THE VILLAGER’s Editor Dies

Madge LeDonne passed away May 3rd at St. Ann’s Hospital. At age 79, unable to venture outside her home without assistance, suffering from multiple health problems which would have defeated the best of us, Madge devoted herself to perfecting quality and excellence in THE VILLAGER, as with everything she did. Being editor enabled her to become involved, as best as she could, in the community activities. THE VILLAGER became a type of “life-line” for her, sometimes talking or visiting for hours with members of the community, especially the other “senior” residents. Madge’s daughter, Janet McDonald, with whom she lived, wishes to thank each of you for your concern and prayers during her mother’s final days, and for the cards and letters of condolence which have poured in. Madge had that special quality which seemed to leave a lasting impression on the life of anyone her life touched. We will miss her. However, Madge’s work on THE VILLAGER will live on as her daughter takes over as the new editor. So don’t be surprised if, from time to time, you see a little of Madge in the articles you read.

June Calendar

03 - Planning & Zoning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
14 - Flag Day
14 - Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
16 - MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
17 - THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
20 - Father’s Day
21 - First Day of Summer

What is a Father?

A father is someone who’s always around when you’re looking for friendly advice.

A father is someone who knows how you feel and who’ll help you without thinking twice.

A father is someone so thoughtful and kind, he’s made his own place in your heart.

A father is someone you wish all life’s best with the love that’s been his from the start!

MPCA Highlights

The Minerva Park Community Association would like to express its sincere sympathy to Madge LeDonne’s family. Madge was a valuable member of our community and will be missed by all. Her dedication to THE VILLAGER was greatly appreciated. In her memory, the MPCA will be donating $50 to the Minerva Park Squad.

4th of July

There will be a Pet Show and Pool Games. We will have more details posted at the pool to let you know the times for each event. If you have any questions, please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036.

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**MPCA Highlights (Continued)**

**Membership**
I am sorry to announce that our membership drive fell short of last year's in total dues collected. If the fact that we were unable to knock on each and every door in Minerva Park this year kept anyone from paying, I apologize. Due to the shortage of volunteers and our late start, we had to resort to hanging bags on mailbox flags. Those bags contained our new Village History and instructions for paying your dues. Thanks to all of those who mailed or dropped theirs off at the Community Building. If anyone would still like to pay, I will be more than happy to come by and pick up your check. Please call Claudette Shannon at 891-7036. Please remember that the dues help to pay for all children's activities, THE VILLAGER, The Village Directory, The Village History, MinervaFlora, and many other things that we hope all residents enjoy at one time or another.

**We Need Help!!!**
We are still in need of a secretary for the MPCA. We recently filled the Newcomers Committee Chairperson position that we had been trying to fill for a long time, but there are many other jobs we need help with. If you have interest in Children's Activities, Special Events, Lake Clean-Up, etc. let us know. We would appreciate any thing you would be willing to do. We also are looking for members of our Executive Board for next year. New officers will be elected in September. Please help us keep our Community Association going. We have accomplished a lot so far and hope to do more in the future.

**Thanks** to Andy McCabe and all of his volunteers who helped with lake clean-up. It was a wet, miserable day, but they really accomplished a lot.

**Pool News**
Our swimming pool is a major asset to our community. The residents of Minerva Park need to support the pool — whether to offer our time, our talents, or most of all, to join our pool! Come and see the many improvements that have been made this year. If you considered joining the pool in the past but didn't, think of joining this year. Pool memberships are the major source of operating revenue, to support the pool. It's a great place to keep cool during the hot summer months!

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THE VILLAGER reserves the right to refuse publication of any item submitted. All items presented for publication must include the contributor's name and telephone number. Anonymous material will not be published.
Village Council Meeting April 12, 1993

General Topics
- Mayor Blair noted that council had received copies of the mayor's report for March.
- The Minerva Park Community Association reported that the egg hunt was a success. It was noted that an application to the pool appeared on the back of the April VILLAGER. Rolla Wagner asked council about the status of the playground equipment and asked about the iron gate being removed. Rolla also asked about the picnic tables and when one of them can be moved.
- Sue Drumbetta, from the Westerville School Levy, addressed council on the levy which appeared on the May 4th ballot. It was a 9.2 mil, two-year levy. It is needed to provide funding when the current emergency levy and bond levy expire at the end of this year.
- Pat Tiberi, our state rep., was present and introduced by the mayor.

Council Committee Reports
Community - Andy McCabe announced that the MPCA will prepare lunch on Lake Clean-up Day and that the Village will pay for it. There were no objections from council members. Andy will look into purchasing new swings for the swing set to replace the metal ones.

Streets - Lynn Eisentrout reported the City of Columbus will keep her posted on the reconstruction of the pillar at Woodley.

Service - Pam Park-Curry would like to see the price increase on the trash pick-up when it is received to see how much the tipping fee will go up and how much it affects our bill.

Safety - Karl Garrabrandt highlighted the squad report from March. Jack Murray advised there still is no decision from the City of Columbus on the fire contract. Bob Hillard reviewed the police report for March. There was a question about the number of false alarms. The legislative committee will write an ordinance to consider at next month's meeting the charge for false alarms after a certain number each month. Ray Mussio advised this will be his last meeting and he needs to resign as a council member because he is moving from the village.

Finance - The bills were approved for payment. There was a special request from Kevin Weller asking for a loan to help pay for schooling. The Village cannot make a loan, but the matter was referred to the safety committee to be looked into and make a recommendation.

Village Officials Reports
- Lee Rupp reported the Cleveland Avenue project is still in the design stage, and he had preliminary plans to show council. Franklin County is heading the project with Parsons Brinckerhoff Ohio Inc., being the engineering firm. The drainage study has been done by the engineers and will include a larger culvert with the rate of flow being the same. The survey shows both pillars sit on the line, part are on the right-of-way and part are on private property. There is the possibility of moving the pillars but it would raise a question of how?
- The county continues to work on the water problem at the end of Minerva Lake Road where the hump was removed.
- The slurry seal project this year would be for Minerva Lake Road, with a cost of $29,604 if council approves. There would be a reimbursement of $10,000 from the county.
- The service road on 161, where the trailer sits (Columbus Zoning) will be the site of an Alzheimer Care Center. The drainage from this site will come into our lakes, as it does now. 50% of the water will be drained to the service road and 50% will go to the back and eventually to our lakes. Pam Park-Curry and Lynn Eisentrount would like to walk the land with Lee to see how the flow will go.
- As soon as the weather clears, Jordan Road will be finished. It is ready to seed and will take about one week to complete.
- The mayor and Lee Rupp will be inspecting the streets for low spots to see if something can be done to take care of the water problem. It would involve grinding out the low spot and replacing the pavement.

Planning and Zoning
- Jack Murray advised we now have a new planning and zoning clerk. At the last meeting, a deck on Woodley and a room addition on Ponderosa were approved.
- Jack Murray advised that the health insurance program the Village participates in has just issued its annual report and copies were given to council members.

New Business
- The outdoor faucet by the EMS door will be repaired. Council discussed the installation of a new fire hydrant at the curve on Minerva Lake Road by the Community Building. The old one was knocked down last summer and a new one is needed. Pam Park-Curry made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new hydrant; motion carried.
This Spring, the weather suited the trees and flowers just fine, they put on their greatest show in years. The pink magnolias, which many people erroneously call tulip trees, were spared the late frost that usually hits them just as they are ready to open. The cool weather helped them last a long time. I rode down Minerva Lake road and counted 19 of them — it had been so long since I’d seen them in bloom that I had forgotten there were so many. For magnolia lovers there is a more purple variety that blooms a little later. The white star magnolia blooms earlier, before the mid-April frost, and sweet bay magnolias are much later and have fragrant white blooms.

The dogwoods came next, which have lasted and lasted. When turning the corner onto Lakewood after entering the Maplewood entrance, I was greeted day after day by four big pink ones. I also spotted two large weeping cherries at 2767 Alder Vista and between 5261 and 5271 North Shore Drive. May all the young ones in the park grow up to be as spectacular. The lilacs were as dependable as ever providing both beauty and fragrance. The bloom of the crabs was great while it lasted; they wilted fast in the near 90 degree temperatures as did many of us.

The azaleas did well including the early lavender variety at Sarah Miller’s that always get frosted. I admired the burnt orange ones at Van Scyoc’s. At 2595 Minerva Lake there is a pleasing circular shrub border starting with eight white azaleas and ending with 13 firebushes, which will be glorious this fall. In addition, there is a red japanese maple on that side and an evergreen planting on the other — the repetition of plant material is very effective and restful.

I enjoyed the great expanse of ajuga at 2662 Wildwood under the huge old silver maple. Many maples are very shallow rooted, therefore very few things will grow under them. The silver maple is susceptible to wind damage and is currently listed as one of the trees that should not be planted. I noticed a small one recently planted near the lot line and the street — the next generation will wish it had never been planted, but will figure it is too expensive to remove. The selection and placement of a tree is the most important landscape decision a homeowner makes. A petunia or a peony or even a taxus can be moved easily, but an established tree is there to stay unless it dies or is cut down. One of Minerva Park’s charms lies in its big old trees, but many of them are not desirable varieties, when they go away they should not be replaced in kind. We’ve had a number block the streets when they fall, fortunately no one has been hurt so far. A tree (including large evergreens) that is diseased or no longer enhances the look of the property is best removed. On the other hand, a healthy tree that is ruining the grass need not be destroyed, but calls for a different treatment like the ajuga ground cover mentioned above; or like 2515 Maplewood where the owners have recently installed a free form raised bed connecting several large trees. This type of bed can be good for raising all the shade loving annuals and perennials as well as improving the look of the house.

Your MinervaFlora committee has had several work sessions — all of them cold and rainy. The big project is behind the Community Building. Daffodils planted last fall looked great this spring and we have added several groups of perennials. The hosta planting is incomplete because of the need to evict a fine crop of poison ivy. We plan some hemlocks at the top of the bank but as of this writing none of the garden stores have had anything under six feet and we don’t have the strength to dig holes, in that hard pan clay, twice the size of their root balls. The construction and painting on the other bank didn’t get finished, but its going to look beautiful next year. We are greatful to Kim Dooley, Jody Stahr, and Betty Beatrice who helped us on clean up day, and to Bill Zipperlin who has helped each week with his shovel and pick axe. We are also happy to welcome Elaine Fulkerson as a member of the committee replacing Barb Wohlfarth.

Open yard is planned again this year for the weekend of July 10-11. In addition to the yards listed last month are the Carfnaga’s on Park Lane Drive, the Van Scyoc’s on Alder Vista, the Wertz’s on Minerva Lake Drive, and the Thompson’s on Lakewood. That makes a total of 10 with several more still "checking their calendars." Be sure to save the dates as they are all very different and very interesting.
Minerva Park Squad Report

In April, the squad made 149 runs; 20 runs into Blendon Township and 12 into Minerva Park. 65 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1413 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 3047 hours. Special thanks to Curt Gannon (96 hours), Frank Meredith (88), and Tom McClanahan (78). Frank Meredith leads for the year-to-date with 469 hours.

The subject of the April training meeting was EMS documentation, taught by Dr. Kessig, medical director of Columbus Fire.

Our vehicle has had some alternator problems over the past several weeks, and will be returned to the vendor in mid-May for inspection and warranty repairs. Special thanks this month to Columbus Fire’s mobile maintenance unit for its prompt (and free) replacement of our alternator in the field.

The Department joins the Village in mourning the passing of Madge LeDonne. Madge was a special lady who will be missed. Our thanks to all the residents who have made donations to the Department in her memory.

Minerva Park Runs
4/02: Maplewood Injured Person
4/03: Westerville Rd Mace in the eye
4/14: Cleveland Ave Respiratory Distress
4/17: Minerva Lake Rd Duress Alarm
4/17: Wildwood Chest Pain
4/18: Minerva Lake Rd Difficulty Breathing
4/18: Cleveland Ave Ill Person
4/18: Cleveland Ave Heart Failure
4/18: Cleveland Ave Odor of Gas
4/27: Jordan Rd Stroke
4/28: Minerva Lake Rd Shortness of Breath
4/29: Cleveland Ave Unconscious Person

Note From The Editor

I wish to apologize for any omissions of articles or information this month. If you know of something which was submitted, but not included, please contact me and I will try to include it next month.

The Birthstone of June is the Genuine Pearl

Characteristic: Purity.

The Japanese have developed expertise in breeding oysters specifically for producing cultured Pearls. Today, cultured Pearls are highly desirable for their beautiful lustre. They are traditionally a symbol of good taste and wealth and throughout the ages have been worn by queens and royalty.

Pearls are principally harvested in oysters in the Sea of Japan.

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April showers bring May flowers, but they also bring a flood of annual reports to investors.

However, few people place those reports on their required reading list; many investors don't get much further than the cover. But serious investors know that there is often a wealth of information to be found in annual reports.

The appearance of the report itself might give you some initial clues. Is it colorful and glossy, reflecting an upbeat attitude? Or is it drab and simple with little creativity? Are the CEO and senior executives smiling? Or do they look as if they're grimacing?

Once you've scanned the first part of the report and read the CEO's or president's letter and seen pictures of the company's products and people, look at the income statement, usually found farther back in the report. This will provide you with information on how the company is doing financially.

Check revenues and net income over the past several years to see if there are any trends. Also check net income per share, and compare revenues with expenses.

Then look at the company's balance sheet to see how much long-term debt it is carrying. Also, find the total cash or marketable securities it has on hand and compare the two.

To get an idea of assets to liabilities, divide current assets by current liabilities. A ratio of 2 to 1 is considered desirable.

The balance sheet also will tell you how the company is managing its inventories. An excess of inventories can tip you off to potential trouble.

You can use the balance sheet to calculate cash flow of the company. Take net income and add depreciation and other non-cash charges. Subtract preferred dividends, if any. Compare it to the previous year or two.

Cash flow is important because it shows how poised the company is to add new operations and to pay dividends.

An increasingly important ratio with investors is return on equity (ROE). This tells shareholders how effectively their money is being put to work. This number is calculated by dividing common stock equity or net worth at the beginning of the accounting period into net income for the period after preferred stock dividends but before common stock dividends.

The text of the annual report, usually the CEO's letter, will tip you off about recent changes the company has made regarding strategy or operations. You can learn here whether the company has acquired additional lines of business or expanded operations during the year. These changes should be reflected in the balance sheet.

Doing your homework by studying a company's annual report can help you decide whether or not to invest money in it. You can obtain an annual report by writing or calling the investor relations department of any company.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

The park underwent a housing boom in 1926-28, with lots selling as high as $3,000. Lot sales flourished and in 1928, the celebrated "Overbrook" home was built at the corner of Maplewood Drive and Cleveland Avenue by the Minerva Realty Company. It was purchased by Mr. Isaac Young, who lived there with his wife and family. The home was featured in "Home Beautiful" and hundreds of people from Columbus have toured it.

The "Elms" home located at 2530 Lakewood Drive was also built at this time for Mr. and Mrs. De Vere Kerr. Mr. Kerr was the first president of the Minerva Park Council.

In 1929, like a streak of lightning out of a clear sky, the stock market crashed. Minerva Park quickly developed a stock debt, and future development looked grim. Lots became delinquent, loaded down with back taxes and sewer and water assessments. The crash wrecked the housing boom and by mid-depression, nearly all of the park's lands were forfeited and sold for delinquent taxes and assessments.

An Excerpt from "A History of Minerva Park, USA" Published in March, 1976

VILLAGER's Word of the Month

Ashlar - A noun meaning a squared block of building stone, or a thin dressed rectangle of stone for facing walls.
Hi Neighbor

JUNE 1993

by RBCOUGHER

MADGE LE DONNE

MADGE LE DONNE, EDITOR OF THE VILLAGER SINCE JUNE 1991, LAID DOWN HER BLUE PENCIL FOR THE LAST TIME ON MAY 3RD AT ST. ANN’S HOSPITAL DUE TO A MASSIVE STROKE SHE WAS 79. MADGE WHO LIVED WITH HER DAUGHTER JANET MC DONALD ON JORDON ROAD HAD 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE PRINTING BUSINESS PRIOR TO COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE’ll MISS HER AND OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY.

MICHAEL AND VIRGINIA RIGGINS

VIRGINIA WAS IN CHARGE OF THE GARAGE SALE THIS YEAR WHICH EARNED AROUND $1600 FOR THE M.P.C.A. MICHAEL IS ON THE STAFF OF THE M.P.C.A. BOTH ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING OCCURRING HEREAFTER. THEY HAVE A CUTE LITTLE 6 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER FRANCES, WHO ACCOMPANIES MOMMY EVERYWHERE. MICHAEL AND VIRGINIA MET IN HIGH SCHOOL AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY TOGETHER. HE IS EMPLOYED AS AN ENGINEER WITH THE AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER CO. YOU CAN BLAME HIM IF YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT-YEA, WHY HERE MORE LIKE THEM.

MARYFLORA YOST 68

I'M NOT AS OLD AS I HOPED TO BE, NOR AS YOUNG AS I USED TO BE. I SURELY COULD USE MORE HELP BEAUTIFYING THE PARK. THE WORK IS ESPECIALLY HEAVY AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR-- HERE'S A GOOD CHANCE FOR SOME OF YOU WHO COULD USE THE EXERCISE, TO HELP REPAY FOR WHAT YOU'VE TAKEN FROM US.

OLD BUZZARDS TAKE NOTICE!

WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE NOW IN EFFECT

WHANETTA, AFFECTIONATELY CALLED THE EXECUTIONER BY HER GOLFING SISTERS, SAYS THIS YEAR'S GOAL IS TO ELIMINATE ALL OLD BUZZARDS FROM THE COURSE. A KUSO FOR EVERY ONE YOU SHOOT AND THE GRAND PRIZE IF YOU CAN EXITRINATE THE OLD FLEABAG WHO DRAWS THIS PAGE.

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LARRY AND ERNIE

JIM REINER HAS A LAKE ON HIS PROPERTY WANTING SOME BLUE-BIRD BOXES PLACED THERE-IN. HE ASKED ERNIE IF HE COULD DO THE JOB FOR HIM-SURE ERNIE REPLIED. NO PROBLEM-ERNIE THEN TOLD LARRY INTO CARRYING HIM (ERNIE) ON HIS SHOULDERS, SAID HE HAD TO BE CAREFULLY BECAUSE HE ALWAYS GETS A COLD FROM GETTING HIS FEET WET. AT LAST REPORT ERNIE WAS HOME IN BED, RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA. NOBODY HAS SEEN OR MISSED LARRY SINCE THAT UNEVENTFUL DAY 6 WEEKS AGO-- THE BIRD HOUSES WERE LAST SPOTTED FLOATING DOWN ALUM CREEK.
Police News

4/07 Burglary in progress reported on Kenwood. (False Alarm)
4/07 Breaking and entering in progress reported at a business on Westerville Road. (False Alarm)
4/19 Theft of an unknown amount of tools from a van on East Dublin Granville Road.
4/19 Theft of lawn equipment from a storage shed of a business on Cleveland Avenue.
4/21 Burglary in progress reported on Park Lane Drive. Owner said cat set it off (False Alarm).
4/21 Burglary in progress reported on Minerva Lake Road. (False Alarm)
4/25 Property damage of a mailbox on Wildwood Road.
4/25 Theft of 8 CD's from a business on Cleveland Avenue. Unknown person fled on foot.
4/26 Attempted assault by a possible known person who tried to grabbed a juvenile.
4/26 Assault by a possible known person who grabbed a juvenile by the wrist and attempted to push her to the ground.
4/26 Sexual battery - Several possible known persons did make sexual contact with a juvenile.
4/27 Burglary in progress reported on Minerva Lake Road. (False Alarm)
4/29 Vandalism of the windshield of a van belonging to a business on East Dublin Granville Road.
4/29 Theft - An unknown person(s) did remove several items from a residence on Maplewood Drive without the owners permission.
4/30 Burglary in progress on Maplewood Drive. The garage door was found open, nothing was reported missing.

Letter to the Editor

To: The Residents of Minerva Park

The purpose of this letter is to draw attention to the many amenities of this great community and its repercussions.

We have lived in Minerva Park for 12 years and enjoyed every minute of it. The pool, lakes, fishing, golf course, park and most important - the warm hospitable people, makes Minerva Park what it is - a great place to live.

One of the community attractions, our lakes, draw people from surrounding areas to fish. To a lesser evil, people fish, people litter leaving drink cans, bottles, worm containers, hooks and lines. All to be cleaned up once a year by us - the residents. Also, as testified, our ducks have been victimized by rock throwers.

But something happened on April 26, 1993, that seriously jeopardized the most valuable resource - our kids! Three of our young residents were attacked near the dam by non-resident boys.

All three of these actions are not to be tolerated, the latter never to be condoned. The boys will be found and punished! If we see any suspicious activity REPORT IT NOW!

We as residents need to wake up and be more alert and responsible - protect what we have. Know the dates of village council meetings and attend those meetings in order to voice your concerns. If our rights, freedom and beauty of Minerva Park are taken for granted via inactivity and lack of involvement, then we will sadly lose many of our resources!

Summer months are rapidly approaching which permit more people, those familiar and non-familiar to congregate upon our community. Let us protect Minerva Park!

Randy Ryan, Minerva Park Resident

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