

FEBRUARY 1982

*HOME TOWN NEWS*



**Kelley's  
Island**

**Intimate, Historic, Quietly Elegant**

**Home of the World Famous Glacial Grooves**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF VILLAGE  
COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, January 7, 1982  
Compiled from minutes by Carol Vogler

Councilwoman MARY SHOCK was appointed by MAYOR MCCUNE to act as secretary in the absence of PAT HAIG, who was absent due to a death in the family.

A letter from JAKE MARTIN was read requesting that he be excused from the meeting as he is vacationing in Florida. Roll Call: BIANCHI, No; MATSO, Yes; MYERS, Yes; SCHOCK, Yes; YOSCOVITS, No.

No report from Finance Committee.

**LANDS AND BUILDINGS**

**MATSO reports broken window damage in Town Hall due to athletic activities and a need to repair the fish netting which hangs from the ceiling as protection from basketball and volleyball damage.**

A rate increase from \$15.00 per hour to \$30.00 was approved by council for the services of the Village Solicitor.

MAYOR McCUNE reported that the village will receive \$26,000 from the Ohio Litter Control Grant. He appointed LEYROY MYERS and YOSCOVITS as Financial Committee members to meet with him and discuss what machinery or equipment will be purchased from money allotted.

**VILLAGE CLERK APPLICANTS**

The Mayor reported that four applications were received for the position of Village Clerk. SHARON BIANCHI was appointed to fill the position beginning April 1, 1982. She will work with the present clerk, PAT HAIG, to prepare for the job.

**TAXES**

A letter from Representative FRED DEERING was read concerning the piggyback tax in connection with the business tax. A citizen's vote will be needed if the tax goes over a 1½ percent tax. Issue tabled for more study.

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**OIL AND GAS BIDS**

Bids for oil and gas will be accepted by the council. Solicitor BILL SMITH is preparing the necessary legislation. Those interested may obtain more information by contacting council members or the Mayor.

**LINCOLN ROAD**

A letter was read from Bay Title Research stating that Lincoln Road is the property of the village at the way to the lake. This was recorded in 1859 in the county office according to the report. The Mayor read a letter from BURT MILLER stating he has never stopped a village employee from getting stone. Also he is willing to give the Fire Chief a key, allowing them access to his road on Division Street in case of fire emergency. A lengthy discussion followed. FOX and YOSCOVITS desire the road open at all times. MATSO would rather see them abide by MILLER's wishes rather than a lawsuit. Mayor explains the necessity of opening Island Market and Gruly roadway also. If they force the opening of MILLER's right away, he emphasizes that all should be treated equally.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL LICENSE FEE**

BIANCHI reads a letter from the Environmental Protection Agency concerning Housebill 692 regarding solid waste disposal license fees being raised from \$1.00 to \$1,300.00. Mayor responded that the village has already paid the \$1.00 fee, so will not be immediately subject to the raise.

The Board of Public Affairs' letter was read concerning the hiring of GEORGE BUTTS for Water Consultant in 1982. Council voted unanimously to have Solicitor BILL SMITH draw up necessary legislation.

**BUCKEYE WANDERERS FRIENDS**

A State Park March will be held on the island October 2, 1982 by the Buckeye Wanderers Friends. YOSCOVITS appointed in charge.

# Community Comments

By Coradine Myers

Is there anything more lovely than the Island in winter - especially after a heavy snowfall? All those stately homes along the lake shore made even lovelier with their white blankets - and all the trees and bushes decorated with that fluffy white stuff - beautiful!

It was quite a surprise to wake up on Sunday, Dec. 28th and find the lake frozen - as the lake temperature on Friday was 40 degrees! And it was full of chunks and ridges of ice - so unusual for a first freeze! Took a ride around the island and discovered the reason - from Carpenter's Point all the way past Minshall's - it was all open water!

To this day - Jan. 15th - the lake is still open in parts, which seems so strange, with our below zero weather. Even HUEY LANGE - who has the reputation of being the first to cross over in his truck on the ice, has not yet done so. Ice fishing, of course, has been impossible.

Saw MAYBELLE KEKELIK at the store the other day, and except for a small bandage on her 2 fingers, she seemed fully recovered from her accident that happened just after my last copy went into the mail. She had caught her left hand in the wringer while washing clothes, it was so badly mangled they rushed her by ambulance to Toledo's hospital, which had better facilities for her problem. Had to have skin grafts, which are coming along fine. Happy about that, MAYBELLE!

ZION UNITED METHODIST Church gave their annual Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 20th, and with MARY WALTON back in charge it was very lovely, with all families participating. A coffee hour and Dessert Smorgasbord followed, with plenty for all. Forgot to mention that during the program I nearly ruined it, I got too close to the easel, which was focal point of the program, and got my foot caught on a leg, nearly bringing the whole thing crashing down!

Due to one thing or another we have not been able to attend the weekly Sunday potluck at the VFW Hall. With so many there, we didn't think we'd be missed, so it was a very pleasant surprise to have BUD YOSCOVITS call on us to see why we

hadn't been coming. A great big orchid to the VFW for coming to the aid of JEAN DWELLE! They put plastic over her windows and are considering the purchase of an electric heater to help out when her temperamental furnace chooses not to run, as it did during the recent cold spell.

Speaking of the cold spell, it wasn't so much the cold, as the wind, which blew unceasingly for 2 days, and made it impossible to keep our home warm. It was so very heart-warming tho, to have our children, relations and friends call to see if we were alright! Bless all of you!

On Thursday, Dec. 17th the pupils at Kelleys Island Estes School presented a play called "Santa and the Stowaway". Illness prevented me from attending and so asked PAT SEEHOLZER for a copy of the program to enter names of the cast. They were as follows:

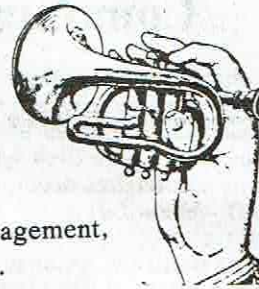
SANTA'S HELPERS - #1 - ROBIN WATKINS, #2 - TERI BIANCHI, #3 - PAM HAIG, #4 - MIKE LUDU. JANIE - LISA MATSO, MRS. SANTA - MELISSA ELLISON, SANTA - ELIC WATKINS. GIRL #1 - TERI BIANCHI, GIRL #2 - ROBIN WATKINS, GIRL #3 - PAM HAIG, BOY #1 - MIKE LUDU. STAGE & SET DESIGN - CHRIS SEEHOLZER, JOHN LUDU.

An Open House followed the play, which reports had it, was very very good, and refreshments were served and had been prepared by school board members and their wives. Also, BUD YOSCOVITS demonstrated the school's new TV.

December was an especially fertile month! First we had the news that my sister's daughter had a baby boy Dec. 10, then JAKIE MARTIN flew over from Sandusky and told us he had two new granddaughters - her daughter Lisabeth's - Dec. 12, a girl, SARAH, and her daughter-in-law JOY's - Dec. 13, - a girl - JENNIFER. As usual, JAKIE played SANTA, and dropped off goodies, like oranges & grapefruits and tangerines at various places, ours included! Many thanks. While here, he had a call from NAOMI JASTOR, to stop by to pick up a quilt she had made for SARAH. And now that very talented lady is working on one for the other granddaughter, JENNIFER.

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# KUCHAR FAMILY THANKS GOOD SAMARITAN, TED BLATT



Some of us are blessed with the friendship of truly remarkable people.

These persons are always there to lend a hand, offer a word of encouragement, and perform any number of helpful chores when the going gets tough.

On Kelleys Island, there are several who qualify for this position, but today we are taking the opportunity to publically thank TED BLATT for his concern and assistance when JEANETTE KUCHAR was recently under the weather.

According to members of the family, Jeanette was hospitalized in Sandusky recently, and could not say enough in praise of Ted for his "Johnny on the Spot" position. Ted picked Jeanette up at the airport and drove her to the hospital when transportation was a major concern. He assisted her in returning to the island when she was happily released from the hospital. This all took place during the unseasonably cold weather suffered in the midwest this winter.

When most of us were bundled up and cozy near our fires, Ted was out and about taking care of his friends as he and wife BONNIE have done for so many in the past.

As one islander recently put it: "Ted personifies the GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY!" We agree, and we applaud you for your generous ways, Mr. Blatt. Your example makes us aware once again of the true meaning of Christianity...God Bless:

.....Editor, Carol



**Intimate, Historic, Quietly Elegant**

**Home of the World Famous Glacial Grooves**

Have you noticed the new logo for Kelleys Island on the front page of HOME TOWN NEWS? It was designed by our artists especially for Kelleys. Stressing the importance of Kelleys Island's finest example of Glacial Grooves in the world, this sets **our island** apart from all the others and provides an excellent basis from which to base advertising and other promotional ideas.

The logo is contemporary, but not too "cute". The heavy print is slashed diagonally for effect...like the grooves, it moves from corner to corner. There is the feeling of continuity by surrounding the lettering with a complete line enclosing the entire logo.

Unlike Put-In-Bay's sailboat amongst the waves shown on all billboards, island stationery and other advertising media, the logo for Kelleys is applicable only to our island. For it alone exhibits the finest remaining grooves in the world. And we feel that apart from the commercial aspects that support the island financially, it is important to expound on the natural beauty, the simplicity and serenity of island life here.

We are proud of our efforts and hope you agree. Why not drop us a line with your thoughts on this project. We would like to have your input!

# REMEMBER WHEN...

*BY Iva Erne*



There were children than dogs on the Island?  
The 'Island Jersey Farm' was in operation?  
Mrs. Michaels baked cookies?  
Fred Schardt rode his bicycle in his 'Red Devil Suit'?  
Steve Kekelik didn't go fishing every day?  
All the children walked to and from school?  
We had cisterns?  
We had rationing?  
We got dishes in the oatmeal boxes?  
We had cow paths?

Don "scratchy" McKillips was brushed off his horse by a low hanging branch?  
there was sand on 'Sand Beach'?  
Sherman Brown flew his Cessna to and from Sandusky every day?  
You could 'Park' in the middle of the street in August?  
Santa Claus came on the fire engine and gave candy to the children in the park?  
The Lake Shore Road only went as far as Dick Biers?  
The farmers sold tons of grapes?  
We paraded from the Town Hall to the cemetery on Memorial Day?

We didn't have the Marina?  
Maxmie Guerlin drove her Model A Ford and Emma Keller her Pontiac?  
We went to the docks with a peck basket to get our fish?  
The minister and priest didn't come on "A Wing and a Prayer" every weekend?

There were no snowmobiles?  
We didn't have locks on our doors?  
We didn't have television?  
We had a 'Ghost House'?  
We had sleigh ride parties?  
The 'Bunny Hop' hopped at Kamp Kellile?

**You've got a friend  
on the other end**



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**March, 1982 completes your Winter subscription.**

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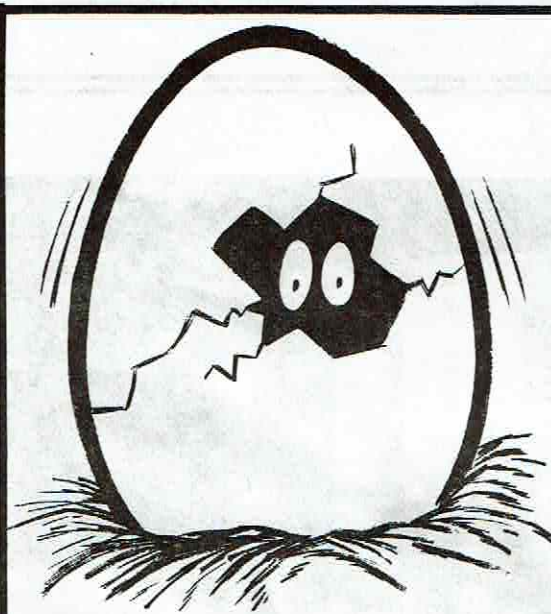
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**C'MON....  
GET OUTA YOUR  
SHELL.....**

**THIS SPRING VISIT  
THE VILLAGE PUMP...  
IT'S NO YOLK!**

# THE VILLAGE PUMP

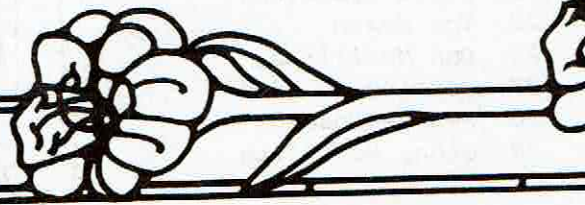
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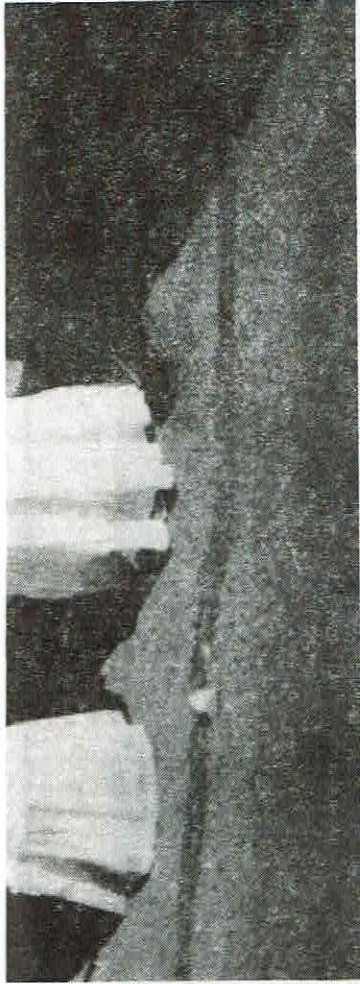
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17   *Vince Gigliotti*  
18   *Marian Biehl*  
19   *Florence Block*
- 20   *Julia Lesczynski*  
23   *Tom Hearn*  
26   *Don McKillips, Jr.*  
27   *Corrine M. Miller*  
28   *George Koscho*  
30   *Ginny McKillips*

Is your birthday represented on our birthday list? If not, it is only because we have not heard from you with the information. Drop us a line today and be included in our list of anniversaries and birthdays appearing each month.....







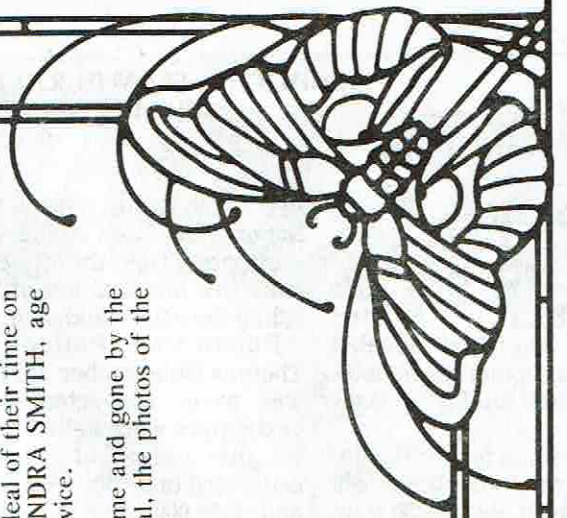
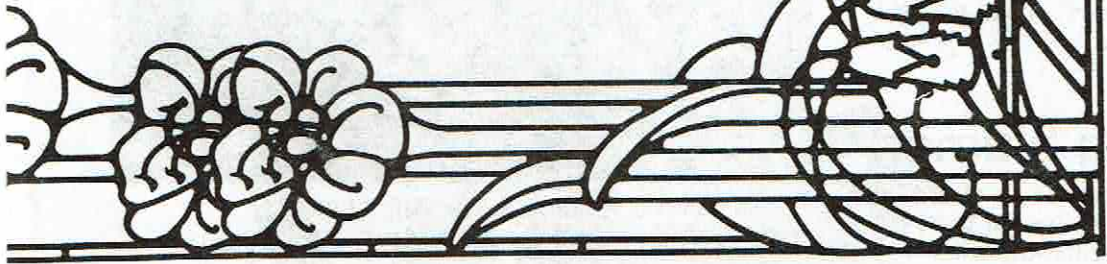


#### ISLANDERS WED IN RECENT CEREMONY AT ST. MICHAELS

LAURIE RIEDY and CLAUDE SMITH were recently wed in a ceremony at St. Michael's Church, Kelleys Island.

Both partners are island people and have spent a good deal of their time on the island during their lives. Claude's two children, SANDRA SMITH, age 13, and C.J. SMITH, age 11, were attendants at the service.

We felt that in lieu of Valentine's Day which will have come and gone by the time this issue is produced, we would share a late arrival, the photos of the new MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE SMITH.



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR NEIGHBOR, PUT-IN-BAY

THURS., JAN. 21, 1982

### Castle Inn burns down

PUT-IN-BAY — A fire Wednesday afternoon leveled the Castle Inn, a landmark hotel and restaurant on South Bass Island.

A spokeswoman for the Put-in-Bay Police said the blaze apparently started about 4:30 p.m. in the upper area of the two story building, and burned for about 15 minutes before it was discovered.

Firefighters were sent to the scene, but were unable to save the wood and brick structure, which burned to its concrete foundation in less than an hour. Fire crews remained at the scene all night.

Several occupants, all believed to be employees, were in the inn when the fire started, and were able to get out of the building safely. Several of the occupants were treated for minor bruises and smoke inhalation.

The cause of the blaze and the estimated damage have not been determined. It is not believed the cause of the fire is of suspicious nature, but investigators from the office of the state fire marshal will probably be contacted.

### Wiring blamed

PUT-IN-BAY — An electrical malfunction is thought to be the cause of a Wednesday afternoon

fire which destroyed the Castle Inn on South Bass Island, but investigators from the office of the state fire marshal are officially ruling the cause unknown.

Put-In-Bay Police Chief Thomas Ohlemacher said arson was never suspected, but investigators were called because of the value of the loss, estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. The 100-year-old building burned to its foundation in less than an hour, despite ef-

forts by island firefighters.

The operators of the inn, A and Joanne Poulous, lived there and were in the process of purchasing it. The building is owned by Robert Yarborough of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Ohlemacher said the Poulouses had put a lot of money into refurbishing the interior of the inn and had planned to make exterior improvements this spring.



PROOVEN FISHERMEN AT THE GERRYS!  
Karen, Bob, Crissy, Paul & Jim display their catch on Kelleys Island this past season. The count-down is on for a new year as ferry begins March 24th 1982!

# NO FOOLIN'

# Spring

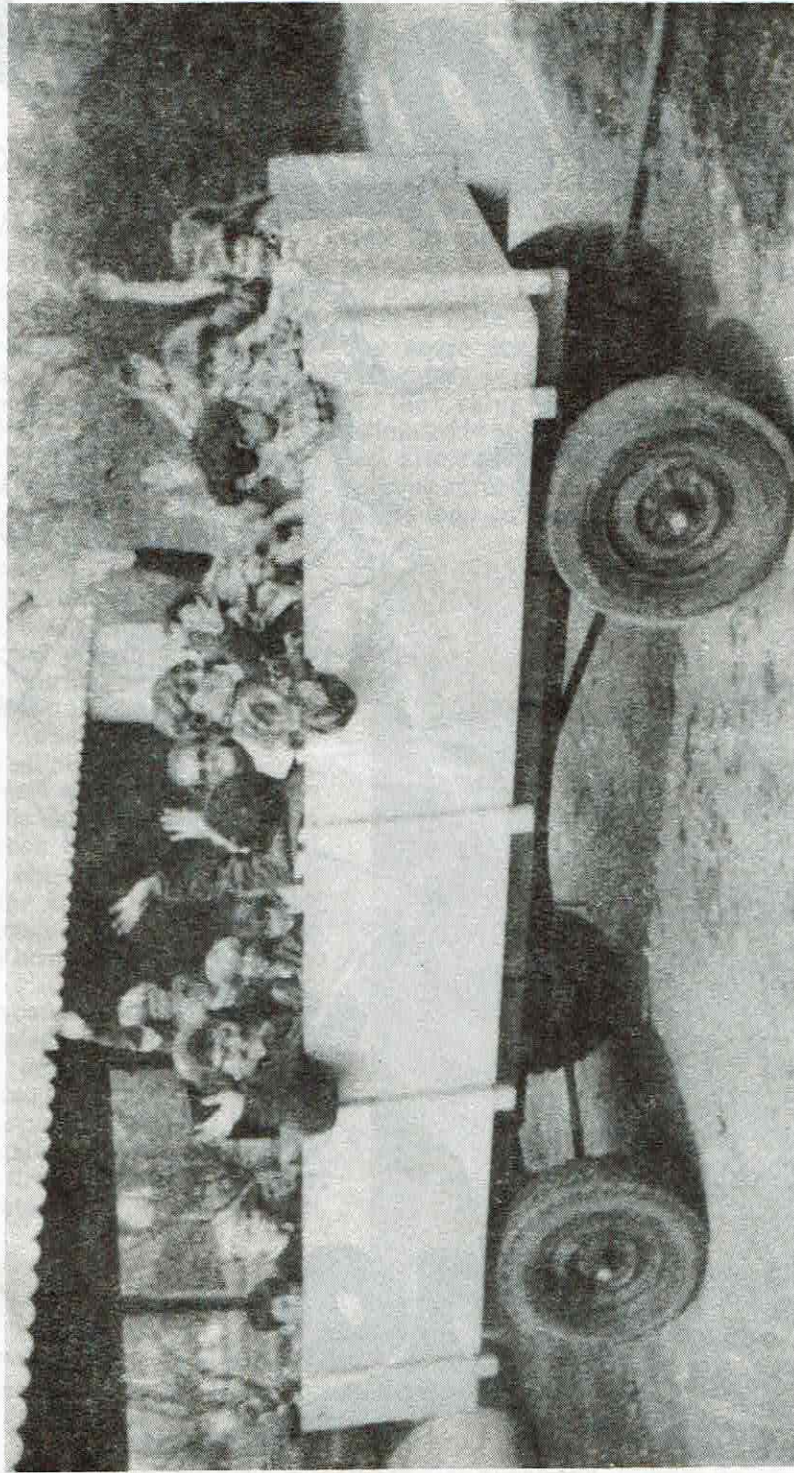
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DIRTY DON'S

# Casino



## ISLAND SHORTS



### KELLEYS ISLAND HAYRIDE FOR GOBLINS

What began several years ago as an October "happening" has apparently become an annual event....the HAYRIDE for island youngsters. Combining the talents and generosity of islanders as well as weekend cottage owners, the event is always enjoyed by kids of all ages. Since we ran the names of those to be thanked in a previous issue, we will now just print the photo, which speaks for itself.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

By Elko Sennish

Feb. 10, 1934

A well is being dug at the Glacial Grooves Park for the convenience of the future expected tourists and a bath house is being made to accommodate the bathers.

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The local Hill Billy Band which was started by ROY O. HINCH and WILLIAM MARTIN is to entertain after the High School Operetta Friday night. A vocal duet will be sung by BERNADETTE BAUMAN and MARY SEEHOLZER.



THE REV. A.C. PESSEFALL and the REV. MOORE, local pastors, are conducting a weekly class for foreign born residents who wish to take out naturalization papers. The class is composed chiefly of Slavs and Italians, some of them men who have been employed in the local quarries for 25 years or more.



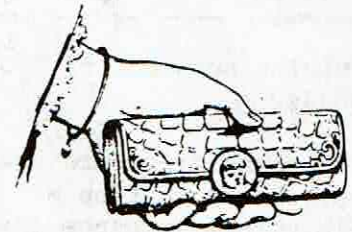
ISLAND LADIES TO HOLD BALL  
February 9, 1934

Church Benefit Arranged for Monday Evening

Ladies of the Kelleys Island Catholic parish, in an attempt to raise funds for church improvements, will present a benefit masked ball Monday evening, Feb. 12.

ELKO M. SENNISH, PAUL BAUMAN, FRANK HAIG and ROSELLA BEATTY have volunteered to furnish music for the evening.

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# DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

Early Spring Schedule from Sandusky, Wednesday March 24th through Friday, April 2nd, 1982:

LEAVE SANDUSKY

LEAVE KELLEYS ISLAND

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS	
7:00 AM	8:15 AM
3:00 PM	4:15 PM

TUESDAYS	
NO SCHEDULED SERVICE	

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING Nov. 26th ONLY	
3:00 PM	4:15 PM

FRIDAYS	
10:00 AM	11:15 AM
3:00 PM	4:15 PM

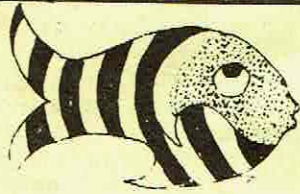
SATURDAYS	
9:00 AM	10:15 AM
3:00 PM	4:15 PM

SUNDAYS	
3:00 PM	4:15 PM

No vehicles accomodated from Sandusky on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

Weekday round trip auto special rate will be in effect for shoppers trips must be made in advance at our K.I. office. Only 7 vehicles can be accommodated on each of these trips, and, of the 7 vehicles, only one can be a van or equivalent type vehicle.

Subject to change without notice



**REPORT LARGE FISH CATCHES  
NEAR KELLEYS  
Arthur McKillips Sets New Hook And Line  
Record of 90 In Single Day  
February 9, 1934**

At the first report of a large catch the number of fishermen on the island began to enlarge and now there are over thirty fish shanties about the island with each fisherman reporting a large catch every day.

The record for one day is held by ARTHUR MCKILLIPS who has caught 90 fish. The largest fish caught was a five pound pickerel, which was snagged by FRANK SENNISH. The average catch at present is about 60 per day, and that is very close to the record held by the old timers of the island.

**Winter fishing on the island is merely a winter sport and the catches are usually distributed among friends and relatives.**

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**CROSSES LAKE WITH ICEBOAT  
Trip From Kelleys To Lakeside First in Five Years**

The first successful crossing of the ice by iceboat from this island to Lakeside in about five years was accomplished here today by RAY ELFERS, local iceboat enthusiast.

Elfers made the four mile trip today after having tried unsuccessfully Thursday. He made good time in a brisk wind, but suffered considerably from the intense cold.

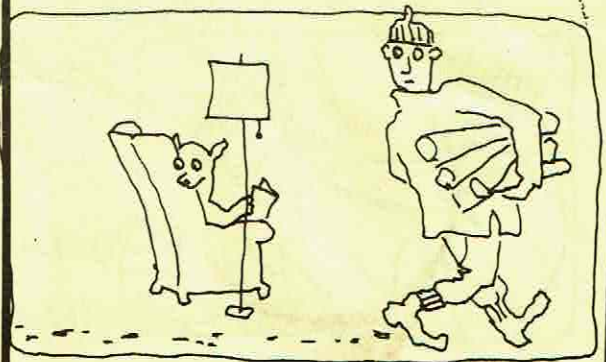
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Elfers and several other local iceboat owners planned to attempt a trip to Sandusky Saturday if the weather holds. Other residents were considering driving their automobiles from Kelleys to Lakeside. It is reported that the ice is from eight to ten inches thick, sufficient to hold the weight of an automobile and passengers.

CLARENCE DUIGNAN of this place, accompanied by the REV. FR. DESMOND MOORE, local priest, made a trip to Put-In-Bay today in seven minutes, they reported.

Only one mishap had been reported. ALFRED MCKILLIP, Kelleys Island, escaped drowning when his boat crashed through the ice a mile and a half south of the island. McKillips was thrown into the water, clambered out and crawled a hundred feet across thin ice to safety. He and a group of friends later hauled the iceboat to shore.





Corvaine

Hope all of you will have a very happy and successful 1982.



Remember the song "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever"? Well, on those very rare days when the air is clear, I automatically think of those words, but change the wording a bit to "On a clear day, I could look forever", because it so wonderful now with my new vision to be able to make things out way over on the mainland that used to be just a blur to me. MARBLEHEAD LIGHT, THE COAST GUARD STATION, houses and cottages way over at Put-In-Bay. At a recent meeting of the WOMEN OF ZION, I was asked if anything had happened to me in 1981, for which I felt grateful and I said "Of course! My eye surgery, for now I can see!"

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The newly weds, JOHN & SANDY STARE, came to spend the weekend with their aunt THERESA BUSCI, and SANDY's matron of honor SUE KRITZ came also, along with SANDY's brother BILL KOENIGASSER, and we were all at one table at MATSO's, had a very enjoyable evening.

The VFW should be grateful that LEE and I alternate between their New Year's Eve party, and the one at MATSO's - because on the years we do not attend, they have a good crowd and good food, but when its time for us to go to their party, we always fix it, bringing bad weather and maintaind-stranded party goers! Last year, being our year at VFW, was like that, such bad weather the planes werent flying and about 40 or more were stranded in Sandusky. This year, being at MATSO's, they had no problems!

Speaking of quilts, reminds me of another very talented lady - ETHEL FOX, who has been making quilts for all her "girls" - daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, etc. and has them marked and stored away! Have seen several of those she has finished and they are very beautiful. Hope the "girls" realize how fortunate they are.



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