

VILLAGE VIEWS

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Mariemont Warrior XC runs to historic season

The 2011 Mariemont Warrior Boys Varsity Cross Country team started this year with a mission: Get back to the State Championship meet and be a contender. Mariemont competes in

Division III which includes 211 teams across Ohio. Only 16 eventually make the state meet.

With strong wins at key meets like Mason and St. Xavier, the running Warriors were well on

their way. At the Deer Park meet, the team achieved a perfect and very rare score of 15 – with their top five runners finishing first, second, third, fourth and fifth.

After a 23 year dry-spell that started in 1986, the Warrior Boys won the Cincinnati Hills League championship in '09, '10 and again this year ('11) for the third year in a row. Out of a 49 runner field, Warrior boys placed 1-3-4-5-6-9-12 to score a league record low 19 points and a crushing victory over arch rival Wyoming (the #1 ranked team in Cincinnati for larger Division II schools.) Senior co-captain Ben Gorman placed first, earning CHL Boys Runner of the Year honors, and Coach Jeff Timmers was named CHL Boys Coach of the Year.

The Ohio Cross Country tournament includes all 211 Division III schools split out across 17 District Meets. The goal at the District Meet is like any other tournament - "don't get eliminated." Mariemont Boys and Girls competed at the Voice of America Park District Meet on October 22nd. In a field of 14 teams the boys again dominated placing 3-4-5-6-7-12-16 to score 25 points.

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The Mariemont Boys Cross Country team took third place at the 2011 State Championship Meet – the highest finish of any CHL team in league history. Pictured from l-r are Cooper Hayes, Emmett Saulnier, Luke Porst, Coach Jeff Timmers, Nate Kuck, Ben Gorman, Connor McManus and Bryan Routt.



Former governor of Massachusetts and presidential hopeful Mitt Romney came to TP to thank GOP phone center workers on the second floor of the Terrace Park Office Building. He shook hands and took a few pictures with residents. Pictured from l-r are Mary Malotke (Rugby), Anne Cherry (Yale), Libby Rost, Susie Krueger Kelly (Former TP resident, Miami), Mitt Romney, Bill and Debby Pendl (Cambridge).

Boy Scout Troop 286 Toy Drive

Please donate new, unwrapped toys for any age.

Drop off locations are:

- Post Office or 704 Franklin between November 25 – December 9

- Village Green during tree lighting

- Log Cabin Open House December 11 from 2p.m. - 4 p.m.

The toys will be wrapped by Terrace Park's Boy Scout Troop 286 as a community service project and distributed by the Cincinnati Post Office to needy children in the Cincinnati area.

Thank you for your support of Troop 286 and for remembering those less fortunate!

VV Deadline - Thursday, December 8th by 9 p.m.

For articles please contact Chandi Findley at tpvillageviews@fuse.net.

For calendar submissions please contact Hester Sullivan at hestersullivan@me.com.

For ads please contact Cyndy Finnigan at 831-5121/cynthia1@email.com



Wanted: "Christmas Past" photos for TPHS party

Do you have a favorite holiday photo? Elaine Fening, Terrace Park Historical Society program chair, would like to have a file or copy of it to help decorate the Community Building Sunday, Dec. 4, when the organization holds its annual holiday brunch and business meeting.

Send a jpg of it to Fening at info@tphistoricalsociety.org or get a print to her at TPHS headquarters, 100 Miami Ave. Be sure to identify the people in the photo and include a sentence about why the photo has special meaning to you for later use in the TPHS archives.

The holiday celebration is

offered to the public free of charge; however, reservations are appreciated and may be made by November 25 by calling 248-1777. A brunch buffet will be served from 11:30 a.m. until the business meeting begins at 1 p.m. Longtime TPHS volunteer Leslie Jones will be the guest of honor.

TPHS members will be asked to consider a change to the bylaws that will permit board membership to increase from 15 to 16 positions; the organization's audio tour of Terrace Park, which is being developed by board member Tricia DeMichele, will debut; and treasurer, Meg Comer, will provide a concise financial report.

Missing Council news?

Due to a change in the meeting schedule, the Terrace Park Village Council meeting article will not run in this edition of the *Village*

Views. Look for highlights in the December issue of this paper.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at the *Village Views*.



Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

Firehouse family fun

On one of the most beautiful Sundays of the fall, Terrace Park Volunteer Emergency Services held their first annual Firehouse Cornhole & Chilipalooza. There was an American Cornhole Organization Tournament—won by John Harrington and Joe Thoman. There was also a chili contest where judges and the general public had the opportunity to taste more than 20 chilis. At the end of the day, the judges crowned Queen of Chili Dawn Harden and King of Chili Mark Castator. Their reign, however, is not permanent.

Next November, the Pancake Supper will return on its usual date (first Sunday in November). Look



for Chilipalooza to return in the spring of 2013. That gives everyone ample time to perfect their chili recipes and attempt to dethrone the

current king and queen.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in our inaugural event!



Mariemont Schools community thinks big with human chess board

On a beautiful (and windy) Sunday afternoon, chess enthusiasts spanning the generations and from across the Mariemont City Schools District (MCSD) community transformed part of the blacktop at

Marielers (Senior Center) Chess Program. The event on October 17 kicked off the fall season of the growing MCSD elementary chess program.

For more information on the



Mariemont City Schools students, parents and community members took part in one large chess match as they themselves were the board pieces.

Terrace Park Elementary into a giant chess board. Each participant represented an actual chess piece in a game of Human Chess.

More than 60 people attended to take part or cheer on the players, including 28 students from grades 1-7, as well as members of the

Mariemont High School Chess Club or MCSD Elementary Chess Club, please contact David Sedivy (dsedivy@mariemontschools.org or 272-7723). For more information on the Marielers Chess Program, please contact Melissa Mosteller (271-5588).



2nd Grader Ellison VanScoy was Chess Queen for a Day.



6th grader Zorian Spaulding enjoyed the position as Rook in the human chess board match.

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th. **Please limit length to 350 words.** Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may be necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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December 8th deadline:

The December deadline for *Village Views* is December 8th. All camera-ready ads and articles must be submitted by 9 p.m. **All advertisements** go to Cyndy Finnigan at 128 Winding Brook Lane or cynthia1@email.com. **All articles** go to Chandi Findley 427 Terrace Place or tpvillageviews@fuse.net. Questions? Call Chandi Findley at 576-0595.

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

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J S Gold & Coin establishes a new foundation - gives gift to Mariemont Schools

Submitted by: James Ferguson

Jon Saylor, president of J S Gold & Coin, recently established the JS Foundation as a vehicle to give back to the local community. One of his first actions was to present a check for \$500 to the Mariemont School Foundation, an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to help preserve, enhance and sustain educational excellence.

Saylor explained his support for the schools by saying, "We are so fortunate to live in a country that provides funding for good public schools. But with the recent budget shortfalls [for state and federal funding of schools], it feels like now is the right time to support school initiatives. It's a way of investing in our community's children and helping the dedicated parents behind those initiatives."

Last year, prior to setting up the JS Foundation, Saylor donated nearly 40 percent of his profits to community projects and charitable organizations. In addition to the Mariemont School Foundation, Saylor has supported breast cancer research through the Komen Foundation and the Dragonfly Foundation, which gives support to children with leukemia and blood cancer.

Mariemont School Foundation President Wendy McCracken said, "As our schools face a budget crisis due to state and federal spending cuts, more and more parents, alumni and community members are recognizing that maintaining and enhancing the education opportunities for our children will require private financial support."

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Village Calendar 2011

NOVEMBER

25 Boys Lacrosse New Player Clinic 1 p.m. Stanton Field
Mariemont Boys Lacrosse Alumni Game 2 p.m. Stanton Field

28 Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

2 MHS Holiday Fair, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Activities will include popular games of skill and chance, treats, decor/jewelry sales, sportswear, silent auction and more. As always, the Art Club will sell its one-of-a-kind creations including painted home accessories and furniture. Kids will be able to test their skills at sports challenges with Mariemont Warrior athletes. Favorite carnival games, bingo, cake walk and fish pond will all be returning. Bring the entire family and enjoy the wonderful MHS PTO dinner which will be served that evening. **From preschoolers through adults, Holiday Fair offers a great evening for the whole community**

4, Terrace Park Historical Society Annual Business Meeting and Holiday Brunch, Community Building, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Brunch is followed by the annual meeting at 1 p.m., Community Building. Call 248-2777 by Nov. 25 to RSVP for brunch, which is offered free of charge.

4 Luminaria Night/Annual Christmas Tree Lighting -Village Green. 6: p.m. light your candles. Families then convene on the Village Green for all the festivities. Tree lighting ceremony starts around 6:30. If the weather is poor, check the tplist for news postponing the event one week. Don't forget to order Luminaria from your

local Kindervelt #76 Representative

5 TPE Holiday Concerts, grades K-2, 6:45 p.m. grades 3-4, 7:30 p.m.

6 Terrace Park Garden Club, noon at Terrace Park Country Club. "Holiday Luncheon" Terrace Park residents welcomed. Call Jane Allan at 831-3943 by November 28 for reservations.

6 MJHS Holiday Concert at MHS, 7 p.m.

7 TPE Holiday Concert, grades 5&6, 7 p.m.

8 MHS Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.

13, Kindervelt #76's Dessert Auction at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Polly Brennaman (738 Park Ave)

13 Board of Education Meeting at MJHS, 6 p.m. Public Welcome. NOTE TIME CHANGE.

13 Council Meeting, 7:30 Community Building

16 Mariemont Schools Winter Break begins at end of Day

20 TP BZA Meeting, 7:30 Community Building

21 Hanukkah Begins

25 Christmas

31 New Year's Eve

HAPPY 2012

TUESDAY, January 3rd Mariemont Schools reopen

Please call **Hester Sullivan @ 576-9959**, email hestersullivan@me.com with calendar information or check us out on the web www.terracepark.com/calendar.



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Date: Tuesday, December 13th
 Time: 7:30pm
 Place: The home of Polly Brennaman
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Mariemont Library in December

A Christmas Carol movie marathon. Come for three different versions of the classic Christmas movie on the first three Saturdays in December at 1 p.m. (One movie will be shown each Saturday, you don't have to come for all three.)

Crafty Kids Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 10. **Please note, no programs December 22 and 29.**

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC) Each month, Ms. Katheryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. **December is Button Blow Out! Read any book and choose buttons you may have missed.** Ages 5-10.

Library Babies is the first

Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs and fingerplay. Ages birth to 18 months. Registration.

Movers and Shakers meet Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones to stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

Pre-school Story Time is Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Please note there will be no programs Wednesday, December 21 or 28.

Tales to Tails: Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, December 1 at 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Registration sug-

gested.

DJ Hero Thursday, December 1 at 4 p.m. (Teens)

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session. (Teens)

Happy Holidays from the Mariemont Library. The branch is closed Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 25 for Christmas Day but will be open Monday, December 26. The library is located at 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

High school students create holiday magic for younger children

Submitted by Laura Dolle

Mariemont High School's annual Holiday Fair will take place on Friday, December 2nd from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mariemont High School gym. In its 13th year, the festive, community-wide event is student run and benefits participating student clubs, teams and organizations.

Holiday Fair 2011 activities will include popular games of skill

and chance, treats, decor/jewelry sales, sportswear, silent auction and more. As always, the Art Club will sell its one-of-a-kind creations including painted home accessories and furniture. Kids will be able to test their skills at sports challenges with Mariemont Warrior athletes. Favorite carnival games, bingo, cake walk and fish pond will all be returning.

Bring the entire family and enjoy the wonderful MHS PTO dinner which will be served that evening. From preschoolers through adults, Holiday Fair offers a great evening for the whole community. Mark your calendar now for a memorable Mariemont tradition that will kick off your holiday season!

Wittry named National Merit Commended Scholar

Based on his achievement on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in 2010, St. Xavier High School senior and Terrace Park resident Andy Wittry has earned a Letter of Commendation. His score placed him in the top five percent of all juniors who took the national exam last year.



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Council meeting broadcast schedule

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Terrace Park's Kindervelt #76 will be selling luminaria kits in connection with the 25th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on the Village Green, Sunday, December 4th. New this year, Kindervelt is **GOING GREEN!** We are cutting back on paper supplies and will be sending information on the TP List email, the TP Elementary email, and through the Village Views. A Kindervelt member will deliver your kit to you, once you've placed your order, but **WILL NOT** be coming door-to-door to sell them to you.

Luminarias can be placed along your sidewalk, driveway, or street. The fire siren will sound at 6:00 pm to signal the lighting of the candles. If the weather is poor, no siren will sound and the lighting will be postponed for one week. Festivities on the Village Green will begin at approximately 6:30 pm. Come join in the fun!

Luminaria kits contain 20 candles, 20 white paper bags, approximately 15 lbs of sand and instructions for assembly. The cost is \$15 per kit.

Don't miss this magical start to the holiday season in Terrace Park! Please complete the order form below and mail or drop off by December 1st to Jody Duckwall, 105 Michigan Drive, Terrace Park, OH 45174. Please make checks payable to Kindervelt #76. **All proceeds benefit Children's Hospital.**

Kits will be delivered on or before Thursday, December 1, 2011. If you have questions, please feel free to call Susie Kelley at 314-0907 or email your order to susankelleyjd@yahoo.com.

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Your TPHS support goes a long way

The Terrace Park Historical Society thanks its members for helping to make another year of achievements possible.

Recent upgrades include the purchase of archival material to keep special papers, photos and memorabilia from deteriorating; large movable filing cabinets for easier access and improved preservation; and new and desper-

ately needed office equipment, including computers and copiers.

In addition, TPHS has remodeled, renovated and updated its office and archives area, creating the TP Creatives Gallery and Museum. The society continues to offer programming for the benefit of the community at no charge; a plaque program for historic buildings and homes; archives and oral

history interviews and transcripts; website and Facebook presence; a quarterly newsletter; bi-annual home tours; and a store that offers uniquely Terrace Park items.

TPHS, located in the lower level of St. Thomas Church, 100 Miami Ave., is open to the public Thursdays from 12-3, occasional Sundays from 11:30 to 1:30; and by appointment by calling 248-1777.

Police report

A resident reported a blue van speeding on Denison Lane. After entering and exiting a house, the driver "peeled" out and drove back down the street causing children walking on the street to hurry out of the way. The children confirmed to the police that the driver yelled an expletive at them as he drove by.

Police stopped a vehicle for a license plate light violation and tinted windows. Upon approaching the vehicle, police detected the odor of alcohol and burnt marijuana. Police asked the occupants about the smell of marijuana and explained that a drug dog could be brought to the location.

The passenger then gave police a bag containing marijuana. Upon searching the vehicle, police found a "blunt cigarette," which the passenger claimed as his. The passenger was charged with misdemeanor drug abuse under 100 grams and released.

Police were flagged down by two subjects walking on Wooster Pike. The subjects requested a ride to Milford explaining that their vehicle had broken down in Mariemont. Police informed the subjects that if they wanted a ride, they had to be searched for weapons. During the search of one of the subjects, police located

a glass crack pipe. The subject was cited for Drug Paraphernalia, and both subjects were transported to Milford and released.

Police responded to a complaint of a male taking photos at St. Thomas Church. Police located the subject walking on Wooster Pike. The subject explained that he was working on a camera project. He showed police the pictures that he had taken and offered to delete pictures of people. Police requested that he ask permission next time in order to avoid a similar situation in the future.

Police responded to a report of juveniles throwing rocks off the bridge onto the bike trail. Upon arrival, police were unable to locate the juveniles in question.

After conducting a routine traffic stop, police were advised that the driver had open warrants and had previously been in possession of a firearm. Police removed the driver from the car. Upon questioning, the driver admitted that there was a firearm in the car. After removing the firearm from the car, police transported the driver to the police department and charged him with Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Police also responded to a report of attempted telephone fraud, an injured robin stuck in a tree, a snake sighting, a water main break, a stranded vehicle, an injured deer, a vicious dog complaint, dogs on the loose, alarm drops, downed tree limbs, properties found open, and a domestic dispute.

TP Police provided assistance to the Newtown and Milford Police Departments, the DEA Task Force, and Norwood SWAT.



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Sunday, October 30 – Mariemont Junior High in Fairfax Noon – 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 – Mariemont Elementary Noon – 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 – Terrace

Park Elementary 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed-toe shoes and hard hats (we'll have loaners) will be required dress as you tour the construction sites.

Mariemont City Schools will continue to preview buildings' progress with community tours in the spring and summer as well.

Further construction and design information can be found on the Mariemont City Schools website at www.mariemontschools.org/construction.

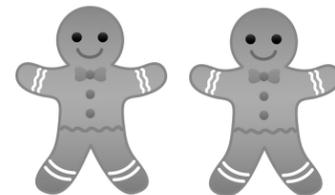
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If you'd like to have a variety of tasty homemade cookies and candy for the holidays this year without all the work, come to the 2nd Annual St. Thomas Cookie Caper on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Your purchase will also benefit needy families in our community.

The talented bakers and candymakers of St. Thomas Episcopal Church will be baking and donating cookies and candy for sale at this festive event. Last year, nearly \$4,000 was raised through the sale of cookies by the

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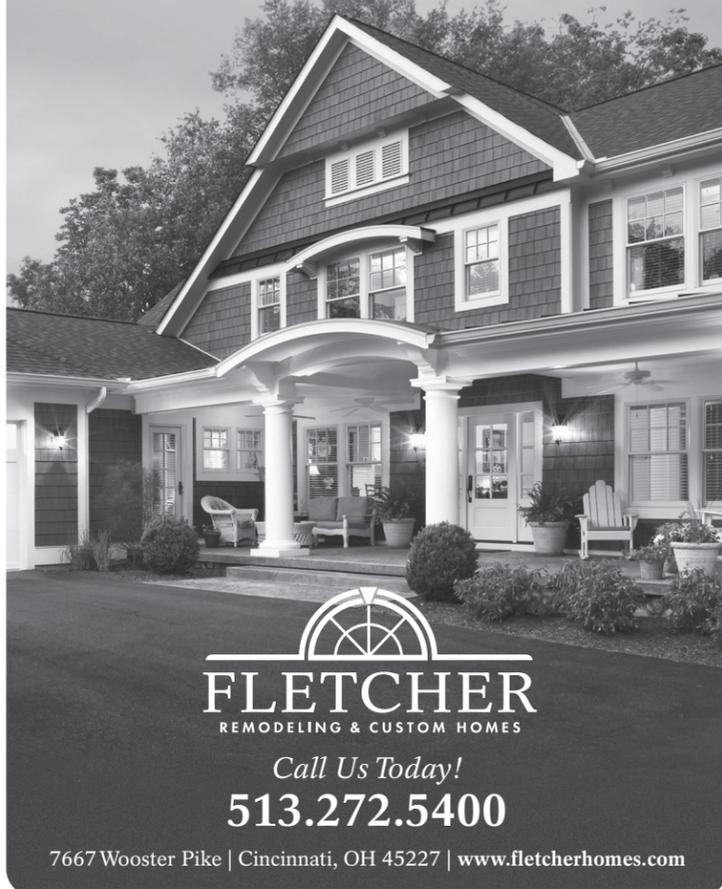
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The following are excerpts from the TPHS oral histories

What is now our beautiful bike path was once a stretch of the Little Miami River Railroad. Not that long ago, instead of bicycles and joggers under the canopy of trees, there were trains rumbling along under the Elm Street Bridge. Many of our residents remember the trains on the Little Miami River Railroad before it was acquired by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. The following are some of their recollections:

(Lindell, Weber and Grace were referring to their experiences in the 1940s and 1950s. Rixey was referring to the 1910s and '20s.)

(From an interview with Hap Lindell, July 18, 2008)

"Well, the Park is a historic place. There are some things that were kind of fun that we don't have anymore, such as the trains going through. They would rattle the dresser drawers in my mother and father's bedroom. You could just feel them. The ground would shake - they were just huge. Sparks would fly.

"There was always a fire on the railroad, either from the tinder boxes or from the wheels sparking. At night it would be something to see, the wheels grinding, all the sparks and stuff. Then the passenger trains came through. They had a hanger thing and they'd fly by with a hook and grab the mail and drop off a bag.

"Don Fender and I would ride our bikes to the post office before school, and if anybody had a special delivery letter, we'd deliver it. So right away, when the train came through at six in the morning and dropped off the mail, Don and I would be there, and we'd alternate days. Then, if we had a special deliver letter, we'd get a quarter from Mrs. Droscher (post mistress) to deliver it. We could get a candy bar from Mrs. Hughes for a nickel at the grocery store, so we only had to have a special delivery every other trip to take care of a week's worth of candy."

(From an interview with Fred Weber, April 28, 2009)

"I remember the railroads and a fellow by the name of Steve Atchley. He lived down at the end of Western Avenue and his dad worked for the Clare yards (Mariemont), and he would call us when the "mallet" went through. The "mallet" was a huge steam engine, and it had 10-foot wheels on it, 25 of them. We would go sit on the hill over what is now your bike path, and we would watch that huge train come on those tracks and pull cars for miles. I used to put pennies on the tracks, and of course by the time the train was gone they were flat as a pancake. And I still have a couple of them.

"My mom used to hang out all the wash, and until they had diesel trains, she had to know the time schedule so she wouldn't hang her wash out when the steam engine was coming. Those things would chuck out the soot and all the sheets would come out with all these little specks on them."

(From an interview with Michael Dale Grace, February 1, 2008)

"When I was small, diesels had not totally come into play and most of the trains that went through the Park were steam powered. I can remember standing on top of the bridge (currently the Elm Avenue overpass) where the locomotives went underneath, and smelling all that steam puffing around. If you were brave enough, you would stand there and let it puff all over you and cinders would rain down, and it would scare you to death.

"There was a lumber yard right down the street from us, on the corner of Park and Elm, called "Evelands". Every once in a while, they'd have to get new supplies of coal and lumber and they would do it mainly by train delivery. And when that was taking place, those old boys would

doing something, and your tender was always there, shoveling coal into the firebox to keep her going. A lot of good memories there.

"And you know, I feel bad that the kids today don't have the opportunity to witness that, because there was a lot of really unique engineering, and good minds put all those things together, and they just don't get to witness that anymore."

(From an interview with Mrs. Eppa Dorothy Rixey, April 8, 1989)

"The post office was part of the grocery...one little section in the grocery. And everybody used to hang around there and Mrs. Conklin would say to Bill Sommers or somebody "Go down and get the mail." They would throw it off the train, you know. There was a station across the road on the other side and that's where they dropped the mail.



let me get up in the steam locomotive and ride up and down the spur with them while they got another car or took an empty out. Every once in a while, they would go on up to Milford to take a lumber car up there and unload it, and then we'd go on back down to Terrace Park and they'd let me off and hook back up and away they'd go.

"I loved those trains! It always amazed me, the size of the drive trains on those things, the big iron wheels. And how simple it really was, the guy with a shovel just opening that door and chucking in the coal and making the steam. I can still remember seeing the gauges and blowing the whistle.

"And then, when the diesels came in, every once in a while I got a chance to ride in an engine, but there weren't any valves and the noise wasn't there. Being an engineer on a diesel was kind of boring compared to what you could do in a steam engine because you were hands-on in a steam engine. You were always

"And everybody bought from Peebles Grocery, which was on Fifth Street downtown. My mother would call up and we'd get a grocery basket and everybody had to go down and pick up their groceries from the train at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon.

"Well, the train's been gone for I don't know how long. I can remember when Eppa and I were married and standing in my mother and father's back kitchen window and seeing Eppa's train coming." (passenger train bringing Eppa Rixey home from his baseball travels).



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Terrace Park Sports

Mariemont Warrior XC runs to historic season

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The second place team scored 83. Lady Warriors were also district champion this year, with freshman Juliana Overbey winning the girls DIII race. Both the Boy and Girl Warriors would advance to the Troy Regional Meet.

At the Regional Meet with a field of 16 teams, Mariemont boys dominated, taking first place for the first time in school history with a low score of 59 – less than half of the second place team. Individually, junior Nate Kuck, junior Emmett Saulnier and Ben Gorman all were in the top 16, receiving All-Region individual honors as well. The young girls

team surprised everyone with a strong 7th place overall finish. While they did not advance as a team, Overbey placed 14th, earning her way to the state meet as an individual runner.

Capping a historic season, the Warrior boys finished in third place at the State Division III Championship meet in Hebron, Ohio – the strongest finish for any CHL cross country team in league history.

The 2011 Warrior varsity squad was fast and had depth. At the State meet, all seven runners finished under 18 minutes, with the top five averaging 17 minutes. Kuck finished first for the Warriors

with a time of 16:43; followed by Saulnier-16:50; senior Bryan Routt-16:58; Gorman-17:14; freshman Cooper Hayes-17:14; senior Luke Porst-17:20 and senior Connor McManus-17:50. Six achieved personal bests.

Interesting note: With the exception of Nate Kuck, all the Warrior state-qualifying runners are from Terrace Park.

With a strong group returning next year and solid runners coming up from the junior high team (girls-1st at CHLs, boys-2nd), the future looks bright - and fast - for Mariemont Warrior Cross Country.



Shown here at their district meet where both Mariemont Warrior Boys and Girls XC teams captured first place are team members: back row (l-r) Connor McManus, Coach Jeff Timmers, Ben Gorman, Nate Kuck, Bryan Routt, Luke Porst, Cooper Hayes; front – Taylor Giordullo, Juliana Overbey, Claire Gilmore, Mara Coyan, Kate Uehlin, Makayla Valentine, Jennifer Saxton and Coach Mindy Monterosso.

Mariemont High School sailors head to New Orleans for National Championship Regatta

Mariemont High School juniors Griffin Rolander and Alec Ahrens have started a high school sailing team and are successfully competing in the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) high school regattas. The pair sail a Club 420 and won the Great Oaks Qualifier on Lake Maxinkuckee in Culver, IN last month. Winning four of the six races, the boys clinched one of the two berths awarded at Culver for the Great Oaks National regatta, where they will compete against 35 other qualifying high school teams from around the nation.

The MISSA district includes

39 member high schools from around the Midwest, including Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, and is one of seven Interscholastic Sailing Association regions nationwide that compete in high school sailing. High school sailing is a coed sport with regattas sailed in the spring and fall. Most regattas in the Midwest region are sailed in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Chicago area.

The Great Oaks National Regatta will be held at Southern Yacht Club on Lake Ponchartrain in New Orleans November 18-20th.



Griffin Rolander and Alec Ahrens accepting their first place trophies at the Great Oaks Qualifier in Culver, Indiana.



Griffin Rolander and Alec Ahrens competing in the high school Halloween Regatta on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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