Interview Answers of Teresa Enenbach

- How did your family come to live here? We moved to Prairie Village in 1970 from Columbia, MO when my mom married my stepdad.
- 2. When and where were you born? December 4, 1960 in Columbia, MO
- 3. What kinds of things did you do while growing up? I loved to play outside I was a real tomboy! Climb trees, play softball, loved kickball, loved to put on little "shows" dress up and
 - sing and act, set up a curtain for the "stage" and charge the neighbors 25 cents to watch
- 4. What was your house like? How many rooms? Electricity and plumbing? We had a great old house built in the late 1800s, 3 stories tall, tall high ceilings, 5 bedrooms but only one full bath, just a window air conditioner in the dining room for the whole house, boy it was hot in
 - the summer! We had a garden in the back and grew lots of vegetables. We had a big front porch with a porch swing in which we would swing so high we would make it come off the hooks and fall to the ground we thought that was sooooo funny!
- 5. Did you have any brothers and sisters? What were their names? 3 brothers Rick, Dave and Mike. 2 sisters Diane and Julie
- 6. What did you like to do most for fun? Loved to be outside! In the winters we would build huge forts in the snow and have major snowball fights. In the summer we went swimming at the
 - pool almost every day. We played baseball in our front yard and it was considered a "home run" if we could hit the ball across the street into the vacant lot across from our house. We went to my grandma and grandpa's house a lot to visit.
- 7. Did you have any hobbies? I loved to read, and learned to sew and really liked that

- 8. When did you get your first job? I was 15 years old, and worked at a Sunday brunch at the Glenwood Hotel restocking coffee, and food trays and cleaning up. I wore a really awful polyester dress uniform which itched like crazy! Before that I had a standing babysitting job for our neighbors who owned a restaurant and I worked every Friday or Saturday babysitting for them. Did daytime babysitting during the summer, had to get up early and ride my bike to their house and watch the kids from 7:30-5:30. Long days.
- 9. What importance/emphasis was placed on schoolwork? We were expected to do well in school. Any grade below an A or B was questioned. We were paid for good grades, not much, but I remember getting money for every report card.
- 10. What school activities did you participate in? I played volleyball and basketball. I was a Brownie and Girl Scout. I was a cheerleader in jr. high.
- 11. Did you have chores while growing up? Oh yes, lots of chores. We had to clean the house every weekend dust and vacuum and sweep. We had to work in the garden, picking vegetables and then washing and snapping green beans and peas. We had to set the
 - table every night for dinner and do the dishes after dinner.
- 12. Did you get an allowance while growing up? I remember that I did but it couldn't have been much. Maybe \$1 a week.
- 13. Do you remember any fads from your youth? Hairstyles or clothes? *Mood rings were* big. Pet rocks. Perms for girls' hair. Bell bottom pants. Maxi skirts. Overalls for girls.
- 14. What was your religion when growing up? Catholic . Went to catholic school from 1st to 6th grade.
- 15. Did you attend church? How often? At catholic school, we went to church several times a week. Our family always went to church on Sunday.

- 16. Did you have family dinners? What were they like? We sat down for dinner at 6:00 every night. You pretty much had to be there. You weren't allowed to have a phone call during dinner, and got in trouble if someone tried to call during dinner. Dinner was always big, with a homemade dessert. We joked around at dinner though, it was fun and big and loud.
- 17. Was there inequality when you were growing up? Race or Sex? I do remember there was a lot of racisim against blacks when I was young. I remember the women's movement was just starting when I was a kid, but I didn't really understand it. But I do remember bra burnings and some of the civil unrest of the 60s.
- 18. What do you know about your family's surname? Both Enenbach and Flaspohler are strong German names.
- 19. Have any recipes been passed down from family members? Yes, we have a family cookbook of recipes that was put together by one of my sisters for a wedding. We have lots of recipes from my grandma that we all still make regularly. Her banana bread, her oatmeal cookies, her meatloaf.
- 20. Are there any physical characteristics that run in the family? *The dreaded*"Jurgensmeyer thighs"
- 21. If you could have chosen any profession, what would you have chosen? As I kid, I wanted to be a veterinarian.
- 22. Do you have any major regrets? I wish I had gotten married and had a bunch of kids.
- 23. Do you have any major accomplishments you are proud of? A lot of them: I realized my dream of traveling around the world; I've supported myself my whole life; I've been a

really good supportive daughter to my mom; I love being an aunt and think I've been a big part of my nieces and nephews' lives; I earned two college degrees and earned really good grades; I bought my own home

- 24. What did your family enjoy doing together? Traveling, going to the lake, waterskiing, boating, cooking out, family picnics, eating out, playing cards and games
- 25. Why did you choose your children's names? I don't have any kids