

Village Views

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T.P. Affirms All Issues Renewal Wins Big..

Terrace Park voters gave resounding 800 to 82 approval of renewal of a 6.52 mill village levy at the November elections, and a challenger of the legality of the vote said he proposed no further action.

Melvin C. Aichholz, a former village clerk, contended before the election, in letters to the Board of Elections and the state auditor, that proper budgetary procedures had not been followed as a preliminary to calling for the levy renewal.

Both local and state officials, he said, replied that they had no authority to remove the issue from the ballots unless it had been successfully challenged in the courts, and Aichholz said there appeared to be no interest in filing a taxpayers' suit to test the legality of the issue.

Besides supporting the levy, Terrace Park voters elected four members of the village council, joined with other voters in the school district in seating a non-incumbent on the Mariemont Board of Education, and agreed with voters elsewhere in the county in approving a county park levy and four state constitutional amendments. Pat Henley, recently appointed to village council to replace Jan Decker who moved from the village, topped the slate of councilmanic candidates with 759 votes. Others elected were Richard D. Bowman, Richard S. Griffith and William L. Ryan.

Charles E. Boersig of Mariemont topped the school board ticket in what was widely interpreted as a protest vote. He will replace incumbent Walter D. Johann, who trailed behind Josephine T. Lakeman and Arnold Morelli. Those three were incumbent candidates, also from Mariemont. The vote in Terrace Park followed the same pattern as that elsewhere in the school district.

How Terrace Park Voted

MEMBER OF COUNCIL		STATE ISSUES	
Richard D. Bowman	618*	FARM VALUATION AMENDMENT	
Richard S. Griffith	602*	Yes	710
Patricia M. Henley	759*	No	137
Paul L. Kennedy, Jr.	295	STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION	
Richard V. Phillips	339	Yes	549
William L. Ryan	504*	No	243
(* - elected)		COURT REALIGNMENT	
VILLAGE TAX LEVY		Yes	651
For	800	No	94
Against	82	VIETNAM VETERANS' BONUS	
COUNTY PARK LEVY		Yes	549
Yes	665	No	271
No	199		

Leaf Sucker Eliminates Hazy Fall Days



Favorable weather conditions have helped village employees do a superb job of leaf pick-up this fall. The men have had the sucker on the streets nearly every day for a month and on weekends have used teenagers to help with the raking.

Council gave approval to a November 30 finish date for the pick-up job and asks cooperation of residents to get the leaves raked to the curb - minus sticks and debris.

BBSCo Confronts Council With Plan For 70 Condominiums And Package Sewer Proposal

by Lynn Nelson

Everything from A to Z (oning) came in for mention at the village council meeting on Tuesday evening, November 13. Perhaps the item drawing most careful attention occurred immediately following the close of the meeting when citizens Brewer and Brendamour, of the BBSCo., met with council members and

Following is a recap of the meeting's highlights:

Engineer's Report

Elm Road resurfacing has been completed. New traffic lights at the corner of Wooster and Elm are installed and should be energized within the next week. Carl Lindell started working one year ago to secure this signal system. Auto and pedestrian traffic flow is being studied in relation to the lights placement.

Public Works

Ferd Critchell, PW chairman, led off his remarks with public praise for the street resurfacing work, ably led by Carl Lindell. Sidewalk repair has been completed for this fall.

Reminder was made that garbage cans should be placed at curbside by 5 or 6 a.m. on the day of collection - and not before 4 p.m. on the day before.

Finance

Ed Davison noted that council continues to operate within its budget. Most of the items scheduled for 1973 purchase have been bought. A shopping list is being compiled for 1974 monies, and will include codification of village ordinances, Village Green improvement, a chassis for the new fire engine, sandblasting and painting the railroad bridge.

Safety

Chairman Dick Griffith proposed a resolution to get bids for the purchase or lease of a new 1973 or '74 cruiser.

Griffith then called attention to the specifications drawn by the Fire Department for a new fire engine. Bids are to be secured on both a chassis and a pumper, and the Safety Committee recommends that the vehicle have a diesel type engine. Eight or nine months delivery is anticipated on the chassis, which will be delivered to the manufacturer who outfits the pumper. Fire Chief Lee stressed that it will be to the village's advantage to make the bid decision as soon as possible, as prices are steadily increasing.

Griffith proposed a resolution permitting the clerk to advertise for bids, and this passed. Bids are to be secured on the new fire engine both as a complete unit, and as separate parts. Lastly, residents will be interested to learn that the new equipment will be painted "safety green," a color found to have the highest visibility, both day and night.

Under the Safety discussion, mention was made of the traditional lighting of the tee at the green done by the Fire Department. Because of the energy crisis, the suggestion came that this year we dispense with Christmas tree lights, and illuminate only the star atop the tree. A second suggestion: keep all the lights, and instead conserve energy on the home front via a Lights-Out-Hour some Sunday evening. A third possibility: light the star on top, and decorate the tree with non-electric ornaments. This latter finally won the group's approval, and Larry Lyons will head up the tree trimming group.

Building and Grounds

Chairman Pat Henley recommended reducing night lighting at the log cabin during winter evenings. She noted that the fieldstone wall around the Village Green's flag pole has been finished, and praised the work of the three Portuguese stone masons.

Rules and Laws

Chairman Larry Lyons moved the adoption of an ordinance accepting the \$1700 bid by Natorp for Trees Phase II. The ordinance carried as an emergency so that the planting can be done this fall.

Larry also moved the adoption of the acceptance of the Drane Co.'s bid for codification of village ordinances, and the first reading passed.

Planning and Zoning

In Chairman Kent Smith's absence, Mayor Corbin noted that at their last meeting the P&Z Commission agreed that BBSCo. should next make formal application for their intended land use for the acreage at the Wooster Pike motel site.

Council will next convene on Tuesday evening, December 11. There will be a public hearing at 7 p.m. to consider the revised fence ordinance, and the regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor's Report

Frank Corbin stated that since the last council meeting he had learned a petition requiring voter signatures was not necessary for making Terrace Park its own township. Instead such a change can be accomplished through council approval and the passage of a resolution. Corbin again pointed out the advantages of becoming our own township: \$500 yearly savings now paid to Columbia Township, no additional government structures need be established, and hopefully, we will receive a larger share of revenue sharing funds.

After the council meeting adjourned, Mayor Corbin introduced Jack Brendamour and William Brewer, both of BBSCo. who informally presented their development plans for 3 pieces of Wooster Pike property.

There are three pieces of property under consideration:

- 6.8 acres at the Terrace Executive Park site. For years this land has been zoned for office use, and BBSCo. secured approval from the TP Planning and Zoning Commission. Hamilton County refused a building permit because the land is unsuitable for a septic system.
 - 10.8 acres at the motel site. Currently zoned motel, BBSCo. now plans formal application to the Terrace Park P&Z Commission asking approval to build a 70-unit condominium.
 - 2.9 acres at the "elephant walk." Currently zoned for single residences, BBSCo. plans to leave this land for a recreation-greens area open to all TP residents. There would be no housing of any type. The total development project would run in excess of \$6 million, and would generate roughly \$17,000 a year for the village.
- Mr. Brendamour said that BBSCo. intends to proceed with their plans - and hopes for Terrace Park residents approval. At the same time he hinted that he and his partner are open to a "buy out" offer.
- Since all newly-elected council members have publicly gone on record as being opposed to multi-unit housing in the village, it remains undecided how this whole matter will be resolved.

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Levy Approval "Yes" : A Challenge

F. N. Corbin

It is unprecedented for a tax levy renewal as large as 6.52 mils to pass by a vote of 800 to 82. Ninety-one per cent of the ballots carried a yes vote. The members of your village government thank you for your generous support. We will work hard to demonstrate that your trust and confidence is well placed.

Our major thrust these past few years has been to make Terrace Park a safer, nicer place to live. We will continue in that effort. We will also do all we can to preserve the character of our community, as we believe that is what you want us to do.

It is not possible to please everyone. Still we urge those who did not support the levy to communicate their problems or complaints to us. We want to be responsive to the needs of our citizens. Sometimes it is only because we are unaware of a problem that we fail to act. We can't do everything at once, but we certainly can't consider problems till we know of their existence.

Your overwhelming support is a challenge for us to live up to. We accept that challenge with enthusiasm and dedication.

Environmental Notes *****

Transportation

J. Phillip Richley, director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, will be present for a public hearing, November 26 at the Convention Center concerning the preparation of a state-wide transportation master plan. Testimony is being sought from interested citizens, public officials and environmentalists. Mayor Corbin designated Don Franke to testify for Terrace Park.

Gravel Suit

The Ohio state suit seeking a halt to instream gravel operations and removal of the dam across the Little Miami below Terrace Park was scheduled to be heard in November, but was postponed at the request of attorneys for Walter Kunz, gravel operator.

A date of December 10 has been set for Judge Gusweiller's Common Pleas Court.

OOPS. . .OUR MISTAKE!

From last month's article "A View of Live Oaks" we should have said, "Laurie Olberding is a senior in Cooperative Office Education." The quotes that followed immediately were from a chat with Laurie, rather than Diane Nordloh, although both girls attend the school and like it very much.

Jackie is Soccer's MV Woman

This year's "Super Woman" was Mrs. Jackie Wright, who did an absolutely fantastic job in making everyone connected with the Terrace Park Girls Soccer Teams happy. So, on behalf of the kids, coaches, and the parents --- Thank you very much, Jackie.

Lester B. Overway

Advice for Councilmen To the Editor of Village Views

In the September issue we learned that Council is considering an expenditure of \$5,500 for the review (codification) of village ordinances passed since 1893. Why the Council should wake up at this late date is not explained, but if it is to locate an ordinance which will EFFECTIVELY put the dogs on the leash, it could have merit. However, this expenditure is not necessary as the ordinances were reviewed in 1953 by Dale Griffin as Chairman of the Rules and Law Committee. Now that the village has large financial reserves to appropriate, this is just another expenditure to maintain the high structured tax rate.

But, there are other less costly alternatives. Stanley Miller has read village history since the first Indian attack on Covalt Station. Stanley should have an intimate knowledge of the ordinances. It is only a simple matter to review and sort the active from the inactive ordinances. The inactive should be repealed. Or, perhaps the Rules and Law Committee would like to do the work.

One of our citizens once made this classic remark, "When a man is elected to Council, it affects him like a heady glass of wine." What we need is a working Council.

I'll have some comment later on the \$60,000 snorkel fire pumper as we get closer to the submission of a bond issue to be DECIDED BY THE VOTERS. We saw too many fire engines on Labor Day to even consider another pumper for at least 6 more years. This awesome sight belittled the children in the parade.

In the meantime, Mayor Corbin can transfer the balance in the Improvement Fund back to the General Fund, which should reduce the tax rate by at least THREE MILLS. The vote on the Tax Levy indicated there are 800 people with a lot of CENTS who hadn't heard of the ANNUAL REPORT COVERUP.

The State Auditor is sending an Examiner to review the Village, including the fines collected by the Mayor's Court from the SPEED TRAP in our Ecological Wonderland. If there's anything wrong, you'll hear about it, as I expect to receive a copy of the report.
Mel Aichholz

GUINEA pigs for Christmas giving; 2 months old, weaned. Starter kit provided. \$2.00. Call Jeff Weech, 831-8369. Art Lessons: Adults and children. Call Rose Shundich, 831-7506.

Village Bulletin Board

Tie A Bow On Newspapers
 Boy Scouts will pick up paper in a pre-Christmas paper drive on Saturday morning, December 15.

Remember that they will take magazines, catalogs, bags of junk mail - any clean paper.

If you need string, or have a problem with pick-up call the Henleys, 831-2147.

Any Hans Brinkers Here?

Have a hankering to go skating or to learn to skate? Terrace Park Skating Club is in session at the Cincinnati Gardens. Come and have an hour of fun. Give your family an outing, or join for the winter months. The group meets on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30. Call Betsy Gale, 831-4548 or Ginny White, 891-0570 to find out about this real bargain of fun for the family. Afraid of gas rationing? The members are friendly to car-pooling.

Watch Live Oaks Grow

Tuesday, November 27, the PTA's of Mariemont High, Mariemont Middle and the Fairfax Elementary will join together for a tour of Live Oaks Career Development Center. Any persons in the community who are interested in seeing the new school are encouraged to come. Buses will leave the high school parking lot at 7:30 p.m.

Kiddies Trim Tree

Child Study Group members and their children, through age 5, will meet at St. Thomas Church for a tree decorating party on December 19 at 4 p.m.

Recycling Goes Local

Mariemont High School's environment group has opened a recycling center in Terrace Park. The center operates in the teachers' parking lot on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from noon until 3 o'clock.

The workers will appreciate it if cans are separated into tin, aluminum and bi-metal categories and are smashed. Glass should be divided into clear and colored.

The kids remind you to please rinse out discarded cans and bottles, as their mothers give them strange looks when they come home smelling like stale beer.

Young Singers and Players

The traditional Christmas Concert given by high school music groups will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 17 and 18.

Red Santa On Green

The tree lighting ceremony and arrival of Santa on a fire truck will be Sunday afternoon, December 16 at 2 o'clock. Parents are also invited to join in the carol sing. Santa will meet the kids at the Community House should the weather be too rainy or snowy.

Welcome The Season

The Fire Department and Life Squad are again selling the Passport to Pleasure, a thick book of two-for-one eateries and entertainment dispensers. Call Susan Channer or Walt Rieder for information. (See ad in this issue.)

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They Make Each Minute Count

by Jeanne Sanker

In the home of Werner and Gerlinde Schmitt the use of time is an art. It's not just because Werner is a graduate horologist, skilled in the craft of designing, building and restoring clocks, but rather because their childhood years in wartime Germany taught them the value of the minute. Looking around their home on Miami Avenue and seeing all they've accomplished in their 1-1/2 years there, one might think they live by the theme of the song, "Let's Not Waste a Moment."

Although Gerlinde was born in the United States when her German-born parents were here in the 1930's, her early childhood was spent in their hometown of Pirmasens, Germany, on the French-German boarder where Werner's home was also located. Called "Schuhstadt Pirmasens" or "slipper menders," Pirmasens was the shoe metropolis of Europe and both Gerlinde's and Werner's fathers were in the shoe business.

Wartime memories are vivid to them as they recall seeing Hitler viewing the Siegfried Line which ran through their own backyards, the bombs which destroyed 75% of their town, two evacuations to other parts of Germany where they were separated from their parents and where Gerlinde as a 10-year old lived with distant relatives until her parents could be located. Labor camps and near-starvation are also part of their sad recollection of their youthful years. Part of their families are still behind the Iron Curtain.

They recommend reading Hildegard Kneff's "The Gift Horse" for a true picture from both sides of what it was like to live there during the war.

No wonder then that time seem all the more precious to them. Since Gerlinde's return to the United States in 1946 when her parents found employment at the Methodist Home in College Hill, she has been making the most of every minute. She attended Hughes High School and Our Lady of the Angels High School. In New York she became especially interested in the study of hypoglycemia and worked as a paramedic. Medicine is still her forte, although while raising her family she has used her business training as a statistician with the Cincinnati Enquirer and with the Methodist Publishing House.

Her bilingual talents led to broadcasting on WCIP in Hamilton for a European program, and from this came affiliation with the guidance

branch of the Citizenship Counsel, now Travelers' Aid. In her work there she met many people from all over the world, some who have become treasured friends. Their home has always been a haven for visitors from foreign lands, and a mutual love is revealed in the many momentos they have received and proudly displays.

Sponsored by Dr. Walter Bauer of Batavia, Werner came to the United States in 1951. His unusual ability in designing and crafting jewelry, in addition to his specialization in watch and clock repair and restoration of antique clocks and watches, has brought him national recognition. Now owner of Rotepohl Jewelers, he is announcing an Open House to be held Wednesday, November 21, at their new location, 3920 E. Galbraith Road, in the Dillonvale Shopping Center.

In the short time they have lived here, Werner has remodeled their home, adding several rooms and renovating others, doing all the work himself. They laugh as they call their home "a museum," but with their collection of old world antiques, swords, shields, shrines and tapestries of other centuries, it is an apt term. Several wallpieces reflect their heritage which includes nobility in both families. Each item has a meaning in their lives and was not chosen just for color or decor. Werner is an expert in the art of needlepoint, Gerlinde in knitting and crocheting. Interesting designs of antimacassars led

to her suggestion that she would be happy to help anyone with problems in needlework.

Gerlinde also mentioned she would like to share ideas in their study of the Baha'i Faith, the ninth independent religion, in which they are especially interested because it stresses unity.

The Schmitt sons, Frederick, 20, Gerald, 14, and Marc, 13, have not been letting any grass grow under their feet, either. Frederick, who is now a medical student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, held a scholarship at Country Day School and was included in "Who's Who in American High Schools." As a 14 year old, he travelled through Europe on his own. Gary, a freshman at Mariemont High School, interested in art and music, won recognition for watercolor paintings at the Carthage Fair. Marc, in 7th grade at Mariemont Middle School, is especially interested in Boy Scouts.

Gerlinde's mother, who makes her home with the Schmitts, completes the family and she is busy all day while Gerlinde is working as an apprentice jeweler at Werner's new store. They usually speak in their native Frankish dialect at home.

Obviously the word "boredom" doesn't exist in either the English or Frankish vocabulary of this interesting and ambitious family.



Those of you who are old enough to have grandchildren (that you'll admit) should also recall that great American humorist, Robert Benchly. He attended one of the more renowned ivy league institutions and it is reported he once enrolled in a North American history course. On the final exam Benchly was rather embarrassed by some of the questions, but that was only for a moment.

One of the essay inquiries was - "Discuss the U.S.A. - Canadian Fishing Treaty of (say) 1896: (a) From the point of view of the U.S.A., and (b) From the Canadian viewpoint." Benchly was at a complete loss, having spent the semester majoring in booze and girls (or reverse order). After some pondering Benchly solved his problem by admitting that he knew nothing of such treaty from either its effect on the U.S.A. or Canada, so he proceeded to discuss the situation from the viewpoint of the fish.

Now for you fishermen that's not as stupid as it may seem. Had the good fortune to spend about three and a half weeks in Florida over parts of October and November, and did a lot of fishing.

Due to the winds out in the Gulf of Mexico and eventually the evil red tide, the deep sea fishing was nil, but the angling in the salty bays and harbors was good. Mostly we fished for snook, reds (sea bass) and sea trout.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with snook - it's the only salt water fish I know of that has a size and creel limit. Under eighteen inches and you must put them back. After you've caught

four keepers - you've had it for the day. You won't find snook on a restaurant menu and it's a \$500.00 fine per snook for each one found aboard a commercial fishing boat.

Reason - snook is a real fighting game fish and when taken on light tackle is a real ball. He strikes with vigor and dances all over the water on his tail. If you let him get any slack line he'll cut the line with his gill (it's razor sharp) and if you hold him too tight, he'll snap your line. Plus, he's the most delicious fish to eat that you'll ever try. He makes walleye and fresh mountain brook trout taste like frozen fish from the local super.

When the snook wouldn't hit, we fished for sea trout and when they got scarce (rare) we hooked jacks which could tear the light tackle apart.

Now back to the Benchly moral. Mostly we fished with lures, but now and then with live shrimp, and eventually learned (the natives won't tell you or don't know) that when you fish for snook one hooks the shrimp by running the hook in behind the head and back out the middle of the body so that the point of the hook faces toward the head of the shrimp. Why? A snook attacks the shrimp from the rear. The coward!

However, if you're fishing for sea trout - reverse the situation. Hook the shrimp first through the middle of the body and out behind the head so the point faces toward the tail. The trout attacks the head to first kill the shrimp.

Therefore, approach all situations from the viewpoint of the fish.

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Soccer Stars Rejoice

Eighteen coaches and 175 girls were honored at the first girls' recognition night for soccer on November 13 at the elementary school gym.

All the girls received patches for their year's participation.

Special acclaim was given Bill Everhart's team of sophomore girls, who have put Terrace Park on the soccer-players' map. They won the Southeast Girls League championship and are now in the finals in the Cincinnati City League. The final game will be on November 24.

Tom Wright's team of 10 to 14 year-olds is still in the Southeast Girls Round Robin Tournament and played in the semi-finals.

Coaches who were honored for their dedication and effort were: Doug Cherry, Stephano Buondonna, Bill Everhart, Dorothy Jones, Loy Jones, Jim Gilchrist, Dave Huprich, Lynn Mileham, Ellen Miller, Les Overway, Ted Northrop, Warren Pettit, Marion Richardson, Pete Smith, Todi Smith, Recie Scott, Dottie Vickers, and Tom Wright.

Jim Gilchrist showed movies he had taken during the season featuring all of the teams in action.

Essayist Durden Wins Award

by Ruth Binkley

Have you dreamed of writing the great American novel? Perhaps this dream may come true for Thomas Durden, of Terrace Park, one of two Mariemont High School students to be cited recently as outstanding student writers. Thomas and David Babcock, of Mariemont, have been named winners of the 1973 National Council of Teachers of English Achievements Awards in Writing.

Nominated were 6,400 students from 50 states and American schools abroad. After nomination, the students submitted samples of their best writing to be judged by state judging teams. It is quite an honor to be chosen one of 850 finalists in the country.

Terrace Parker Thomas says he has tried "just about every kind of writing, including poetry, but prefers essays," which are the type of writing that made up an important part of this particular competition. He is not sure whether he will pursue writing as a career, but feels that "writing skill is very important in whatever career one chooses." He is presently debating about whether to attend college at Magill in Montreal or St. Johns in Annapolis, Maryland.

Although some choose to regard writing as a "gift," it is also hard work. Much thought and preparation has gone into this rather lengthy competition, which began with the boys' nomination in January of their junior year.

7 Sailing Bells Are Real Winners



The sailing Bells contemplate next year's victories and fun.

The family that sails together plays together, stays together and wins together. Pick one of the above... or all three...and you've got the George Bell family, of Elm Ledge. The Bells are really into sailing, like at least 26 weekends out of the year, in regattas all over the country. And that's where the winning comes in!

The Bells, members of the Cowen Lake Sailing Association, have walls lined with plaques and a mantle full of silver mugs and trophies to attest to the fact that they all take sailing - and winning - very seriously.

George and Pam insist that the children have contributed as much to that trophy collection as they have. Susie, 14, and George, 13, compete very successfully in the Sunfish class regattas; twelve-year-old Kathy and nine-year-old Jimmy are winners in the Optimist Pram Division. All

the children have their own sailboats, with the exception of four year old Tommy.

But the pride and joy of the family is their Flying Dutchman, a 19 ft. 10 in. Olympic racing boat, one of the fastest single-hull sailers going. Of course, George and Pam don't keep the Flying Dutchman confined to Cowen Lake. Just this year, they traveled to six regattas around the country, competed with top names in sailing, and came home as place-winners in several races.

The highlight of this season was the recent Broken Boom Regatta in Nashville. George and his partner, Gordy Rittmeyer, sailed away with First Place! This is one more step towards their goal: qualifying for the 1976 Olympics! Chances look great...for George and Gordy in '76...for all the Bells in the sailing seasons to come. The family that sails together? Winners!

MARIEMONT SCHOOL BOARD

Candidate	Terrace Park	Plainville	Mariemont	Fairfax	Total
Charles Boersig	655	54	1098	367	2,174x
Walter Johann	381	51	747	294	1,473
Josephine Lakeman	523	70	972	408	1,973x
Arnold Morelli	418	45	747	323	1,533x
x - elected					

New Neighbors Hardwood Awaits Net Aspirants

Terry and Julie Gross, 214 Rugby, with Jeff, 13; Tommy, 11; and Jon, 6; from Kenwood. 831-8820.

Steven and Kathy Bettcher, 711 Yale with Jeffery, 14 months, from Los Angeles. 831-6131.

Jerry and Heather Lewis, 629 Myrtle with Jeremy, 10, Sean, 8 from Nassau, Bahamas. 831-4647.

Kenneth and Diana Lee, 409 Washington from Oxford, Ohio. 831-8648.

Albert Jordan, 314 Rugby with John, 15 from Mariemont. 831-2380.

The 1973-74 basketball season for Terrace Park young men will begin on Saturday, November 17, 1973. At 9:00 a.m., boys in grades 4 and 5 should report to Coach Fred Caswell at the elementary school gym. At 10:30 a.m., boys in grades 6 and 7 should report to Coach Sam Pruett.

The program is sponsored by the Recreation Committee and teams will meet for play every Saturday throughout the basketball season.

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