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What Memorial Day Means to Me

By Audrey Helmrich

What Memorial Day means to me is freedom and the means by which we got that freedom. I think of going to school, riding my bike, playing with my friends and just having fun all because of our brave, determined soldiers fighting and risking their lives for us each day. They live through tough climates and blistering hard work. I often think how they think they can go out there and risk their lives and so much more. I've thought about that and I think they do it for love and hope to come back to their families alive protecting our freedom and know that they will be honored for their bravery. The ones who don't come back are sorrowfully missed but the people who died in battle died an honorable death fighting for our country and protecting our freedom and way of life. Memorial Day can mean the pool opening and the parade, but Memorial Day means so much more to me, it means hope.

My grandpa fought World War II and luckily came home alive and not too badly injured. He saw things that no human should ever see. He saw things he couldn't tell me or anyone else because it is too horrible to think about. The way of war is a gruesome prospect. My grandpa saw, heard, smelled and felt the way of war. Everything he saw was full of destruction, and the result of it happening before his very eyes. He saw a red shadow cross a once beautiful landscape in a matter of minutes. That red shadow could not be forgotten, because that red shadow was fear. My grandfather knew that our freedom will be won and that these United States will be safe. That's why he fought to protect innocent families and our

freedom, all soldiers fought for that.

I also wondered how a person could go to war and see people shot and wounded and still keep fighting. The answer to that is to make sure it doesn't happen again. They fight for freedom and the people who are injured can live and come back to their families and loved ones. Soldiers like my grandpa still feel fear when doing something scary like war. They fight to protect what we take for granted. When you think about being able to say what you think about someone, you think, who cares. Well the soldiers did, they wanted their families to say what they want and do what they want without the fear of being killed. We all need to be reminded of our blessings, and that's what holidays do for us.

Memorial Day was once called decoration day because people would put decorations on the graves of our soldiers to honor them. While I was doing research on Memorial Day, I found a wonderful, heart-filled poem about war it went like this.

In Flanders Fields
By: John McCrae, 1915
In Flanders fields the poppies blow.
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place;
And in the sky the larks, still bravely singing fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead.
Short days ago we lived,
Felt dawn,
Saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved,
And now we lie in Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing we throw the torch;
Be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep.
Thou poppies grow in Flanders Fields.

This poem has so much feeling. The first time I read it I didn't understand it completely, but the second time through I felt so touched about it. It showed me how war looks like through a poem. It showed how soldiers had to give up so much for their country. It made me feel the power of love from soldiers, their faith and respect for their country. The last paragraph of this poem, "Take up our quarrel with the foe: t you from failing we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields," means that even though we are dead, we want you to keep on fighting for us, and win.

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who fought in war, and died for this country and all within. Memorial Day can be sad, because of those who never came home. But it is also happy, because of those who did come home, and even though some didn't come back, we will always honor them for their bravery and courage to do what they know is right. Memorial Day may seem to some kids as a day when the parade comes and the pool opens, and I can not deny that I thought that too, but Memorial Day is one of those special days for our country. Memorial Day is one day out of the entire year that we give free time in the day to lay back and think of the soldiers and what they had to go through, to make this country a better place for everyone. Memorial Day is hope.

Q: What's missing from your monthly Village Views diet? A: Council!

After years of covering our village's monthly council meetings, Susan House is stepping down as our council reporter. She has done a fantastic job and her efforts will be missed.

Her departure means we are looking for someone to fill her post. Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The turnaround time for the article is usually two days.

So, if you're looking for a great way to help you and your neighbors stay abreast of current happenings in village government and you want a great nickname like Scoop or Skippy, then writing for the *Village Views* is just right for you!

For more information, please call Chandi Findley at 576-0595 or contact her at pfindley@fuse.net.



Boy Scouts collected all sorts of items from books, to food, to footballs.

Scouts Support Troops

By Connor McManus, Troop Scribe

If you attended the recent Memorial Day Parade, you noticed the Boy Scouts wearing backpacks as they marched in the parade. As a community service project, the Scouts collected items in their backpacks to send to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan from Terrace Park residents. The Scouts would like to

thank everyone who was so generous with their donations to make this project a huge success!

The Scouts still have a busy summer ahead as they have a High Adventure trip planned for the Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota and attending summer camp at Camp Friedlander.



Mariemont High School chorus members performed at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. Paul's Chapel in New York City.

Chorus performs in NYC

At the end of April, the Mariemont High School Chorus toured, shopped and entertained in New York City. The group performed at two notable venues, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero.

Both performances were moving experiences for the students according to Mariemont High School

chorus director, Liz McGahey. "Our first performance was at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. It has been in the process of being built for centuries, but when it is completed it will be the largest cathedral in the world. The kids were in awe of the sound when they sang. Their notes seemed to hang in the air for minutes after they were done

singing. It was a once in a lifetime experience."

While in the Big Apple, the students found time to tour the city from Rockefeller Center to Wall Street to Times Square to backstage at Radio City Music Hall. They were also able to enjoy some Broadway theater, attending *Wicked* or *Phantom of the Opera* and *Hairspray*.

Council meeting broadcast schedule
Want to see the action but missed the meeting? Cable 4 broadcasts the most recent Terrace Park Village Council meetings throughout the month at the following times: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 10:30 p.m., and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

STOP!! YOU'VE KEPT IT THIS LONG WHAT'S A COUPLE MORE WEEKS??
It's almost time for the Labor Day garage sale, so keep those items and bring them to the log cabin later this summer!! Drop-offs will begin earlier this year, starting in July. Dates TBD.
Questions? Call Jody Kauffman 576-9229

The *Village Views* will gladly print your article or letter to the editor. No submissions will be returned (including photographs) so please send copies or electronic files. For contact information see this page.

 **August Deadline**
The deadline for the August issue is August 8.
No July paper

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

We encourage Village Council to undertake the entire 1.6 mile Wooster Pike improvement project in a timely manner so that construction can coincide with the restriping and resurfacing ODOT is doing next spring.

The proposal that was presented to the public in May will make Wooster Pike safer for motorists, pedestrians and especially children, greatly improve the roadway's appearance through Terrace Park, and facilitate access from one side of the community to the other.

In addition, we propose sidewalks be added to continue up Indian Hill Road. Sidewalks are crucial to the safety of all Terrace Park residents.

Don't let this window of opportunity pass us by.

Thank you,

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August deadline :

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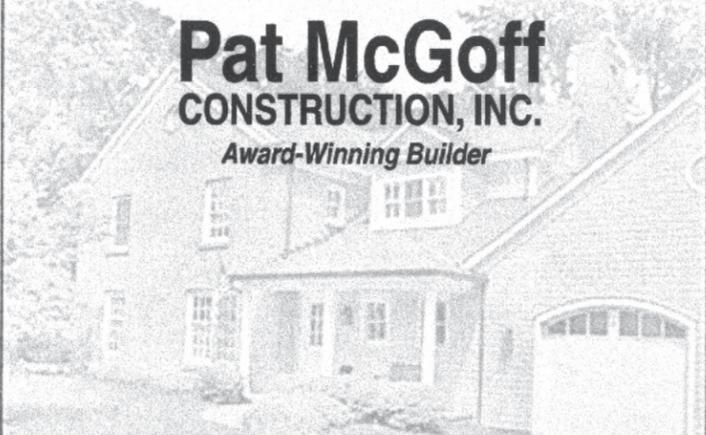
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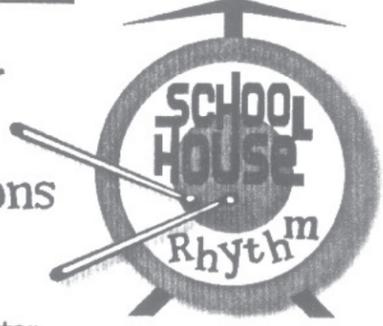
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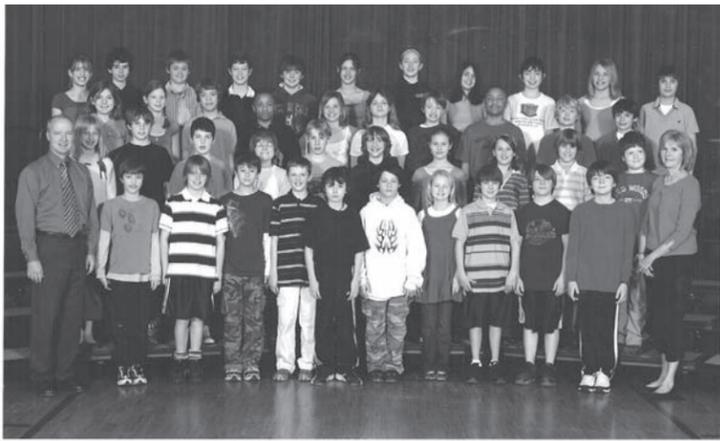
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Terrace Park through our children's eyes

By Sue Porter

Terrace Park is a safe community that's inhabited by friendly people who keep their village tidy. Children here not only like going to school, but they voluntarily express affection and respect for their teachers and the local police department. They go home for lunch. UDF has national treasure status in these young minds.

What may sound like a parody of Garrison Keillor's beloved Lake Wobegon, is actually a compilation of comments by the 2008 graduates of Terrace Park Elementary School. Forty of the 42 six-grade classmates submitted a paragraph of favorite childhood experiences for the Terrace Park Historical Society's Memory Book, an archive that grows each spring with contributions from the school's graduating class.

Their insight will offer researchers an understanding of life in Terrace Park in the early 2000s, and the students may use the archive in adulthood for such things as class reunions or personal trips down memory lane. Excerpts are offered below:

Caring community

Audrey Venderbush wrote, "I love Terrace Park because if you ever get injured or anything like that, I can guarantee you that a passerby will stop and help you even if you don't even know them. That says ... the people in Terrace Park are caring people and they aren't all caught up in their own lives."

Indeed. According to Payton Coates, "When someone has a baby everybody is always so helpful with meals ... When there is a luncheon, everybody is willing to give what they have to help out!"

Grant Ramey noted, "If you look in Terrace Park Elementary, you will almost always see a parent or two helping out this great school." And if you travel village streets, you'll never feel lonely because, as Cole Stewart wrote, "... so many people wave back."

"Whether the family is old or has kids my age," wrote Hayden Davis, "they are all generous people. Especially the elderly; I pass by a couple of them on my way home from school and they've always got something nice to say."

Isaiah Garrett recalled being the new kid at school and wrote, "I was scared at first when a guy named Adam offered me a seat next to him. I got 10,000 pounds lifted off my shoulders and I felt so good." Isaiah later welcomed newcomer Rob Quigley, who coincidentally wrote that he'll especially remember Isaiah, "the coolest kid ever to just come up and talk ... He showed me around the school and taught me how to guard" at crosswalks along the primary school routes. Noah Dziedzic found fast relief for first-day jitters, too. "My

favorite memory is the first day I moved in; I met my first two friends."

Scott Barter said, "Nobody cares who you are, where you're from or what teams you like. They like you for what kind of a person you are." Cal Fries wrote that even the lifeguards at the pool "are really kind."

"When I moved here from another country, so many people were willing to become my friend," wrote Katie Newman. "I have met so many people and have been to so many places in America and a few other counties, but nothing can compare to TP."

Isaac Garrett also expressed gratitude for the friendships he's made. Hailey Connor said it simply, "Here, you can be friends with anybody."

Terrific teachers

Alex Picard said he is not only grateful for the guidance he's received but "also for the discipline that I get when I get in trouble... I love this school's caring people." Added Grace Fening, "We greatly respect the teachers here for all their work ... This year, we gave them a Movie Star Day where they got to walk down a red carpet and have a nice lunch under a tent."

Nick Peterman described the faculty this way: "... all the teachers are really fun and exciting and are still able to make the subjects easy to learn." Wrote Taylor Hayes, "I will miss all my teachers at this school." Jack Ryan Findley still treasures a kindergarten experience that demonstrates "the way the great TP teachers are."

Wrote Grace Bales, "Students get to have a special relationship with the teachers because the classes are so small." Alex Schmithorst said, "One of the reasons I like Terrace Park is because

JUNE

25-28 8th Annual Southern Ohio Lacrosse Shootout Camp – Drackett Field For more information please contact Gary Buczek (513) 753-9205 mbuczek@fuse.net

23-27 Week 1 of Summer Fun Kids Program, See article for more information or contact Celia McNeil at cmcneil@cinci.rr.com or 513-490-0333. (Week 2 of Summer Fun will be held August 12-15)

29 T.P. ROLLERS ROLL AGAIN, 5 P.M. meet at the green. We ride the last Sunday of the month and all are welcomed—bring a friend. This month the ride is a good one, don't miss it! So if you have a scooter, motorcycle, etc. and want to take a ride, then join us!!! Any questions call the Glasers 248-2579

JULY

4 Independence Day
4 TPSC July 4th Family Dinner / Hitching Post Fried Chicken - PrePay Event \$6 per head / BYOB StarGlazers Pottery 2-5pm / Optional purchase, paint and kiln clay items. Events for Kids: Money dive, treasure hunt, Tug O' War, water balloon toss, etc. Corn hole sets from Frank Geers

8 TP Village Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Building

8 Munchie Madness at TPSC, Bring your favorite munchies/side dish to share.

11 Husband - Wife Corn hole Tournament - PrePay Event 8-11pm on the tennis courts. Tournament run by Frank Geers of American Corn hole Assoc. \$20 per couple Entry - Covers Dewey's Pizza & Salads / Balance to winners & TPSC social

14 AARP Luncheon, noon. For reservations, call Vera Hodges at 831-7919. A representative from the Museum Center will be "Remembering our Veterans."

23 2008 Ladies day at the TPSC. Hosted by Kindervelt #76 to benefit Children's Hospital. Cool drinks, lunch, unique shopping, swimming, water aerobics, music, pick your favorite prize raffle and a fashion show—all **cicada free!** Pre-paid package—includes admission, lunch and 8 raffle tickets \$45. Pre-registration price \$25 (includes lunch and admission). Raffle tickets \$5/6 for \$25. Make checks to Kindervelt #76 and drop by 821 Stanton Ave. RSVP by July 9th. Questions? call Julie Sheppard at 831-1199 or rickjulieshep@aol.com.

24 Men's Night Out: Poker & Cigars at TPSC. Texas Hold'em Poker, etc.

28 - August 1 Mike Comb's Playmakers Soccer Academy, 5:30 - 8:30. Go to <http://www.tprc.net/> to register.

AUGUST

11 AARP Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Carolyn Ferris will discuss Alzheimer's Disease. Call Harry Knope for more information, 831-8583.

11 - 15 Jack Herman's OSYSA Soccer Camp, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Daily. Go to <http://www.tprc.net/> to register.

11 & 13 Home Alone Class for children 4nd-6th grade with Enriching Kidz, 12:00-2:00pm (used to be called "Better Babysitters") Go to http://www.tprc.net to register.

12 TP Village Council, 7:30 p.m., Community Building

12-15 Summer Fun and "My Nose turns Red Theater Company" offer 4-day Circus Camp! Go to http://www.tprc.net to register.

20 BACK TO SCHOOL!

22 TPSC End of the Year Adult Surprise Party. Watch bulletin boards for more information.

Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959** or email hestersullivan@yahoo.com with calendar information

I like going to Terrace Park School."

UDF forever!

"Something that I'm especially going to remember," wrote Brendan Woodruff, "is going to UDF at least once a week. I remember going broke a whole bunch of times because I went there too much and spent \$4 on a Deep Freeze and Twix candy bar every time."

Andrew Connor Hamm will fondly remember UDF, too, for the single doughnut he got to select there every Saturday.

Hometown pride

For Audrey Irene Helmrich, manicured lawns and clean streets are a plus. "What I really appreciate," she wrote, "is how people don't litter as much here as they do in other communities. We like to keep

our environment clean ... Terrace Park is a lovely place and I hope it will stay that way ..."

Luke Parker is especially impressed with village amenities. "Terrace Park has its own swim club, police station, fire department, several horse barns and a nature preserve that is also right by a river that is great for fishing! All of that in just this small town."

Hayden Neugent also used the word "small" to describe Terrace Park. "You can basically go outside your front door and walk to your friend's house," adding special appreciation for community events on the Village Green to mark patriotic and seasonal holidays.

Max Higginbotham cherishes the security he feels in Terrace Park. "I can go anywhere in it, unlike England where you had to be with an

adult or else you might get taken away by some random person. It's not a place with thousands of people. It's a place where you can memorize nearly everyone's name."

Jack Stehling, Dalton Osgood and Braden Stautberg commented on the safety factor, too. "The greatest part about Terrace Park is that everyone knows everybody and it's really safe," wrote Jack. Dalton said he likes being able to "walk down the street night or day feeling safe and being able to explore the woods, etc., without getting into trouble." Braden described the care-free fun of going to UDF and the Village Green with friends, adding: "The best thing about those times is that we didn't have to worry about getting beat-up by a gang or getting kidnapped."

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vivor. Team Sylvia raised over \$20,000! The money raised will be managed and disbursed by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade to help provide access to care for those that most need it, fund educational programs, and accelerate research into new treatments and potential cures.

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Annual Ladies' Day Event in July at the TP Swim Club

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Reservations are recommended. Costs: Special pre-paid package price including admission, lunch, and 8 raffle tickets is \$45 per person; The pre-registration price for admission and lunch is \$25 per person; Admission the day of the event is \$35 per person. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. For more information, contact Julie Sheppard at (513) 831-1199 or via email at rickjulieshep@aol.com. Make checks payable for Kindervelt #76 and mail to Julie Sheppard, 821 Stanton Ave. in Terrace Park by July 9. Rain or shine!

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- Faith Explorers, senior high
- Adult forums

Police report

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Police observed that a warrant was attached to a resident's license plate. The subject had been informed that another person had obtained and used his social security number. He was referred to the Commonwealth Attorney's office for assistance.

An individual used the swim club's dumpster to dispose of trash bags. The individual was identified and apprehended, then informed that the dumpster was not for public use.

Police assisted a resident in locating a missing juvenile. With cooperation from friends the person was found and was asked to return home. When she did not she was formally listed as missing. The following day the subject did return and the listing was cancelled.

A resident responded to a dis-

turbance on his property and found that beer had been stolen from his garage. When he attempted to confront the teenagers they fled and were not apprehended.

Gutters were reported to have been stolen from the side of a house on Elm Avenue.

A dog at large which had gotten away from its owner entered a yard in which a resident's dog was confined and attacked the pet. A number of people witnessed the ensuing fight. A neighbor arrived and was able to separate the animals but was bitten by the dog at large. No charges were pressed.

Several reports of suspicious persons were handled. Police found no threats posed.

The owner of a vacant house was contacted relative to a squirrel that had gotten inside. Attempts were made to chase it out.

A resident was requested to take inside a barking dog about which a complaint was registered.

Three coyotes were seen on property on Elm Avenue.

Mutual aid/backup were provided to Milford and Newtown.

Four EMS runs were logged.



(above) Unicyclist (left) Mariemont School Superintendent Paul Imhoff helped make Memorial Day special in Terrace Park. (below) U.S. Major Brad Wenstrup, a doctor who served 18 months in a reserve unit in Iraq.

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Jonathan Dietz likes the "sense of peace" he feels in Terrace Park.

Pedal power

Cody Mackey and Adam Theye mentioned how much they have loved being able to ride their bikes. Alexis Marie Day summed it up, "I really enjoyed being able to ride my bike to school with my friends on nice days. I really enjoyed riding my bike around during the weekends and going to the Village Green for picnics. I would ride to UDF to get food and ice cream. I really enjoy riding on the bike trail to Loveland and back. I like to ride over to my friend's house for play dates and sleepovers. I love to ride my bike to the pool in the summer. It is so fun to ride around Terrace Park."

Plenty to do

"... the thing I will miss most is the youth sports," wrote Kieran Phelan. "There is no pressure of making sports teams or being amazing at a sport. Everyone has fun doing it and we all get to play." Sam McManus mentioned appreciation for the playfields and added, "There are plenty of sports in Terrace Park - football, baseball, soccer, basketball, swimming, lacrosse and lots of other outdoor activities."

Added Allie Howe, "No one is ever left out and there is so much

to do after school, like go to the Green, or there are a bunch of playfields. Unlike the city, there is so much open room to play around ... Just down the street is UDF! I can go with my friends to get ice cream anytime I want to. There is also a pool to go to. It's so close that you can ride your bike to it."

For Summer Harris, there's always plenty to do in her own yard since her pony Murphy arrived.

Thoughts to ponder

"Sometimes you don't appre-

ciate something until it's gone, so somebody who has lived in Terrace Park their whole life won't realize how great it is until they move away," wrote Aaron Routt, who praised the teaching staff for helping everyone succeed and the police department for making sure the village runs smoothly.

In closing, Evan Doran wrote, "I thank this school, this town and the people of Terrace Park." Added Kendall Harden, "I know why Terrace Park is loved. It is loved because it loves us back."

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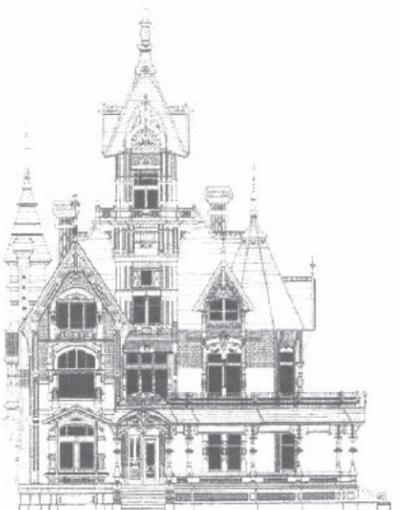
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Scouts continued from May issue

John Henley: "I remember Scouting as being a lot of fun but also very educational. We learned a lot of different skills that today seem almost arcane, semaphore, rope making, knots, lashing the bridge at Pike Lake, baking a cake in a Dutch oven, I think we even learned Morse code, and fingerprinting which Jamie Vogt and I learned at the police station. I found it all fascinating. And today I am so glad I was exposed to all that craft, lore and information. I think Scouting is a rich cultural experience that fueled my imagination.

Earning the rank of Eagle involved such a big range of activities and projects. And a lot of those activities I did with my Dad. He taught me many of the activities that he enjoys, gardening, home repairs, music, maybe even plumbing - but that might have been my brother. It was fun, and scouting was a part of my family. I didn't know about the plaque either and I am proud that both Paul and I are on it. Mark - Paul's son, just got his Eagle Scout award."

Joe Resor: When I think of Troop 286, I now reflect on what an impressive effort it was for the adult and Scout community to create such a wonderful Troop. We did have excellent leadership, and good participation for such a small community. Did that leadership breed the Eagle commitment among our class? I am sure, but I never felt pushed or had pressure from the leaders ... they set the table nicely for us to excel.

I also think fondly of the BSA experience as a non-athlete in junior high, and high school. Most of the guys around me were not into sports. It was a great outlet to have fun, and to succeed for us. As far as Eagle goes, I was definitely driven by my friendship with Greg Vogt, who received his at the same time I did. Having that competition was very healthy and pushed me more than my scout masters did ... I wonder if some other stories are similar in our group?

I have too many memories to possibly share here, but after my

Eagle award, I missed going to Monday night meetings at St. Thomas.

Blake Tollefsen: I remember the great sense of accomplishment when attaining each new merit badge as well as learning about all sorts of interesting subjects outside of school. We were fortunate to have great adult leaders who challenged and motivated us to learn and to achieve. In addition, our parents were very supportive of scouting and Troop 286, volunteering their time during weekly meetings, letting us go on camp outs, as well as attending and rescuing us on camp outs (remember the Pike Lake flood?).

We were also a competitive bunch which, through the years, kept us motivated to keep going. Scouting was a lot of fun. Achieving the rank of Eagle was a great reward to a wonderful journey.

Bob Holloway: It's been such a long time since I've thought about any of this. The more I think about it though, the more amazing it all seems. We really were very lucky to have the situation we had with Troop 286 (and the Explorer Post). The efforts and support of all the parents, the time that the Scoutmasters gave unselfishly, the wonderful places we went on campouts and events, and the values we learned were all true gifts that we (the Scouts) I think have only truly appreciated in retrospect. Mr. Tollefsen, Mr. Allison, Bill Olinger, to name a few; deserve a lot of thanks from all of us.

Our orientation with the out-of-doors through the troop activities left a strong impression on me, which has carried through to this day. The values I learned from those pursuits affect the way I see politics, lifestyle, personal activities and hobbies, etc.

At the time of receiving the Eagle award, I along with several others, had moved to the Explorer Post but the values learned in the Boy Scout Troop carried through.

I think one of the primary motivations to pursue the Eagle award was simply that "that is what one did at that point in the scouting program." In my mind it was something that was expected of me, both by me personally and by the troop. It

was also a function of how the troop was run - it encouraged us to take on the challenge. It was also certainly a function of the support and encouragement you parents gave us. I can remember Dad and Mom giving me a little needed "push" now and then to help keep me on track - and I'm grateful for that.

When I was just starting out in scouting, I really looked up to and was impressed by the "older guys" that had achieved Eagle. I saw it as a symbol of something worth striving for because those that had achieved it were guys I really respected. To me, they were guys that could "really do things" and were full of confidence.

I was certainly not aware at the time (at least as far as I remember) that we were the largest class in troop history. Why it worked out that way I really can't say. It may have been simply that there were more of us in the Terrace Park scouting program at that time.

I think more than anything, what I took away from the Eagle experience in particular, and scouting in general, were the values of cooperation, tolerance, and consideration of others. Those values served me well in the ensuing years through military service, college, and on into the working world. They are values that will always be a part of who I am and I'm grateful to have had the privilege to make them my own.

Bruce Halley: Thinking about this brought back a lot of memories for me, and it is interesting that many of them involve one or more of the other Scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle that same year:

- My first troop meeting; I remember being invited to join Greg Vogt's patrol, along with John Henley and Jamie Vogt.

- My first campout at Dr. McMillan's farm in November.

- My second campout was in January at the Nature Preserve in Terrace Park. We worked tearing down and burning the remains of several old shacks. It was very cold and there was a lot of snow on the ground so we ended up going home rather than staying all night.

- Riding on the troop bus to campouts, playing cards at the table in the back.

- Going to summer camp at Pike Lake, building a rope bridge as a group, and sleeping on the bus following a torrential rain that washed out our campsite.

- Going to summer camp at Camp Friedlander and building a signal tower with Rod Herdman.

- Going to Philmont in 1973 with a group of scouts from Terrace Park and Mariemont that included Lon Stirsman, Bob Holloway, Rod Herdman, Blake Tollefsen and Ron Capehart.

Like the others, I think we owe a lot to the outstanding adult lead-

ership of the troop, particularly Ace Tollefsen and Jim Allison who served as our Scoutmasters, but also a lot of other dads who helped organize events, assisted us with the advancement process, got us to meetings, etc.

I dug back through my memorabilia and found a photo album from when I got my Eagle award, containing copies of the program, photos, congratulatory letters, newspaper articles, etc. I received my award on February 5, 1973, along with John Henley and Rod Herdman. It looks like Greg Vogt and Joe Resor got their awards prior to us, and the last 5 (Blake Tollefsen, Bob Holloway, Ron Capehart, Lon Stirsman, Scott Grosse) got their awards later that same year. One photo caption actually says that all 10 were awarded within an 8 month period.

Lon Stirsman: I have great memories of my years as a member of Troop 286. When my family moved here from Hyde Park in January 1969, my first group of friends was Scouts who were members of the troop. Bob, Blake, and Ron, were prominent among them.

I loved my time in the scouts. Our troop was so active with numerous local camping and canoe trips. Two times I took canoe trips in the Boundary Waters. Twice I got to go to Philmont. I had many very different outdoor experiences that when I think of them, I still treasure today. Terrace Park scouting in the early 70s was an important part of my life, and my peers and I owe a debt of gratitude to the leadership and dedication of "Ace" and Jim Allison.

Achieving the rank of Eagle was the first long term goal I accomplished in my life. It required planning, dedication, and work ... things not always foremost on the mind of a teenager.

I benefited from having a grandmother who made it her business to monitor my progress, and she was one person that no one in my family ever wanted to disappoint. The process was also made easier for me due to being part of a troop that provided an environment of both encouragement and competition. I'm sure that our reasons for going for our Eagle were different for each of us, but being part of a troop at a time where so many achieved the same goal was an accomplishment we shared.

Thanks for the opportunity to share this with you. I am very pleased that the plaque has been found and placed on display in St. Thomas again.

Scott Grosse: Our family lived in Terrace Park for 2 years, from the summer of 1970 to the summer of 1972, while my father, the late Burck Grosse, worked in the General Motors regional office in Cincinnati. I had begun my Boy Scout years in Louisville, KY, where my older

brother, Eric, made Eagle Scout. I was inspired to follow in my older brother's footsteps. Our father, who had been a Boy Scout himself, strongly encouraged us to take Scouting seriously and to take advantage of all the opportunities it presented. My most memorable experience was going backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with a group of guys from Troop 286. I would never have completed the Eagle Scout requirements, in particular the service project which involved coordinating the mulching of nature trails in a local park by the river, if it had not been for the consistent encouragement of my father and the support of the leaders and fellow members of Troop 286.

Reaching Eagle Scout requires ambition, discipline, and persistence. The character skills that it requires and helps to develop are certainly more important and lasting than the specific actions that are required to achieve the rank. I believe that what I learned in Scouting helped me in my later process of pursuing a PhD degree, which requires skills similar to becoming an Eagle Scout. Perhaps it is a coincidence, but my brother Eric and I both later obtained our PhD degrees.

Scoutmaster Ace Tollefsen was a man with a mission. After twenty years working with Cub and Boy Scouts he still remembers the steps that all of his Scouts took to advance toward the Eagle rank. They worked through clear and specific paths; 26 advanced to Eagle during his tenure.

It began during summer camp. All the new Scouts worked through the first steps of advancement. By using carefully planned activities they became Tenderfoot Scouts and knew what they needed to do to advance to Second Class rank. Their leaders had instilled the idea: they now knew they could be successful.

After summer camp, the new Scouts were encouraged and guided by the Patrol Leaders, their own fathers and all the adult leaders to work up through the ranks. Earning merit badges was the way to obtain an Eagle rank. There were a generous number of merit badges available, some required, and all of the Scout Leaders and Merit Badge Counselors helped the Scouts earn them. All of this occurred under the watchful eye of the Scoutmaster.

Ace was awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America. This award, among the many he received over the years, was made on nomination of the Dan Beard Council. It is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth.

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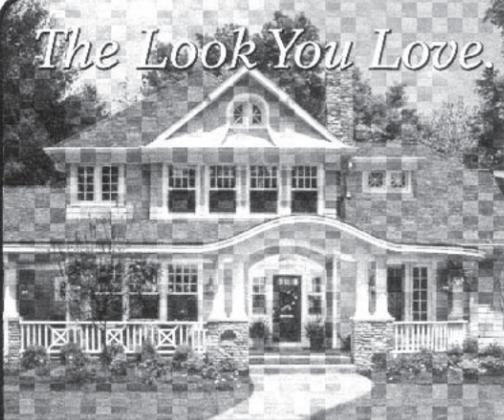
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Barns and other Agricultural Endeavors and Outbuilding in Terrace Park – Part 2

By Carol C. Cole

Last month's article referred to the fact that each of the early Terrace Park homes was actually part of a mini farm including barns and other outbuildings, horses, cows, sheep, chickens and sometimes other animals. As I look through the Building Survey (www.tpsurvey.org) I find many, many references to barns, cows and chickens. In fact several of the old barns are still standing having been converted to garages. Jane Peterson's garage at 325 Rugby Avenue is a good example of this. The barn at 111 Terrace Place even included a "3 seater outhouse." That was converted to a garage, greenhouse and artist's studio in the 1960s by the Cardens. Of course there were outhouses all over Terrace Park in the early days before indoor plumbing became popular. Mary Annett has given us a picture of one of those. The Stuntz house at 625 Elm Avenue had a horse barn and carriage house, which has now been converted to a very livable home – first by Jerry Morgan in the 1940s with the major work done by the Thomsen family in the 1960s. A further addition was made by Paul Weston. Francesca Lipton converted the Christopher's barn at 209 Cambridge Avenue to living quarters for her houseman. We know there was a barn at "Gravelotte" because it was destroyed by fire in 1973. The picture we have of the Jones place at 722 Park Avenue is no doubt typical of many homesteads. It shows their house and barn with a horse and buggy next to the house and a horse in front of the fence ready to be ridden. Charles Meurer's painting of the

Smith/Lindell house (1005 Elm) shows both house and barns, not much difference from what's there today. Many of today's Terrace Park adults who lived here as children remember barns behind many houses. Certainly the Robinson family had many barns and other outbuildings for their circus animals. There are two other more recent pole barns in Terrace Park. One was built in the 1990s for our maintenance department at 600 Elm Avenue. The other is at 742 Indian Hill Road for horses.

Helen Barnett has written a wonderful description of the outbuildings her grandmother, Ida Breiling, had at 302 Oxford. "There was an outhouse for the use of yard workers and laundry. Also a barn housed horse and buggy. And the barn was built just off the alley with one door opening onto it and another at the front of the barn opening onto a lengthy driveway to the street (Oxford Avenue). The horse and buggy always went forward. There was a second floor of sorts in the barn, originally to house hay for the horse. Later it was used to store yard furniture in the winter. There was another little complex building in my earliest recollection, which served on one end as the chicken house and on the other end as tool shed. There was a chicken yard, as well. I don't know when Granny, the city girl, decided



An example of a Terrace Park outhouse

to raise chickens, but it became a going part of the household: the source, of course, of eggs and chicken meat. But eggs were never allowed to reproduce; young chickens were bought every year. Only the rooster remained intact."

Perhaps it's hard for us to imagine today, but many families kept cows. It wasn't just the luens at their dairy farm. Before there were houses built at 319, 323 and 327 Harvard Avenue, Rose Saap daily walked her cow over the railroad bridge and back at night from her home at 727 Park Avenue to graze. I'll let the picture of Philip Stegemeyer Sr. with his chicken coop show what many people had in their back yards. Probably more prosperity after World War II put an end to so many people keeping cows,



Garage at 325 Rugby



1005 Elm by Charles Meurer



The Stegemeyer chicken coop at 903 Elm.



722 Park Avenue

chickens and other farm animals.

Thus, Terrace Park has gone from a very rural small-farm community in the early days to a purely residential neighborhood today. A

wonderful scrapbook of Terrace Park homes in the 19 teens has just come to light. One can see many barns, arbors and other outbuildings in these pictures.

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Terrace Park Sports

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Statebound Warriors from the Mariemont High School Girls Track and Field team were Zz Gore, Taylor Fields, Mackenzie Fields, Katie Weber, Erica Franke, Aggie Howland, Lisa Allen and Sarah Dillman. Terrace Park's Howland and Dillman both qualified in the 400 meter and 1600 meter relays for the Division III Ohio state championship track meet.



Photo - from left to right Coach Corinne Hagen, Junior Marguerite Wevers, Sophomore Megan Bonini, Junior Maddie Stoehr, Sophomore Emily Finch and Junior Meredith Freshley



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