



## From Leaves to Levy, Village Business on Track

Submitted by Sue Porter

As the seasons change, the canopy of leaves that give Terrace Park its Tree City designation are tumbling down. For village maintenance workers, this means leaf pick-up is about to begin; for residents, there are a few disposal guidelines to follow.

At Village Council's Sept. 15 meeting, Administrator Jerry Hayhow recommended bagging leaves for pick-up or taking leaves to the recycling center if creating piles on the yard's right-of-way isn't desirable. "We don't want piles on the street," he said. "My biggest fear is cars running through leaves where children are playing."

Residents are also asked to keep sticks and branches out of the piles because they clog and damage the leaf vacuum. Updates to the leaf pickup schedule will be posted on the village website, [www.terracepark.org](http://www.terracepark.org), and via the CodeRED notification system. Residents who have not yet registered for CodeRED may do so on the village website.

Progress continues to be made in Terrace Park's inquiry into the State of Ohio's septic system policy that affects about 600 local properties with drywells. Council member Jeff LeMay said correspondence Frost Brown Todd Attorneys sent to the Hamilton County solicitor on behalf of the village has been acknowledged and a meeting with the Ohio Department of Health is planned for early October.

As background, Terrace Park is asking for clarification from the state on which of its septic system ordinances takes precedence: The one that allows drywells and permits residents to repair them, or the ordinance that bans drywells and gives Hamilton County Board of Health purview and control. A determination is sought in advance of the state's 2025 deadline for compliance with septic system rules passed in 2015.

In council action, three resolutions were passed that returned a police officer to the force, fund the forestation program and amend the 2021 budget. Specifically:

- Jacob Johnson, who was a part-time officer in the village from 2010 to 2013, will succeed Evan Lewin, who has taken a position with Green Township. Mayor Tom Tepe administered the oath that makes Officer Johnson Terrace Park's newest full-time policeman.

- Regina Sharp, councilmember who oversees buildings and grounds, introduced the resolution that's required annually to maintain village trees. "We love our trees and what they do for us," she said, "so we need to pay for their care and maintenance."

- The third resolution transferred \$3,400 from the parks and recreation budget to the zoning budget. Councilmember LeMay, who oversees finance, said when the 2021 budget was prepared 14 months ago it was difficult to anticipate every need and that the realignment will not increase bottom-line spending.

LeMay, who is leading the renewal campaign for the 5.58-mill operating levy on the Nov. 2 ballot, asked councilmembers to post yard signs promoting its passage. He reiterated that the levy will not increase or decrease taxes and is essential because it represents almost 29 percent of the general operating fund. (Additional information about the levy is elsewhere in this edition of Village Views.)

In their monthly reports, Mayor Tepe thanked those responsible for the successful Labor Day festivities and 5K Bulldog Run; Emergency Medical Services Chief John Maggard said that of the 18 EMS recruits who are training in the village, five will become members of the Terrace Park department; Fire Chief Steve Dronsfield reminded residents to clean their chimneys before using their fireplaces to ensure safety; Administrator Hayhow reported receipts of roughly \$3,600 from the sale of outdated equipment at the recent Hamilton County sheriff's surplus auction; and Councilmember Sharp said a public meeting will be scheduled to hear suggestions for use of the second installment of federal COVID-related American Rescue Plan Act funds.



## TP Labor Day raises \$20,000 for Rec Commission

It was a beautiful weekend for the Terrace Park Recreation Commission's annual Labor Day Weekend Festivities including the Bulldog 5k held on Sunday and then the Labor Day parade and festival held on Monday. This year \$20,000 was raised through sponsorship, race registration, game and beverage tickets.

In a 1990 documentary, resident Susan Abernathy Frank said that the festival and parade are like a Norman Rockwell painting marching right off the cover of an old Saturday Evening Post. Check out more pictures from the weekend on page 6.

## Dear Neighbors,

After starting with a fantastic Labor Day weekend, a beautiful September has come to a close in Terrace Park. Autumn is all around us now and October is always a favorite month in Terrace Park as it ends with our village's most exuberant holiday- Halloween! Pumpkins and cornstalks are once again accenting neighborhood porches as our grand old, trees turn to their finest colors; always a reminder that the spooky season is here.

I still remember one of the spookiest and most mysterious Halloween incidents I can recall. It was October 1990 and I was in fourth grade at TP Elementary. All month long that year there were sightings of a strange man dressed in a full pilgrim outfit- black and white Puritan style with a tall black hat and buckled shoes. I remember a next door neighbor saying her headlights caught him late at night as he stood near the woods on In-

dian Hill Road. She assumed he was coming from a costume party. The bike trail was unpaved then, and some walkers and joggers saw him standing in the trees just staring. As a kid, every new report of a sighting seemed pretty exciting. Then he approached a couple student crossing guards and things got even creepier. In those days 5th graders acted as the crossing guards and more than once "the pilgrim" appeared from the bike trail near the Park and Denison crossings and said harmless but strange things like "Only ten more days until Halloween..."

Needless to say, after he approached children everything got a lot more serious. I believe the school stopped having students guard for a few weeks. Everyone thought he would appear during trick-or-treating but the night came and went without incident and was not ever seen again. Was it a spirit

from beyond the grave or just a Thanksgiving fanatic who was over-served at a bar in Milford?...a true Halloween mystery!

Make it a great month in Terrace Park- take a walk through the falling leaves at the nature preserve or get some neighbors and plan a canoe trip down the Little Miami. The gorgeous October afternoons are some of the most beautiful days we get in Ohio so get out there and enjoy them! Until next month I remain,

Your Editor,

Steve Early



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Evan Schubert

Evan Schubert was born on August 14th, 2021 at 6lbs and 5 oz and 20.5 inches long. Evan and his mom (Libby,) are doing great, and big sisters, Emma Jane (5,) and Elizabeth (2,) cannot get enough of the new baby! His dad (Brian,) is happy to finally have someone to watch sports with!



### Grant Schoewe

Grant Theodore Schoewe was born on June 3, 2021 to parents Zach and Jenna. Grant checked in weighing 6lb 14oz & 19.5 in. Big Sister Olivia is in love!

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## Law & Order

Submitted by Eric Schmidt

While patrolling during the evening hours of 8/25, an Officer noticed a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence with the left rear door open. Nobody was outside or near the vehicle, so the Officer investigated the scene to make sure everything was ok. The Officer was able to speak with the owner and everything was NOT ok! The owner stated that her dog vomited in the car and she was "airing out" the vehicle. Fido is now in the doghouse!

During the early morning

hours of 8/26, an Officer was dispatched to the Miami Bike Trail for a male who was sitting against a fence rail taking a siesta. The Officer was able to locate the Subject and began to ask if everything was ok. The Subject then began to speak about a multitude of random topics and was not making much sense. The Subject advised that he was walking to Newtown and decided to take a break. The Officer kindly asked if the Subject would like a ride and the Subject advised that he wished to walk to Newtown.

## Letter to the Editor

### It's not CRT

Submitted by Rick Koehler

Patience....Wisdom....Humility; these are the three tenets which I try to utilize in my everyday life, to keep me on track. Faith and Family are of course my first priorities, but even when dealing with those, the three principles mentioned are my guiding light.

So when I heard through the Terrace Park grapevine, that the Mariemont Schools would be teaching courses this fall which are thinly veiled CRT courses, I bristled. I am not a fan of the CRT theory and even if a student wanted to take classes in this realm, in my opinion it should be taught at the university level or even post-graduate levels.

My curiosity led me to delve into what exactly the courses are about that Mariemont Schools are teaching this year. In 2015, the Board at the Superintendents recommendation, formed a committee called the Global & Cultural committee. Its purpose was to introduce to the teachers and the administrators how best to work with a diverse group of children. This has been ongoing since that time.

In November 2020, the Board tapped Shannon Kromer and Ericka Simmons with developing two courses that could be introduced to both Jr High and High School students. The goal of these courses,

is to provide our children with a more global perspective than they encounter every day in 'the bubble' of our communities. Together they worked up the curriculum for these courses and presented them to the Board every month from December 2020 until they were approved in June 2021.

I have read through the curriculum of both courses and in no way do they represent what the CRT theory is about. Rather, they are intended to open the eyes and hearts of our students to the world and the diverse group of people who occupy it. I'm certain that most of you would agree that your children will lead a more global oriented life than you have, or your parents before you. The goal of the Cultural Intelligence course being taught at the Jr High is, "...students will develop skills in order to understand other perspectives and cultures as well as spark their own curiosity and awareness of themselves and the world around them."

Please exercise your patience, your wisdom and your humility when you consider how these courses will benefit your children going forward.

With much appreciation for our teachers, administrators and especially our Superintendent,

Rick Koehler  
 Board of Education member,  
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# A View From The Top



The Village Views received both of these bird's eye views from a neighbor's drone. One shows the return of our Labor Day festival and the other captures the light of the annual bonfire at the Log Cabin before the varsity football game against Indian Hill. The Village Views welcomes all photo submissions of life in Terrace Park!

# What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

**Children**  
**Library Babies** — 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays  
 Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Ages 6-18 months. Registration is required for both babies and adults.  
**Outdoor Storytime: Preschool** — 11 a.m. Tuesdays  
 Enjoy books, songs, activities, and more while building early literacy skills.  
 Ages 3-6. Registration is required.

**Outdoor Storytime: Movers & Shakers** — 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays  
 Join us on the lawn to sing, dance, enjoy movement, and have fun!  
 A blanket or chair to sit on is recommended. Event is cancelled in instances of foul weather.  
 Ages 1-4.

**Teens**  
**Outdoor Art: Let's Paint Pumpkins!** — 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5  
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mitting. Pumpkins and painting supplies are provided.  
 Grades 5-9 (twens). Registration is required. Please sign up early; space is limited.

**Adults**  
**Book Club** — 6:45 p.m. Thursday, October 28  
 We are discussing *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman. Copies are available at the branch.

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# MJHS Named Blue Ribbon School by U.S. Dept. of Education

Mariemont Junior High School has received the prestigious Blue Ribbon status of “Exemplary High Performing School” by the U.S. Department of Education. With this honor, Mariemont Junior High School joins the other three Mariemont City Schools buildings as National Blue Ribbon Schools, making this school district only the fourth public school district in the state of Ohio to have each of its schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools.

“This is an incredible achievement for Mariemont Junior High School, for the school district and for our community” said Superintendent Steven Estep. “The staff at MJHS works tirelessly every day to work hard, create experience and embrace growth for their students and their hard work and dedication has paid off with this recognition. This award is a testament to the direction the district is heading under the Destination 2026 strategic plan.”

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona recognized 325 schools as National Blue Ribbon schools for 2021. The Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- Exemplary High-Performing Schools are among their state’s highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

- Exemplary Achievement Gap-Closing Schools are among their state’s highest performing



schools in closing achievement gaps between a school’s student groups and all students.

“I am humbled by the recognition of Mariemont Junior High School as a National Blue Rib-



Rob Polca

bon Exemplary High Performing School” said principal Rob Polca.

“The partnership of our students, faculty, families and an extremely supportive community has created a positive learning environment where impacting students is the driving force of everything that we do. I am so proud of our learning community, and this recognition is even more meaningful as we’ve navigated and supported each other through the COVID-19 pandemic. I am grateful for the passion and enthusiasm that our staff brings to each school day and could not be more appreciative of the collective dedication that has made National Blue Ribbon recognition possible. This is an award we will treasure for years to come, as we continue to build meaningful learning environments and relationships, embracing growth together.”



## 2022 FAB Affair – Save the Date!

Submitted by Kathleen Judkins

Mark your calendars! The 2022 FAB Affair will take place the evening of Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the historic Monastery in Mt Adams. FAB Affair is a joint fundraiser benefiting our three district-wide support organizations:

1. Mariemont School Foundation
2. Mariemont Arts Association
3. Mariemont Boosters

To celebrate all that we love about the district, this year’s theme will be “For the Love of the Schools”. The event will feature both a live and silent auction, raffle baskets, delicious food and drinks, and more! Proceeds from the event will impact students across the district in the arts, athletics and academics.

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# MHS Recognizes Distinguished Alumni

Submitted by Molly Abernathy Smith

Every year Mariemont High School recognizes the professional and personal achievements of its distinguished alumni. Here's a look at three Terrace Park natives who are being honored this year:

The white-water rafting industry has brought tourism and a whole new life to the state of West Virginia. Three friends from Mariemont High School have worked to create and build that industry from the ground up. They began with a love of rafting and the beauty of The New River Gorge in Fayette County, now a National Park.

Jeff Proctor, class of 1972, Doug Proctor, class of 1973, and Dave Arnold, class of 1972, cultivated this passion for rafting and the outdoors since the 1980's, putting West Virginia on the map with what has become a multi-million-dollar industry for the state. In 1978 they created Class VI (<http://www.class-vi.com/>), that is one of the fastest growing whitewater rafting outfitters in the nation and has made the pursuit of excellence its development cornerstone. In 1991 Class VI won "The Entrepreneur of the Year" for the service sector in West Virginia, a national award program with Ernst & Young, Inc. Magazine and Merrill-Lynch. In 1997 the three were named one of ten "Who's Who in West Virginia Business" by The State Journal. After 33 years ownership and management, Class VI merged with Adventure Mountain River and the Rivermen to form Adventure WV, LLC, known as Adventures On The Gorge.

Dave Arnold is a Founding Partner of Adventures on the Gorge. His love of West Virginia

and its beautiful rivers motivate him to make the best possible choices for West Virginia. Dave has been an integral part in building tourism in West Virginia. He served on the West Virginia Tourism Commission for more than twenty years, through six governors, and was Chair under Governor Wise. He is currently a member of the Federal Reserve Bank's roundtable for WV and additionally chaired the WV Hospitality and Tourism Association for 12 years. He serves on the WV Economic Development Authority, part of which successfully attracted the Boy Scouts Summit Bechtel Reserve High Adventure Base, National Scout Camp Training Center.

Dave also spent many years working to achieve National Park status for the New River Gorge and is currently working to change the name to The New River Gorge National Park now that it has been successfully approved.

In an effort to help bring tourism and increase revenue to the region, Dave has also started focusing on development of lodging and



Dave Arnold



restaurants to create a resort theme. The effort has paid off and industry revenue and employment has been going up.

Dave has a son named Jeffrey who lives in Denver, Colorado, and has been married to his wife, Peggy, since 1982. Peggy taught in the West Virginia public school system for 25 years. They still have a family farm in Fayetteville, Ohio (Brown Co), that has been in the family since 1939.

Jeff Proctor is a founding director of Class VI River Runners, Inc in Lansing, West Virginia. In Jeff's earlier role, he oversaw digital marketing, reservation system and software and IT duties. Post merger, Jeff continued to serve on the Management team as the COO, which oversaw a \$10 million expansion, including 100 cabins, three

restaurants, pool, TreeTops Canopy Tour and an assortment of adventure activities. Jeff managed the reservation staff, resort management, maintenance and grounds, food service and most expansion capital projects. He continued to assist staff who book vacation packages including meals, lodging and activities, the day-to-day operations and the quality and maintenance of the 240 acre campus.

Jeff received his B.S. in Forestry from the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana and served on the Board of Directors of America Outdoors, the National Outfitter Association from 1992-1998. He served on a three-year term (1999-2001) and completed serving a second two-year term on the Whitewater Commission, which oversees West Virginia's commer-

Alaska to Chile.

Jeff married Janet MacKay in 1980 and has two sons, Carter, age 33 and Cullen age 27. Both their sons are Eagle Scouts too.

Doug began canoeing in 1964 through the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Terrace Park. He canoed in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, and North Carolina. In 1966, he joined Morgan's Canoe Trails for a two-week Daniel Boone canoe trip in Kentucky and he became an Eagle Scout in 1969. These activities, along with family camping trips helped set the direction for his career in the outdoors.

Doug's first rafting trip on the New River was in 1970 while in high school and he would later start guiding raft tours on the New and Gauley Rivers in 1977. He was a founding owner of Class VI River Runners, Inc in Lansing, WV in 1978. Doug coined the name "Class VI" after the classification of the rapids, which exemplifies the quality, service and products he has believed in offering since its inception. His primary responsibility was finance and accounting, risk management and raft operations. As one of the founding members of Adventures on the Gorge, LLC, located in Lansing WV, Doug assisted with his specialty areas of risk management and human resources from 2008-2015. In 2012 he was given a 35-years of Exemplary Service Award from America Outdoors in the outfitting industry.

Doug volunteered his time to the Fayette County Transition Team (county zoning and planning) from 1999-2013; he served as Fayette



Jeff Proctor

cial rafting industry. Jeff is presently on his fifth term and is Chairman for the Fayette County Urban Renewal Authority and the acting representative for the West Virginia Secretary of Commerce on the WV Broadband Enhancement Council. An Eagle Scout, Jeff is giving back to the Boy Scouts of America by serving as the Chairman of Advancement for the Seneca District of the Buckskin Council.

Jeff retired from Adventures On The Gorge July 1, 2018. Since that time, as a volunteer, he has focused his energy on Broadband. As a member of the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council and Fayette County Urban Renewal Authority, Jeff has worked tirelessly to expand broadband in the State and Fayette County.

Jeff started working in the whitewater industry in the early 70's as a kayak and canoe counselor at Camp Falling Creek in Tuxedo, North Carolina. In the late 70's he guided professionally and in 1978 started Class VI with his three other partners. Jeff has run rivers from



Doug Proctor

County Chamber of Commerce Board member in 1998, Vice President in 1999, President in 2000 and Past President in 2001. He served on the Board of the Directors of the New River Convention and Visitors Bureau in 1999-2001 as well as President, Vice President and



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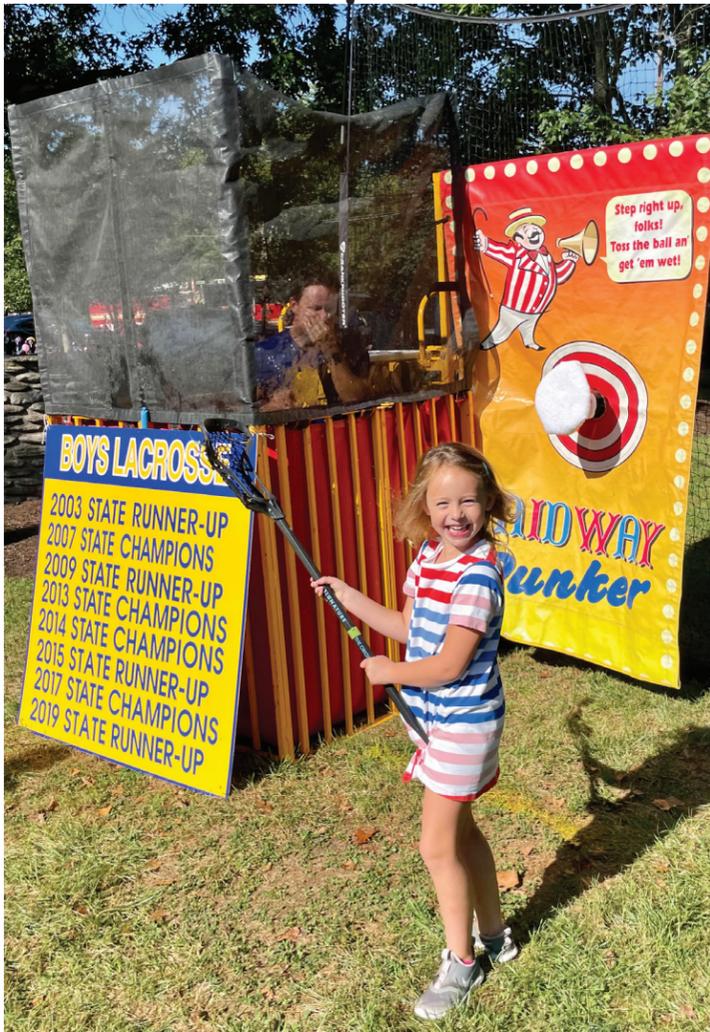
Secretary/Treasurer of WV Professional Outfitters from 1999-2008. Doug worked with youth as a coach from 1995-1999 and volunteered as a leader with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts between 2002-2014.

Doug has run rivers in Alaska, Chile, Costa Rica, Texas, Canada, Colorado River, in the Grand Canyon and Cataract Canyon, the Green River in Utah, Middle Fork, Main Salmon, Lower Salmon and Selway in Idaho. He has rafted most of the rivers in West Virginia and

the Eastern United States.

Doug attended Terrace Park Elementary School and graduated from Mariemont High School in 1973. He obtained a Bachelors Degree in Business and Accounting from Wittenberg University in 1977 and is now one of the founding owners of Selway River Adventures, LLC rafting on the Selway River in Idaho. He started this company in 2018 and still loves guiding river trips, as he has done for 45 years! Selway was one of the first rivers included in the 1968 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. He currently resides in Stanley, Idaho, with his wife, Cathy.

## Labor Day Fun



Above: Rorie Heis looks gleeful after dunking Coach Long in the Lacrosse dunk tank!



Above: It was only smiles for Audrey and Erin Satterwhite during the annual TPRC Bulldog 5k.

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# VOTE

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I believe our district's success is due to its strong commitment of putting our students first, regardless of politics or personal agendas. This empowers our talented, dedicated staff to work together toward the goal of educating our children for success.

My education and work experiences have prepared me to serve on the school board:

- The Ohio State University, MBA.
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- 12 years leading a successful family business.
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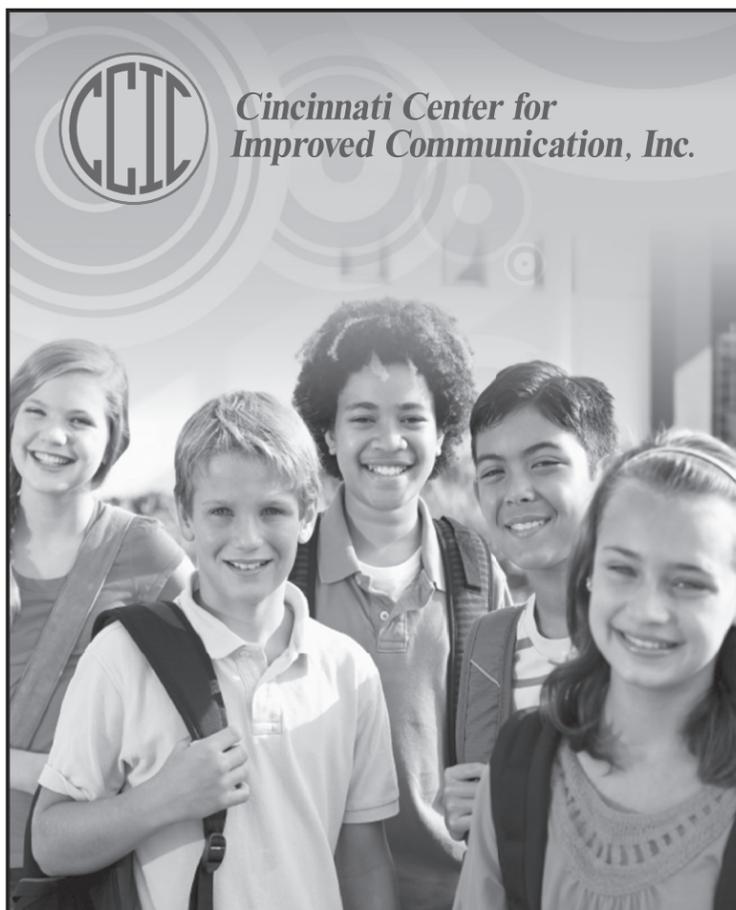
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