 entry fee includes the race, T-shirt and refreshments. Top finishers in each of several categories will also receive prizes. Many children and adults with disabilities are expected to take part in the run/walk/roll in support of the agency. A "fun run" for children 10 and under will be held after the race. Cammy Dierking will be on hand to hand out the awards.

Appendix to "Letter to Editor"

Here are some illustrations of low Council performance.

For over ten years the recreational vehicle parking area near the Maintenance Shop has had abandoned and junk vehicles, trailers and boats. There are at least ten units that are now junk, and I have been told that 12 residents have been waiting for available space. Six years ago, the Building and Grounds Chair sent a letter to all paying parkers saying that the offending units will be cleared out. Two years ago a new Chair indicated the same thing. At the May Council meeting, the present Chair was asked the current status. After six years, none of the junk has been moved.

The public address system installed ten years ago on the Village

Green has gradually been destroyed by animals, time, and weather. Adequate replacement equipment was requested by a 14-member committee last June. Last Labor Day and Christmas a borrowed system had to be used. For Kindervelt's Easter Egg Hunt, they tried to use a hand-held bullhorn. Council has not yet replaced the Village's failed system, but did provide a fine rented system for the recent Memorial Day gathering. However, two council members have questioned if Council should replace their earlier system at all. The attitude of those two men seems to be that any community group should get their own sound system if they want one.

In April '99, the Village Council completed the purchase and possession of the former Rawnsley property at 717 Wooster. It is almost an acre of land with a small house and two-car garage, with big borders to Wooster

and our present community building. It is an ideal location for Village expansion for parking, offices, storage (all of which are now overcrowded), and someday perhaps even a new Village Hall. The house and garage were totally rentable for at least \$700 per month, which is over \$17,000 of Village income lost while Council considers (or doesn't consider) how to best use this valuable asset.

Early last year, 14 residents met in two meetings (with Council approval) to consider and recommend to Council improvements to the Village Green. Of the ten unanimous recommendations, fewer than half have been implemented in the past year. Council refused agenda time to discuss the findings. The most important recommendation was that "a proactive, accountable Village Maintenance Organization be created." A long-term council member errone-

ously stated that the Village has such a system and it's working well. We responded the next month by presenting to Council copies of all their own papers that deal with organization and job descriptions. The clear conclusion was that Terrace Park government (a \$1.4 million business) has no visible organization or useful job descriptions other than those within the Police Department. We asked for a response eleven months ago and have received none.

Many Council matters are sent "to committee" and never heard about again. The committee system only works if the members are willing to spend the necessary time doing their job. There was a move several years ago to have regularly scheduled committee meetings, but that didn't last.

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St. Thomas in the City

By Noel Julnes Dehner

Two years ago, as an outreach program, St. Thomas Episcopal Church teamed up with members of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church in Avondale to help paint their building. That day some friendships began but there was no substantial follow up. After the April riots, St. Thomas believed it was the right time to reconnect. St. Thomas rector, The Rev. Don Waring, contacted The Rev. Anne Warrington Wilson, priest in charge of St. Michael's and together they planned a Sunday afternoon picnic. On June 10, about twenty St. Tho-

mas parishioners joined some thirty St. Michael's congregants at their church.

First, they gathered inside the historic church. St. Thomas organist Brad Dale (who at one time was the organist at St. Michael's) played a familiar hymn that all sang as grace. As Don recounts: "We then cooked out hot dogs and hamburgers and feasted on enough baked beans, potato salad, cookies and brownies to feed the entire block. As it turned out, we actually did feed some folks from the neighborhood not connected with the church."

While the children played

wiffleball and Frisbee, adults commented how nice it was to see children of diverse backgrounds playing together.

Both churches and clergy agree that a Sunday picnic is not enough, and they want to continue their friendship. Don explains, "We had some openings on our St. Thomas trip to see the Reds play this coming Sunday. Babe Mercier suggested that we take our sign-up sheet to the picnic and invite them to join us. We have about 15 takers from St. Michael's. Our bus will swing by and pick them up. Also, we hope to invite the St. Michael's congregation to St. Thomas in the very near future so that we can build upon our companion relationship."



On April 27, Kathi Milam from the Terrace Park Garden Club distributed redbud trees to the Terrace Park Elementary first graders for Arbor Day. The club has provided this service for many years as part of their continuing efforts to beautify the community and to educate young people about the importance of trees in our world.

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Labor Day 2001 Celebration

Preparations have begun for the 2001 Labor Day celebration sponsored by the Terrace Park Recreation Committee. This event is the only fund raiser for our children's recreational sports program in the Village. The funds raised pay for the maintenance of Drackett Field and supplement each sports budget. If not for this event, each child would pay over \$100 per sport to participate. To have a successful weekend we need everyone's help.

The garage sale will be on Sat. Sept. 1 from 8-12. Please call Grace Holmes at 248-2512, Kelly Schmidt at 831-5212 or John Srofe at 831-6844 for help with your donations. Beginning in July, we will have drop off days at the log cabin on selected

Saturdays and Sundays. Watch for the signs in front of the log cabin for specifics dates and times.

Getting the garage sale ready takes a lot of time and energy. We appreciate all donations and any help that you can provide in getting it ready. The more sorting of items done at the front end eases the work load. Every year we get treasures that are tagged as "no one will buy" but they all seem to sell anyway. However, clothes, broken furniture, large appliances (stoves, dryers, etc.), magazines (National Geographic) and encyclopedias never sell.

There will be a bingo tent at that Labor Day Festival on Monday and we need donations for that as

well. Tickets for events such as the Reds, Bengals, Playhouse in the Park, movies, golf and restaurant certificates are needed.

Finally and most importantly, we need everyone's help in pulling off this event. If your child participates in a sport in Terrace Park or in summer fun, they are benefiting from the money that is raised at Labor Day. There are plenty of small and big jobs that can be done throughout the summer to spread out the work load. This work can also earn volunteer hours for students. Anyone interested in helping please call **John Srofe at 831-6844.**



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Effie Miller 1902-2001

By Robin Pendery

On May 26, 2001 Terrace Park lost a very special citizen. Effie Miller, a resident of 714 Miami Ave since 1937, died at the very cheery age of 98. Mrs. Miller, her late husband Stanley, and their two boys, Dale and Stanley were honored to be chosen in 1940 to represent Ohio as the "typical Ohio family" at the World's Fair in New York City. Mrs. Miller was far from typical however. Thanks to her direction and dedication to Terrace Park, we have enjoyed the convenience, charm, and exceptional service of our own post office. She was Terrace Park's first Postmaster, serving our



village from 1950 until her retirement in 1972. Mrs. Miller had been a member of Terrace Park Garden Club for 64 years. This earned her the esteemed title of "honorary member." Lynn Nelson recalls enjoying Effie's gardening and respecting her experience and knowledge. "I don't care what the books told you. When Effie Miller planted her pansies, THAT was the sign that spring had come." Mrs. Miller was seen just days before she died, planting flowers in front of her home for all of us to enjoy. The Terrace Park Garden Club's Memorial bed at the

corner of Elm and Terrace Place has been dedicated to her memory, along with Sally Eggleston's. Mrs. Miller's son Dale, of Milford, commented happily that his mother had "lived a good life." That was exactly the quote that anyone who had the honor of speaking to her would often hear her say. With a twinkle in her eyes, a grin on her face, and a quick nod of her head, she always said what a good life she'd had. Her cheerfulness was contagious. From Cindy Carrigan, her next door neighbor who put Effie's newspaper on her doorstep each morning, to every passing neighbor lucky enough to enjoy her flowers and smiles, to the Meals-On-Wheels drivers who had the privilege to be bettered by their visits to Effie's house, each of us who knew Mrs. Miller will surely miss her. Thanks for being such a good friend and neighbor. You taught us all to bloom and smile.

Senior graduation breakfast

Graduating seniors who attended Terrace Park Elementary were treated to a breakfast in their honor before their last day of school May 24th. Students were encouraged to bring their families "back to where it all began" for breakfast, a visit with their elementary teachers and a few words of encouragement from their former principal, Dr. Sasson.

Photographer Tim Reeder took family and group photos as a remembrance of this special day. Organizers Sue Keffer and Mamie Drackett hope this will become an annual event supported by the elementary PTO. "It's such a special time for these students and meant so much to them to begin their last day of high school in such a special way," said Keffer.



Pictured are MHS graduates who have been together since kindergarten. back row l-r: Joel Moyer, Amanda Hartman, Kevin Keefe, Chelsea Robinson, Joe Barnes, Jessica Read, Kyle DeDiemar, Ashley Seta, David Winters, David Startzman, Carrie Sarver, Katie Woolsey, Chad Keffer, Sarah Brosch, Gina Gambetta, Reed Koehler, Geoff Gray, Natalie Forbes, Jonathan Drackett front row l-r: Carl Albrecht, Branden Fisher, Joe Singler, Taylor Merten, Joe Denker.

Terrace Park High School Alumni Association honors members at Open House

By Cyndy Finnigan

John "Hans" Hermiones, Terrace Park High School graduate 1940, was honored by fellow alumni June 3 at Terrace Park Elementary as outstanding Alum of the Year. An accomplished young man in high school who merited numerous academic awards, John went on to enjoy remarkable professional success. During his legal career he was Assistant Attorney General for Ohio (1951-57), and an assistant to Governor Rhodes. John was selected to a position on the Board of Grievances and Discipline for the Ohio Supreme Court, and served as a member of the Ohio State Bar Association. An active volunteer, he was Chair of the Hamilton County Republican Party

(1974-1988) and joined the U.C. Foundation Board in 1992.

John and his late wife Dorothy had a passion for travel and were able to visit more than a 100 different countries. He recently toured Japan, China and Tibet. A philanthropist, he has endowed a number of causes, most notably the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Art Museum, and his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati. He never misses a U.C. football or basketball game!



Patricia Fehi, committee chair TPHS alumni of the year and Honoree John Hermiones.

Two other gentlemen were recognized for what they had accomplished during their high school years, based on academics, sports and extracurricular activities. Inducted into the T.P. High School Hall of Fame were: David Shaw (1939) and W.C. Hillard (1952)



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Graduation day

Commencement exercises for graduating Mariemont High School seniors were held June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Kusel Stadium. Matt Amis, son of Jim and Susan Amis at 709 Franklin, was valedictorian. Jeremy Schubert, son of James and Kathy Schubert at 501 Stanton, was sa-

lutarian. Both young men were National Merit Finalists and recipients of National Merit Scholarships.

Mark Evans, son of Bill and Amy Evans at 113 Robinwood, was senior class president.

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Terrace Park Sports

Girls' Warrior lacrosse



Front row (l-r) Dan Whittelsey, Bethany Whittelsey, Libby Brown, Lisa Grever, Kim Donovan, Leslie Buechner. top row (l-r) Megan Govert, Erin Fallon, Gretchen Perry, Alicia Smith, Matt Perry, Taylor Pomeranz, Abby Poplis, Chira Morbelli, Tara Hawk, Carrie Badanes, Asst. Coach Pia Cahill. Not pictured: Holly Kapela, Emily LaPointe, Courtney Callaghan.

A round of applause goes to Whittelsey from Terrace Park and Erin Fallon of Mariemont were elected to Coaches Matt Perry and Dan Whittelsey for heading up the high school girls' lacrosse team. Gretchen and Lisa played in the game Sunday, June 3, which ended in a tie 12-12.



Pictured left to right; Front row: Rudy. First row: Nicole Mackey, Katie Buechel, Louise Myatt, Audrey Askam, Gretchen Weigel, Rachel Littlehale. Second row: Coach Breck Weigel, Amelia Hiatt, Hannah Reeder, Madeline Cinquina, Ellie Osborn, Claire Whitaker, Lauren Frey, Elizabeth Douglas and Coach Joe Buechel. Not pictured Coach Dave Askam

Successful season

The invincible, undefeated Terrace Park Bulldogs pose proudly with their coaches and mascot, Rudy. The Bulldogs are the champions of the girls six to eight year old division of the Youth Softball League.



Jasen Hansen and Chris Compton

By Noel Julnes Dehner

Jasen Hansen, head pro at TPSC, caught the tennis bug while watching his cousin and uncle play. He would watch and wait until they were finished, then ask if he could play. He also rode his bike to the courts, checking if anyone practicing serves would want a receiver.

Jasen was also a talented basketball player; he had made all state and received a college basketball scholarship. One day while at a local sports club for a pick-up basketball game, the club tennis team needed a player. Not knowing that the team consisted of all tennis pros, he signed on and held his own. "Those pros got me into this profession," Jasen states.

A college degree in computer design led him into a job sitting all day at a computer, in a dark room, even in the summer. He decided to go back to tennis.

"For my first job, my tennis pro friends paid me a salary to sit and watch them teach for six months, read the tennis books they suggested and take my certification test. I started teaching beginners and moved up levels."

Jasen particularly enjoys teaching players strategy and skill. When summer ends, he will become a pro at Eastern Hills Indoor.

Assistant pro Chris Compton is in his third summer of teaching at TPSC. Chris, who has played tennis all his life, likes being outside and working with children with all different abilities. In the fall, he returns to Denison University, where he majors in economics, minors in communications and plays singles and doubles on the university's team.

Thanks to Jasen and Chris, TPSC offers a multitude of lessons for adults and kids as well as various levels of team play.



First row (l-r) Ally Maggard, Amy Sattergren, Sarah Kippins, Lizzy Beyersdorfer, Elizabeth Burchenal, Courtney Parrish. Second row (l-r) Katie Roberts, Gabby Smith, Molly Umbarger, Andrea Shaffer, Jany Kent. third row (l-r) Sally Kippins, Will Kippins, Jay Umbarger, Jamie Burchenal, Robert Parrish.

Pulverizers powder opponents!

The Terrace Park Pulverizers lived up to their name during their 2001 softball season, going undefeated (8-0) and capturing the 9-10 year-old girls' softball League Championship; winning most of their games by a wide margin. The team compiled a batting average of .661.

"This was a very talented team," claims head coach Jamie Burchenal. Assisting Jamie were Sally Kippins, Jay Umbarger and Robert Parish.



MHS relay team competes in state finals

The MHS 4 x 100 relay team of Chad Keffer, Jeremy Riddle, Ross Ballinger and Davion Shorts had great success this track season. Not only did they finish 8th in the state, but they also broke the school record in their event. The previous record was set 21 years ago with a time of 44.1 seconds. The 4 x 100 relay team broke the MHS record at districts with a new school time of 43.7 seconds. Congratulations to these outstanding athletes on a successful season.

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Fall Recreational Soccer

Deadline for registration is July 1st! Teams are created by random draw in July. To guarantee a position for your son or daughter on a team, you must register, pay, or make payment arrangements by July 1st. Questions: Call Rich or Patty Beyersdorfer @ 576-0540

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.

Date	Time	Place
July 13 & 14	Fri. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Springdale Rec. Center
August 3 & 4	Fri. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Sat. 8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.	Norwood Community Center

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