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Remembering honor



Memorial Day photos by Glenn Holzhauser.

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Another year has passed since Kelleys Islanders--resident, visitor, resident-to-be--gathered around the tall flagpole as two flags towered over us, flapping in the morning breezes. We gathered to remember our friends and family who gave their lives in battle.

Members of Kelleys Island VFW Post 9908 paraded from the Hall to the cemetery in sync--a proud group of men and a few women who served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard and saw action all over the world. Standing erect and proud behind their flag, the memories of their private skirmishes tucked away from public view, these men and women were the visual testimony to what the national day of memorializing is all about.

Solemnly lowered to half staff, the vibrant Stars-and-Stripes and the dark reminder of those who haven't returned silenced the gathering children, young families, and inter-generational clans scattered among Kelleys Island graves. Many waved little flags. Even the dogs settled down.

Wreaths were laid by Commander Don Koshla, Pat Seeholzer, and George Homegardner to fallen comrades, often their

own friends and family. Acting Quartermaster Bob Schwartz's booming voice, his faithful dog settled at his side and listening just as intently as the people gathered near, recalled the reason for this day of recognition, its history, and its enduring significance. He visualized for us the sight at Flander's Field, one of the most poignant visual memories for those of us who never saw a battlefield. Chaplain Bill Gorchester read a prayer, and Jim Wojtowicz retold the tragic story of the origins of playing taps, which came about because of a Union officer's mercy for a groaning Confederate soldier dying in the night, not knowing it was his own son whose body he tried to rescue. Haunting bagpipes, played by John Carrig, and patriotic songs offered by the Island Singers under the direction of Jennifer Koba framed the celebration and its reverent mood.

Post 9908 lost two members this year, L. J. Greek and Jim Hodgson, whose memorial funeral services were conducted with honors by their VFW fellows. Membership in the VFW is available to servicemen and women who participated in an overseas deployment. Those interested should contact Mike Feyedelem.

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27th Annual 5K and 10K Runs- June 14

With each year's running of the Kelleys Island Chamber & Visitors Bureau's Annual 5K and 10K Run, the participation increases. Last year, more than 450 runners participated making it the largest number recorded. This year, the Run will be held on Sunday, June 14th, and supervised by the Firelands Area Runners Club of Sandusky and coordinated by the Bouman and Lawson families of Kelleys Island. Registration for the Run begins at 8:00 am, with a starting time of 10:45 am. Pre-Registration for the Run is \$10.00 with a T-shirt and \$8.00 without a shirt. On Run Day, the fee is \$12.00, and \$10.00 without a T-shirt. There will also be a 1-mile Fun Run at 11:45 am, with a \$1.00 entry fee. Some of the proceeds from the event will benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We're pleased with the tremendous response from the running community who continue to choose our race as their Spring Run. The Run is great because of the beautiful run along the shore and the tremendous support of the island Community," said Shannon Lawson, Run coordinator.

"This is a remarkable event," said Lisa Klonaris, KICVB President. "It is a prime example of the Kelleys Island community spirit. Many islanders provide the runners with water, assist with traffic control and make the runners feel welcome along the route. Several downtown businesses provide places for the runners to change and use their restrooms. The cooperation of the EMTS, and the Police Department also contributes to the success of the day."

Ray Bouman, Run coordinator, said, "The weather always makes it a perfect day for a Run along the lakeshore. Our families are very thankful and proud to be able to organize the Run to benefit the KI Chamber & Visitors Bureau and the National Breast Cancer Foundation."

On Saturday night, Runners can load up on carbs at the Captain's Corner Restaurant, who will be offering a special Pasta dinner. "Of course you don't have to be a runner to come out and enjoy the Pasta," said Marge Hammond of Captain's Corner.



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Heart-and-head-felt donation to Locks of Love

Olivia Schnittker, daughter of Ron and Barb Schnittker, has been growing her hair for awhile in order to donate to Locks of Love. A couple of weeks ago, she had 12 inches of her hair cut off at Looks in Sandusky on Perkins Ave., by Marlene Corso, to donate it.

She saw some sick girls on TV last fall and wondered why they didn't have hair. Her parents explained to her that they took medicine because they were very sick and that they couldn't grow hair for awhile, and that they wore wigs for awhile. She decided to grow her's out "because she can" and to give the girls some hair "so they don't look like a boy anymore."

Photo: Marlene Corso and Olivia Schnittker, proudly holding her dearly donated 12" "Locks of Love."

Photo by Barb Schnittker.



Hancock Wood reaches out regarding cap and trade allowances

The following went to all KI home and business owners in early May:

Dear Hancock-Wood member:
We Need Your Help!

Congressional hearings are already underway on energy and climate change legislation, which centers on a proposal to create a cap-and-trade program to limit carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions. If passed, the program would set national limits on these emissions and force electric generating plants such as Buckeye Power to obtain emission allowance credits to continue to operate its coal plant. Under

this proposal, allowance credits would either be allocated to each entity or auctions off to the highest bidder.

The problem with either approach is that they increase costs on the electric consumer in advance of the development and deployment of a viable technology that allows for the capture of carbon. This program is essentially a tax that is created to generate a revenue stream that Congress can use to fund other government initiatives.

There are those in Congress who feel that electric rates must rise in order to force consumers to change their behaviors as it pertains to pro-

tecting the environment. U.S. Representatives Henry Waxman of California and Ed Markey of Massachusetts intend to have a climate change proposal ready for a vote by May 31, 2009. Their proposal, under its current language WILL INCREASE YOUR ELECTRIC RATES. Utilities support Climate change legislation, but feel that any proposal must consider the cost impact on consumers.

It is crucial for Congress and electric cooperatives to work together. I urge you to review the enclosed brochure and take action immediately by support "Our Energy Our Future" campaign and by joining "Co-Op

Owners for Political Action. Grassroots support from cooperative consumers across the U.S. will ensure that our voices are heard in Congress.

Please do not take this request lightly. Your help is urgently needed.

You may mail the enclosed form with your next bill payment if you choose to participate in these important initiatives.

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Contributions from this benefit will be used to finish the construction of a therapy room with adjoining bed/bath suite to suit Claire's specific needs. We want to thank Bret and Lynn, owners of the Caddy Shack in advance, for giving us a way to raise funds to finish our project and a place to raise awareness for Rett Syndrome.

Claire was diag-

nosed at 3 years old with Rett Syndrome. Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that primarily affects girls. It is the most debilitating Autism Spectrum disorder. Girls with Rett Syndrome lose all functional hand use and the ability to speak. Claire is unable to walk and takes medication to control seizures. Along with constant care, Claire needs all forms of therapy.

Contributions made here will be used for the construction of a therapy room with adjoining bed/bath to suit Claire's specific needs. Without being

wheel chair accessible, we do a lot of carrying to get her from place to place for simple daily routines. Claire is just over 40 inches tall and weighs about 37 pounds. (Her big eyes and smile weigh the most.) This purposeful space is much needed for Claire and her team of family, friends and therapists.

See further information on auction items on page 27 and print out event fliers to pass out at KelleysIsland.com

Thank you, Gretchen, David, Claire and Natalie Hermes

Hosted by Bret and Lynn at the Caddy Shack Restaurant on June 6, 2009 from 4-8pm. Claire is the adorable daughter of David and Gretchen Hermes, granddaughter of Tim and Beth Hermes, and she suffers from Rett Syndrome.

Advance Sales for entrance to this event can be purchased for \$10 at many of the local business on Kelleys Island. There will be door prizes and





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Kelleys Island Student Field Trip



Junior High and High School Students traveled to San Antonio, Texas for a week-long field trip. Pictured here in front of the Alamo L-R: Mr. Jude Lill, Mallory Coulon, Kyle Joyce, Ty Bell, JP St. Julian, Bobby Coulon, and Tyler St. Julian. Not pictured: Mr. Phil Thiede and Ms. Amy Krajnak



Above: Kyle and Mallory listen to the tour guide while on a guided riverboat tour of the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

Right: While in San Antonio, Mallory Coulon turned another year older. The students celebrated with ice cream cake. Pictured are Ms. Amy Krajnak and Mallory.



EHOVE Manufacturing Tech students partner with Edison for fence project

MILAN – EHOVE students remain connected to their associate/home schools, and 280 feet of fence fabricated by Manufacturing Tech students will link the Career Center and Edison High School well into the future.

EHOVE students, applying welding skills, recently completed a 280 feet of fence in sections that will be installed between Edison High School and Chargers Athletic fields. Harbor

Town in Vermilion will finish/powder coat the fence. The fence is the second major project EHOVE students have undertaken for Edison. Last year, Manufacturing Tech students fabricated steel mesh lockers for the fieldhouse, replacing battered wood storage cabinets built in the 1980s.

At a retail value of approximately \$12,000, the fence represents a huge savings for Edison and a great practi-

cal learning experience for EHOVE students. EHOVE carpentry instructor Bob Wilhelm was responsible for bringing the job on campus, as he lives in the Edison district and is an Edison Athletic Booster Club member.

EHOVE Manufacturing Tech instructor Skip Frost said the project required a lot of tooling, print reading and welding expertise. "This was an

excellent project involving distortion control, precise measurements and TIG welding, a more artistic type of weld," said Frost. Students playing a major role in this project include Brock Gallup (Edison); Tylor Barker (Western Reserve); Kyle Joyce (Kelleys Island); Shane Martin (Perkins); Brandon Hoover (Norwalk) and John Sparks (Monroeville).

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Elaine Lickfelt

WE DID IT! Yes, we did! The count by Mike Feyedelem and Chief Ehrbar on March 1, 2009 was 128. On April 25, 2009 131 of the full time winter residents of Kelleys Island, Ohio read "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The celebration was hosted by the Sandusky Library on April 30. It began soon after the arrival of the 3:30 p.m. ferry. David Kipen, Program Director of the National Endowment for the Arts arrived in The Big Read Mobile and bought the pizza he promised if we neared our goal. Members of Sandusky Library Board of Directors, administrative staff, guests and staff arrived in the browns backers bus, followed by news media and other special guests.. Mayor Rob Quinn even flew in through a short break in the rainy fog.

The welcome came from Larry Corbus as he remembered how KI passed its first Sandusky Library levy by 94 to 4. He thought they were speaking of a percentage, NO, that was the actual count.

Kelleys Island's support of the library has always been phenomenal. Mr. Corbus then introduced Mr. John Hancock, President of the Sandusky Library Board of Directors. He spoke of the board's appreciation of Kelleys Island and the library's patrons. Bob Quinn spoke on behalf of the Kelleys Island School Board. Not enough can

be said of their support, participation and encouragement. All of the school staff participated from the Principal/Superintendent, administrative and teaching staff, students, secretary and janitor, but only counted were the staff living on the island, no day-flyers.

Terri Estel coordinator of the Big Read programs for all Erie County spoke about the overwhelming participation on the other side of the pond. She and Lori Esposito had nominated Kelleys Island for participation at 100%.

I said a few words to thank everyone, especially for the support of Kim and Rob Watkins who leaned on everyone brave enough to go into the Island Market during the Big Read.

Michael Kryznovek, KI School student, was presented with a framed copy of the logo he designed for the Kelleys Island Big Read. His mother received about 100 copies of the flyers for the event, so she could share some of her son's work.

Our guest from Washington DC, Mr. David Kipen, spoke of his appreciation and amazement for reaching the goal. He was also very grateful that he didn't have to eat the book. Mr Kipen read several proclamations. Among them one from the State of Ohio Senate and one from the Sandusky Library Board of Directors which has nominated



Photo from Sandusky Register
Octavia Schnittker, Lisa Klonaris (KI School secretary) and Olivia Schnittker attend the Big Read Pizza Party celebration for 100% participation in the Big Read.

Kelleys Island Big Readers as Citizens of the Year to the Ohio State Library Board. Other proclamations keep coming.

What did we do to deserve this praise? We read a book, all of us, at the same time, for the simple pleasure and joy of reading. It was great fun and it has bought positive international attention to our beloved Kelleys Island.

If you'd like to check it out Google Big Read Blog and click on May 8th. You will see some of us there.

Take a look at some of the proclamations elsewhere in this paper.

Coverage and response has been overwhelming. Coverage was seen on the National Endowments website, in the *Morning Journal*, *Toledo Blade* and several articles in the *Sandusky Register*. Feedback came in from Manchester Guardian and Russia, by people all over the United States, even from the United Kingdom. Islander Pete Legere said his friend called when he heard about us on CNN.

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2009 KIHA Home Tour announces homes

Annalee

The Kelleys Island Historical Association's (KIHA) 2009 Home Tour will be held Sat., July 11 from 12 -5 p.m. As in the past, the tour will begin at the Old Stone Church, 224 Division St. Tickets and booklets with map and background on the homes will be available there, as well as refreshments.

The new museum building will be open, where visitors will be able to see the major progression of the interior finishing. Six historical homes plus the Glacial Grooves are also on

the tour.

Homes include - The William Burger house and mortuary on Division owned by William and Laura Von Benken; the Thomas/Charles Quinn house (formerly Michael Krupa owner) on Woodford owned by Michael and Yvonne Maschek; the Patrick Duignan house (formerly Rockaway Bed & Breakfast) on West Lakeshore Dr., owned by Jim and Barbara Zeller; the Cameron house on Division owned and operated as a Bed & Breakfast by Ed and Caroline Jorski;

and one other home to be announced in our next issue.

Guided information at Glacial Grooves will be available for tour members.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For special group rates call Ed Frindt 419-746-2754. To volunteer as a guide in the homes, call Annalee 419-746-2519.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of Kelleys Island history. KIHA does ask that all volunteers be mem-



bers. There is a membership form in this paper in the KIHA ad.

Sponsorship still available for KI Film Fest

2009 Sponsors- Add Your Name to the List!

This is original artwork for the 2009 Film fest sans the logos of this year's sponsors. It's not too late to be one! Current sponsors are: The Village Pump, Erie Island Coffee, Kelleys Island Venture Resort, Jet Express, Daniel Weaver, Digger Schwartz, and United Insurance.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to make this year's film festival possible in these economic times. We've raised about half the money it takes to put the show on, and we're cautiously optimistic the remainder will come in.

The show will go on, but if you or your business can help us out, we can continue this great attraction in 2010.

Any business or perhaps a group of one or two businesses still has the opportunity to participate as a sponsor for the 2009 KI Film Fest, which will be held Fri. and Sat., Aug. 7 & 8.

The film fest's producer Alan Glazen reported that the show is working hard to secure all the funding for the event, which is then offered

FREE to the public. A full 100% of proceeds collected at the event go directly to Kelleys Island charities: KI EMTs, KI Fire Department and the KI Audubon Club.

"A \$500 sponsorship garners major visibility for our supporters," said Glazen. This visibility includes a poster with sponsor logos prominently placed, a banner which will be hung at the ferry dock on marblehead with sponsor logos and lots of news exposure, as almost every paper in the region covered the festival the last two years. In addition, a full 40-ft logo of each sponsor is shown on the screen before, between and after the films.

Additional sponsorship with naming rights is also available for additional costs. LaFarge held this position for the first two years.

For further information, additional details or to make a donation, please e-mail jackiefinger@aol.com or aglazen@me.com if you can help with sponsorship or for any further information.

This year's films are:

FRIDAY, Aug. 7:

early: MAMMA MIA

late: THE GRADUATE

SATURDAY, Aug 8:

early: KUNG FU PANDA

late: BLADE RUNNER

2009 KELLEYS ISLAND OUTDOOR FILM FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th

early **MAMMA MIA**

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early **KUNG FU PANDA**

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Marianne Wegener,
Kelleys Island Police Department

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As a result of our participation in this campaign in 2007, we received a new radar unit for our cruiser.

The enforcement of this campaign results in saved lives, and reduced injuries. We would like to see an 85 percent usage in Ohio this year. We would like to thank you ahead of time for helping us reach that goal. Be safe...Buckle up!

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Everyone is having an obvious good time making tiny orange traffic cones a few years back at Zion United Methodist Church VBS.

Zion United Methodist Church is once again offering its popular Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 22 through 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church. Zion is located at the corners of Division and Chappel Strs.

School-age children from kindergarten through middle school are welcomed to participate in crafts, activities, and age-appropriate group Bible study. Older teens are invited to assist teachers in conducting the school's crafts and lessons.

All events are overseen by a dedicated and experienced staff of adult volunteers.

There is no cost for participation, and all children are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Pre-registration is encouraged to allow staff to prepare adequate crafts, materials, and snack items, and flyers are available around the island.

Sari Kelley, a teacher in the VBS program for many years, will be directing this year's activities. Look for flyers at the Post Office and island businesses such as the Island Market and Kelleys Island mainland boat dock office.

If you have questions, please call the church at 419-746-2514 to leave a phone number and someone will get back to you.



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Island sons and daughters continue to serve our country in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those known to be currently serving in our military include Commander Mike Feyedelem, USN, and Lt. Col. Chris Feyedelem, USMC (sons of Vi and Mike Feyedelem); Andy Holmes (son

of Rick Homes and Peggy Bradburn); Werner Minshall Jr, (son of Werner and Joan Minshall and grandson of Fran Minshall); and Michael Mathes (son of Annalee); Joseph St. Julian (son of Jim and Marie St. Julian, and grandson of Nancy St. Julian).

NOTE: While battlefield and post-war injuries claimed the lives of so many defenders of freedom in past wars, the wars of Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan are adding a new casualty. Men and women whose injuries were likely have resulted in death in the past have been reclaimed to life

today, though their injuries are often traumatic losses of limb, function, and feature. While these casualties of war are thankfully counted among the living, their need for our gratitude, compassion, and recognition of profound sacrifice is no less needed at this time of remembering honor.

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June 13th
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June 27th
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2009 KIHA CALENDAR

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Tour of Homes

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Art Show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Butterfly Festival

Perkins High School swimming champions have lifetime KI connection

Katie Mack:

Parents Steve and Julie Mack

Freshman at Perkins High School

Earned 1st year varsity letter award in Swimming and Diving.

At the District Swim Meet, Feb. 21, 2009, at BGSU, Katie qualified and swam in the 100 butterfly.

Received Perkins High School Swimming and Diving - Most Improved Award.

2009, at BGSU, at BGSU Camille was District Champion in the 100 butterfly, qualified and swam in the 200 freestyle and was a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Qualified for the 100 butterfly at the State Swim Meet in Canton Ohio, Feb. 25, 2009.

Marisa Cremean:

Parents Steve and Erin Cremean

Senior at Perkins High School.

Earned 4th year varsity letter award in Swimming and Diving.

At the District Swim Meet, Feb. 21, 2009, at BGSU, at BGSU Marisa qualified and swam in the 100 butterfly & 100 backstroke and was a member of the 200 freestyle relay.

At the State Swim Meet in Canton,

Camille Cremean:

Parents Steve and Erin Cremean

Freshman at Perkins High School

Earned 1st year varsity letter award in Swimming and Diving.

At the District Swim Meet, Feb. 21,



Pictured L-R, Marisa Cremean, Camille Cremean and Katie Mack.

Photo by Steve Mack.

Ohio, Feb. 25, 2009: qualified and swam as a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Received Perkins High School Swimming and Diving - Coaches Award.

Earned Perkins High School Scholar Athlete designation.

Championship Meet - 1st place
Sectional Championship Meet - 1st place

Northwest Ohio District
Championship Meet - 3rd place
State Championship Meet - 16th place

In addition to being the daughter of Steve and Julie Mack, Katie Mack is the granddaughter of Paul and Gail Mack. The Cremean family has a home on the island in the Sweet Valley subdivision.

Perkins High School Swimming and Diving team accomplishments:

Dual Meet Record: 11 - 0
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Championship Meet - 1st place
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Super skier/snowboarder slides the slopes at Steamboat

Will Toldy, 14, Perkins Township, with family on the east side of Kelleys Island, qualified this past winter for the Nastar Nationals in skiing and snowboarding and was invited to compete in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, this past March.

He placed 2nd in snowboarding and 3rd in skiing, making him the first person in Nastar to receive a medal in both categories. He is a member of the Peek n Peek Junior Race Team in New York.

Will attends Briar Middle School. He is the son of Ann Stahl-Lorenz and stepfather, Randy Lorenz. They are related to the Huntley and Beatty families.

Kids comment on island clean up...let's listen and learn

As we reported in our last issue, Earth Day was celebrated by the students and staff of Kelleys Island School on Friday, April 24th with an Island-wide trash and recyclables cleanup. Some of the students wrote letters to the community to build awareness from a first-person point of view. Below are some clips from the student letters.

Crystal Krzynowek: The Kelleys Island School has taken a day off of the daily grind in the classrooms to get out and clean up the island. We separated the recyclables and non-recyclables, got great exercise, and learned about keeping our environment clean. We had pickup trucks overflowing with garbage bags. We have seen it all, from the beaches by West Bay, to the Airport Runway.

The KI students and staff have cleaned up the island and we are all hoping that everyone can help us keep it cleaner than it was. Even though tourist season is here, we can still try and keep the place looking great. So, the next time you throw your pop can out the window, save it and recycle it because pop cans can take up to 500 years to decompose, you know!

Billy Minshall: The littering on Kelleys Island today has had a very big impact on the environment.

People all over the place have been running around and littering more than ever and we need to minimize the amount of people that are littering as well as how much it hurts the environment.

Some of the littering that I have seen has had a big impact on the environment. There are many things of trash that animals have swallowed or

got stuck in that have led to that animal's death. I have also seen many people that have just thrown their trash out the window of their cars with no care for the environment. It was amazing that people would not even think about what they were doing to the environment. So littering has really hurt the environment, but hopefully people will realize what

they are doing.

Although many people realize that what they just threw into the wilderness hurts it many people still try to do these things. There has been many animals that have died, but as long as we can get people to stop throwing away trash we can save the environment.

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Veterans Honor Mother's Day

Mary Ann Monak

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Commander Bob Peroni at the helm in the kitchen was assisted by Duane Goebel, Paul Longlott, Dave Morehead, Bob Dewey, and Mike Garrard; Senior Vice Commander Lu Hamit enjoyed his duties as cashier and gifting each lady with a carnation.

Special thank you to our Police and the Lakeside Fire and Rescue Department for their assistance to our guest with breathing problems.

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Island to get its runway

Mayor Rob Quinn

As you are all aware by now, the constituents on Kelleys Island voted overwhelmingly in support of the village's airport resurfacing program. The recent levy passed a roughly 80 percent approval vote. Myself and all of Council thank you.

I attribute the success of the program to our having the ability to get the word out to the people through direct mail, our web site, and the support of Kelleys Life. In addition, the issue had full council support, and the airport levy issue was very specific. These were all key components to the success of the levy.

One thing I have always suspected and now have confirmed is that the residents are not as apprehensive about spending money when they know exactly what it is for. Often times increases in operating levy's are more difficult to pass because people are not comfortable with what it may

be spent on.

We are still working on some additional grant dollars for the project that will take a couple of months to finalize. Our expected plan is to complete the paving project by no later than the end of August.

In other news, we are working on a plan to rehabilitate the basketball court at the park on Addison into a combination basketball and tennis court. The present condition of the court is poor and the addition of tennis should be a welcome component to our village. Tennis is a great sport that can be played with as little as two people and does not age discriminate. The addition of offering tennis will be an asset to our school kids, our seniors, our tourists, and everyone in between. My hope is to have this project completed by this fall.

A notice to all boaters: The buoys have been placed along the south side of the island to create a safer boating experience in the congested

marina/business district. Please be aware of their placement and operate inside the buoys without a wake.

At the May council meeting, representatives from both the Coast Guard and Homeland Security were in attendance to discuss their 2009 season. As a result of our position in the western basin and proximity to the border, we can expect a great deal of patrolling by both agencies and the Division of Watercraft.



Happy Birthday

JUNE

- 1- Jonathan Schodowski
- 2- Jessica Schodowski
- 2- Keegan McCafferty
- 3- Terry Kranyak
- 8- Lauren Kranyak
- 9- Erin Sandvick
- 15- Doug Karpowicz
- 16- Eric Elfers
- 17- Dot Simonds
- 17- Kristen Pascoe Krecic
- 18- Kevin Holmes
- 18- Elizabeth Overcashier
- 19- Ernie Bell
- 19- Kimberly Holmes
- 19- Mac Quillin
- 22- Ty Bell
- 24- Don Alexander
- 25- Megan Haig
- 25- Andy Quillin
- 30- Joan Quillin

Editor's note: We are looking to update our calendar with islander's birthdays. Please email Amy (amykelleys@gmail.com) with your island family's birthdays.... no years needed. Thank you. Also, in our updating process, we may accidentally omit a birthday. If we forgot yours, please let us know!

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KELLEYS ISLAND RULES & REGULATIONS

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For more detailed info contact police dept.

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- They are not to be used off-roading
- Driver's License: Golf carts require a valid operator's license.

OPEN CONTAINER LAW: Ohio law prohibits consumption of alcohol on public sidewalks & roadways.

LEASH LAW: All dogs are to be leashed and kept under control. Please clean up after your dog.

CURFEWS: Minors must be accompanied by parents, legal guardian or other adult person having care & custody of said minor during hours specified: 16&under between 10P-6A. 18&under: between 11P-6A

FIREWOOD ALERT!

Please remember that the State of Ohio prohibits transporting firewood and Ash Tree materials to the island.

There will be a container available at the boat line dock for disposal of any wood being brought unknowingly.

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EVENTS

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| JUNE 1 | SPRING PERCH DERBY - CADDY SHACK |
| JUNE 6 | HORSE RACE AND SILENT AUCTION - CADDY SHACK |
| JUNE 10 | OHIO BIKE WEEK - KI DAY |
| JUNE 14 | 27TH ANNUAL 5K/10K RUN |
| JUNE 20 | ANNUAL HORSEHOE TOURNAMENT - KI WINE CO |

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2009 Calendar of Events

Mon., June 1-Spring Perch Derby - The Caddy Shack

Wed., June 10-Ohio Bike Week, Kelleys Island Day

Sun., June 14-27th Annual 5k & 10k Run--The Kelleys Island 27th Annual 5k and 10k Run sponsored by KICC&VB will begin at 10:45 am Join us for a wonderful day on Kelleys Island and enjoy a scenic race across the island and waterfront. For information call KICC&VB at 419-746-2360.

Sun., June 20-Annual Horseshoe Tournament, Kellys Island Wine Co.

Sat., July 4-Concert in the Park

Sat., July 11-Historical Home Tour Sponsored by the Kelleys Island Historical Association (KIHA). For information call 419 746-2754

Thurs., July 16-KIAC Meeting--Pot Luck - 6 p.m., Program - 7 p.m.--Meet at the Pavilion on Addison Street

Sat., July 18-Casino Night

Sat., July 18-Benefit Basketball Tournament--Benefit Basketball Tournament to be held at Village Pavilion Basketball Court. Sponsored by Kellys Island Wine Company. For information call 419-746-2678.

Fri.-Sun., July 24-26- Islandfest '09

Sat., August 1-Make a Wish Golf Cart Poker Run--Dockers

Sat., August 1-Art Show--11 a. m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Stone Church--Sponsored by the KIHA.

Sun., August 2-Make a Wish Mystery Swim Dockers

Mon. & Tues., August 3 & 4- Kelly Miller Circus--For ticket information and show times, please contact the KICC&VB 419-746-2360.

Fri., Sat. & Sun., August 7-9- Kelleys Island Outdoor Film Festival

Thurs., August 20-KIAC Meeting Pot Luck - 6 p.m., Program - 7 p.m. Meet at the Pavilion on Addison St.

Sat., August 23-11th Annual Poker Run, Bag the Moon Saloon

Sat. August 23-Country Day

Visit Kelleys Island and take part in the weekend long festivities. The annual Islandfest festival kicks off Fri. night at 8 p.m. with a street dance. Sat. opens up with a parade followed by a waterfront craft fair, live entertainment, food, beer, novelties, and evening fireworks. Sunday features live entertainment, food, beer and craft fair. For a schedule of events contact the KICC&VB at 419-746-2360.

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Benefit luncheon for Devyn Ray Emmons

A benefit luncheon in honor of Devyn Ray Emmons will be held on Sun., June 14, from Noon to 6 p.m. at the Norwalk Eagles Club, 151 Cline Street, in Norwalk. The event will feature a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

Three-year-old Devyn has suffered maladies and surgeries beyond what most any adult could manage, and yet he maintains a tremendous attitude. He was born with his intestines on the outside of his body, had clubbed feet, and a joint disorder. He has been through 25 surgeries and many trips to Akron Children's Hospital. There is strong hope that his medical conditions will continue to improve and to not have any more surgeries.

In the meantime, Devyn and his family would like to raise funds to get a multi-purpose service dog for Devyn. This would provide Devyn with a "loving, loyal companion to assist him to overcome limitations created by his disabilities." For example, the dog would be able to open/close doors, reach items overhead, and help assist with his daily activities. Because of the Arthrogyrosis (joint disorder), Devyn doesn't have the range of motion in many of his joints that most people have. Most importantly, the dog will alert Devyn's mom when he has a medical emergency relating to his disabilities.



Please donate to 4 Paws in Devyn's name. 4 Paws is a wonderful organization that helps people to get assistance dogs. Donations can be sent to 4Paws for Ability, 253 Dayton Avenue, Xenia, OH 45385. Their phone number is 937-374-0385 and their website is www.4PawsForAbility.org

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If you've ever been swimming and wondered what that was that just brushed your leg...This sturgeon is real, is still alive, and was caught in our very own Lake Erie--near Wheatley in Canadian waters (that's

about 30 miles from Harrow on the border of Essex County).

This fish was caught in November of 2007, so just imagine how much it might have grown by now. The sturgeon weighed over 1000 pounds and



measured about 11 feet 1 inch. It measured 56" around the middle. Not sure about U.S. law but Canadian law states that all sturgeons over five feet have to be released, and this one was. They cannot be removed from

the water. They are considered brood/breeding stock and this fish is probably older than most of us.

We shouldn't worry about finding him down by us, though, because he didn't have a passport on him.

Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent

Thank you Dr. John Ramey & Mrs. Bernie Kosla

Once again for the sixth year in a row our students were provided "FREE" school physicals. Through the mutual cooperation of Firelands Regional Hospital and the Erie County Health Department, Dr. Ramey and Mrs. Kosla offered their time and service for our students. This physical examination is used for mandatory forms required for athletic participation, work permits, and a basic health checkup for the year.

Thank you local businesses!

On Friday, June 5th, Kelleys Island School will had our annual school awards day and picnic. Various awards and certificates were presented to our students in an assembly at the school from their teachers for accomplishments during the year.

The school picnic followed our assembly at the village park. In cooperation with the local businesses on Kelleys Island, each student received numerous gifts from these establishments. I know I can speak for all of our students by saying "Thank you" for making this day a great success. The involvement of our business community to our school and students is truly amazing.

HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SUMMER!

SEE YOU ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009 (1ST Day of School 2009-2010)

Catch the island breezes right from the water



Have you ever wanted to see the sunset from a boat or cruise around the island on the lake? Chris and Kelly Bradford have enjoyed the beautiful sunsets, sunrises and cruised around the island always dreaming of sharing these spectacular views with others who don't get the chance like they do. They have been looking for the perfect boat to do this for quite sometime and they have found it! The TRADE WINDS IV. She is a nostalgic 57-foot wooden boat built in 1958 at the Atlantic City NJ shipyards as a near shore ocean party and cruise boat.

The TRADE WINDS IV was used along the east coast for many years. Chris and Kelly are still researching

the history, but they do know that she was in Providence, RI before coming to the Great Lakes area in 1992. From 1992 until 2008 she was in the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair running as a charter and cruise boat.

Chris and Kelly will be offering afternoon sightseeing trips around the island and evening sunset cruises beginning in May. Reservations are suggested if you have a specific date in mind. Also reservations are being accepted for private parties, charters, fireworks and other special events.

For more information go to their website www.kelleysislandbreeze-cruises.com or call 419-557-4645 to reserve your date.

EHOVE honors Skills USA students -announces officers for next year

EHOVE Skills USA officers for the 2009-2010 year were announced May 8 at the awards ceremony. New officers are:

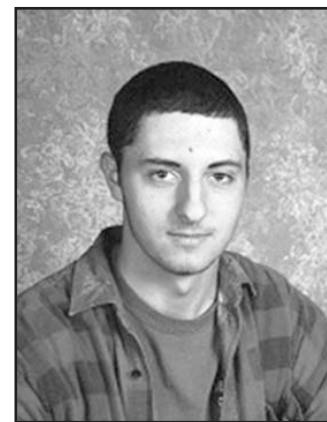
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Voting Delegates--Jazzlyn Flannery/NETWork/Edison; Nathan David/ Public Safety Academy / Bellevue; Thomas Hansen/ Public Safety Academy/ Norwalk

JP St. Julian won an award for Outstanding Lab Student in the Carpentry II Program.



Mallory Coulon
EHOVE



JP St. Julian

Audubon Happenings

Judy DuShane

Here are the dates for the Kelleys Island Audubon events.

Mark your calendars for

- Monthly meetings and program dates:

All are on the Thursdays except the end of the year party at the Inn. Potlucks start at 6:00 PM and are followed by the program at 7:00. Weather permitting they are held at the Island's Pavilion and at St. Michael's Hall, otherwise.

June 18, July 16, Aug.. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and the End of the Year party at the Inn, Sat. Nov. 7.

Other Major Events are:

- Outdoor Film Festival -Aug. 7-9. A fun family oriented event benefiting organizations such as the KI Audubon and safety services.

- Glacial Glimpses- Sept.6. Hike the outdoors with the Audubon and learn about our famous Glacial Grooves.

- Monarch Butterfly Festival - Sept. 12. Watch butterfly tagging and adopt them as they wing off to Mexico.

- Kayak Poker Paddle-Sept. 19. Paddle around the island and win prizes. Watching is fun too.

- Feathers and Foliage Festival-Sept.26. Celebrate fall migration with guided hikes and bird banding.

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Summertime laughter

Greg Svihlik

It is that time of the year where everyone can feel the laughter and good times in their bones. Summertime at Kelleys Island is upon us and as I stroll around the island even in these late weeks of spring, it is clearly evident. Shops are beginning to open, the putt-putt course is being re-painted and the golf carts are being tuned up for the summertime crowd to enjoy the little piece of paradise referred to as the island life.

When I was growing up, going to

Kelleys Island was one of my favorite things to do. Whether it was the smell of campfires around every corner, swimming at the majestic state park, having a Kool-Aid stand in front of my cottage, or riding my bike and struggling to make it up the only hill on the island located by the school (give me a break, I was only 6), there was always a smile stretching from ear to ear. The memories gained from my youthful years are carried with me into adulthood, and all of them pleasant; even the scary stories my dad told my brothers and I around the campfire that would give us nightmares for days. Kelleys Island is a place of wonder that every kid should experience.

I am now 24 years old but this does not deter me from celebrating the great times Kelleys Island has to offer. That is what makes Kelleys Island such a glorious place. It is a place for all ages. I went from having my own Kool-Aid stand to visiting the adult "Kool-Aid stands" downtown and still am blessed to have laughter and good times in both experiences. Whether it is driving around the island in a golf cart and stopping in for a "Brandy Alexander" to cool down, visiting the Caddy Shack where everyone is an "American Idol" on karaoke night, or showing of their great dance moves at the Casino (in my case the Robot and the Sprinkler), the good times the island has to offer are endless.

The atmosphere of the island in the summertime is the ideal world that we all wish to live in. Everyone smiles from the second their feet step off the ferry and the stresses of mainland living are swept away with the light lakeshore breeze. Strangers are waving at strangers, people are helping people, and people aren't intimidated to give that vacationer a lift on their golf cart to get them from one tavern to another; we've all done it.

I write this now with a smile on my face while reminiscing of the good times I had as a child and am already thinking about the good times that will bring out my inner child in the future. We all have that memory of the island that gets us through the cold winter months, but no longer is it a memory. It is once again summertime on Kellys Island and time to re-live that memory and make it a reality. I want to wish everyone a happy and safe Kelleys Island summer!



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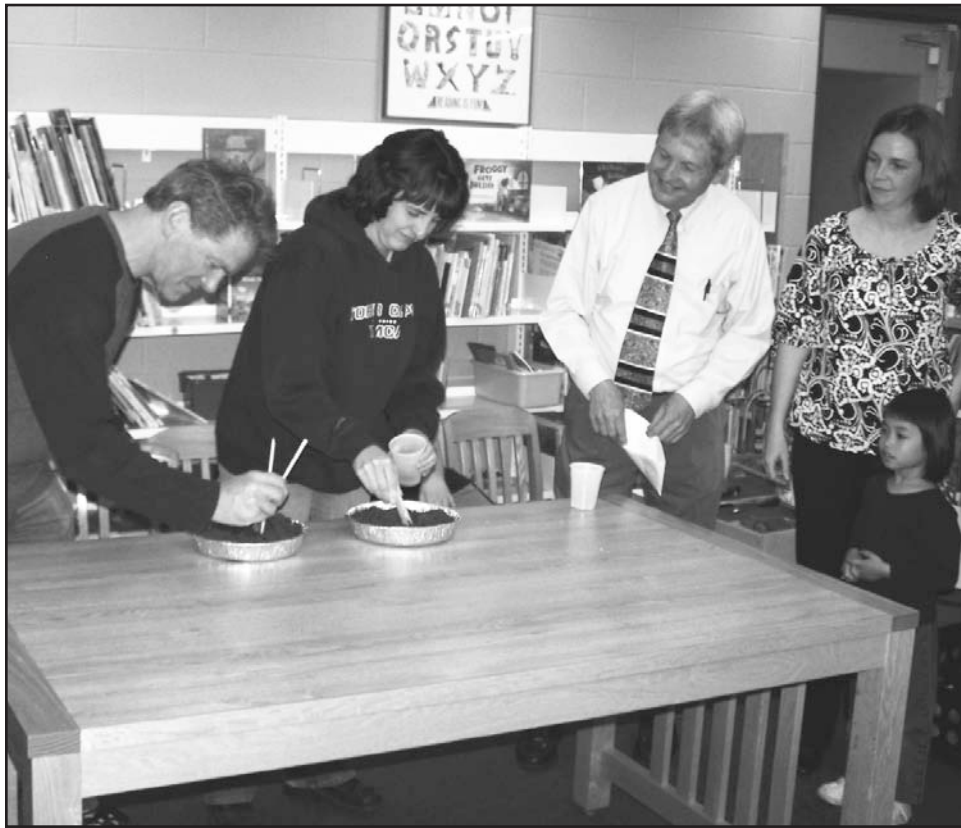
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Nest With the Birds goes to school

Amy Krajnak



Student led activities, with enthusiastic audience participation.

On Tuesday, May 12, eager islanders and visitors appeared at the Kelleys Island Library for a special Nest With the Birds afternoon presentation by the Kindergarten through Fifth grade students from Kelleys Island School, led by their teacher, Mrs. Erin Sandvick. The community

members became the students, as Zuri O'Dee, Octavia Schnittker, Olivia Schnittker, Collin Nunn-Strassner, James O'Dee, Layne McNeal, and Gage Peterson became the instructors for the hour-long lesson on birds, focusing on beaks.

Mrs. Sandvick explained to

the crowd how the love of birding entered her life and curriculum through an encounter three years ago with a chance meeting of Mr. Tom Bartlett. She was hooked, and found that birding could become a spark for her science students at the end of the school year, right as their steam begins to run out and interest shifts to summertime! Students have continued with their studies of birds, through multimedia and partici-

of bird might have each type of beak, and why they were not best suited for each of the simulations.

The Ohio Department of Education has issued the Ohio Academic Content Standards (OACS) for grades K-12, which dictate what students should learn in each grade level, in each subject. The OACS states that "by the end of the K-2 program, students should be able to: A. Discover that there are living



Community members and guests that attended the lesson on birds.

pation in Nest With the Birds. (Girl Scout) Daisies Zuri O'Dee, Octavia Schnittker, and Olivia Schnittker have gone on bird walks as part of their nature activities for a patch.

Just as it is usually possible to look at a tool or a kitchen utensil and tell what the item is used for, the same is true for bird beaks. Each species has a beak with a particular shape and size that says a lot about what and how that type of bird eats. The youngest instructors answered a series of questions about the four things that living things need, and how the birds' beaks help them to eat, drink, bathe, feed their offspring, and build their nests.

Olivia and Collin led the first activity, with enthusiastic audience participation, a simulation of different types of birds attempting to get "food" (gummy worms and raisins) out of a "tree" (a modified egg carton) and put it in their stomachs (plastic cups) using only a tool meant to model a beak: wooden skewer, salad tongs, and chopsticks. The participant with the skewer was the survivor, because they had collected the most food with their beak, which was, as Olivia noted, supposed to replicate a woodpecker's beak. The student instructors explained the outcomes of each activity, what type

things, non-living things and pretend things, and describe the basic needs of living things (organisms), B. Explain how organisms function and interact with their physical environment, and C. Describe similarities and differences that exist among individuals of the same kind of plants and animals. In addition to accomplishing the Life Science standards, these hands-on activities led by the students also helped them to hone their public speaking skills.

After the youngest students had completed their lesson, Layne, Gage, and James stepped up to the SMARTBoard and guided the audience through 2 spirited rounds of Avian Jeopardy. This game put the knowledge of the birders to the test, with categories such as birdcalls, markings, and the ever-popular "Warblers."

All of the students did a fabulous job, and were rewarded by Pat Hayes with some official Audubon patches and a round of applause from the audience. Mrs. Sandvick is very proud of her young birders. Thank you to the community members and guests that attended the lesson - the students hope that you certainly walked away with at least one new piece of information.

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Manufacturing Tech students who passed the test include all shown. Front, left: Dustin Anthony, New London; RJ Cole, Bellevue; Tyler Colvin, Monroeville; Wyatt Estep, Perkins; Brock Gallup, Edison; Nicholas Toth, Margaretta; Ken Williston, Western Reserve Back, left: Instructor Skip Frost; Kyle Joyce, Kelleys Island; Michael Kitko, New London; Adolfo Leal, Sandusky Central Catholic; Josh McGuire, Perkins; Richard Wampler, Western Reserve Missing from photo are Taylor Barker (Western Reserve) and Ken Clagett (South Central).

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Ohio Core: Not Your Parent's High School Curriculum

Source: Ohio Department of Education

It used to be that anyone could be a backyard mechanic. Remember how you could tune up your car, adjust the carburetor, and diagnose trouble just by listening to the purr or rumble of your engine?

Not anymore. Today's cars are loaded with high-tech electronics and computer components that baby-boomer parents and grandparents couldn't even have imagined as youngsters. Higher-level mathematics, science, engineering and technology skills are now the norm for today's automotive technicians and other skilled laborers.

Technology has gone mainstream. Our handheld calculators have more computing power than early space capsules. In fact, the computer technology in today's vehicles is nearly 1,000 times more powerful than what guided the Apollo moon mission. (Auto alliance.org).

Even Ohio's largest industry, agribusiness - what we used to call farming - is now dependent upon sophisticated satellite connections, computers and mathematics to figure acreage, tillage, fertilizer dispersal rates and a host of other calculations.

Our kids are wired to one another through MySpace or Facebook. They've even replaced talking for hours on the telephone with shooting text messages between cell phones in nano-second. E-mail is already passé with adolescents - YouTube is the newest medium of expressive communications.

Yet, for all the technological changes in our children's everyday lives, many parents don't realize that education must change to keep up.

For the reality is that education that was sufficient for parents isn't what today's students need. To compete and collaborate in a global marketplace, students will need advanced skills and knowledge that are far different from what adults learned in high school or college even 10 years ago.

Jobs and careers in the 21st century will demand even more technologically savvy students, creative and innovative thinkers, and young entrepreneurs who can communicate and collaborate across cultures, countries and continents.

To meet these demands, Ohio educators and legislators have reviewed and updated core education requirements and established the "Ohio Core" to ensure students will be ready to succeed in the world they will face.

Under the new requirements, today's seventh-graders - the Class of 2014 - will need an additional year of math and lab-based science to get a diploma.

In addition, these revised standards are a bit more challenging than in years past.

- Students will complete 20 credits that include more rigorous courses like Algebra II or its equivalent.

- Financial literacy instruction must be provided to all students before they earn a diploma.

- Science will involve questioning that is open-ended with an inquiry-based laboratory experience, asking students to engage in science to solve real-life problems.

- And even though it's still an elective, speaking a foreign language will be basic to anyone's education as our U.S. population continues to become more diverse.

To help parents, students, teachers and school administrators understand what's expected of our high school students, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) created nine in-depth Web pages that explain the Ohio Core, provide answers to frequently asked questions, and give guidance to schools and districts about what courses should be offered. These can be found at www.ode.state.oh.us, keywords search: Ohio Core.

"The Ohio Core will give our high school students the kind of preparation they need to succeed in entry-level jobs, apprenticeships, military service and college," said Stan Heffner, associate superintendent of the Center for Curriculum and Assessment at ODE.

"There's an economic-workforce driver here, but there's also the individual empowerment of Ohio students to believe in themselves, find how their learning is relevant to their lives, and have a core knowledge-base that allows them to find solutions to complex issues when they become adults," Heffner said.

ODE mathematics expert Brad Findell agrees. "Not all students will need calculus or even pre-calculus, but we know geometry and introductory algebra are not enough," Findell said. "That's why we're saying students need Algebra II or its equivalent, meaning a course where they use algebraic skills and reasoning to solve complex, real-world problems."



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Wedding crashers

Gary and Wendy Kowell

A few islanders went "overseas" on October 11, 2008 to attend the wedding celebration of Julie Kowell and Christopher (CJ) Vedrody. Julie is the daughter of Gary and Wendy Kowell, summer residents of Kelleys Island. CJ is the son of John and Debbie Vedrody of North Royalton.

The couple was married at St. Joseph Church in Strongsville, OH, by Fr. Robert Sanson, and their reception was held at Michaud's Towne & Country. The Kelleys Island wine flowed, the chocolate strawberries were to die for, and family and friends danced the night away.

Julie and CJ honeymooned in Florida and reside in Strongsville. Look for new islander at the Kowell cottage this fall, the couple is expecting a baby boy in August.

Pictured: Top Row L-R: Lawson Wideman, Gary Kowell, CJ Vedrody, CJ Smith, Mark Priebe, Mary Wilke, Dick Wilke, and Frank Yako. Seated L-R: Peggy Wideman, Wendy Kowell, Julie Vedrody, Chris Yako, Alyson Priebe, and Megan Smith.



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Ceiling fans are only appropriate in rooms with ceilings at least eight feet high. Fans work best when the blades are seven to nine feet above the floor and 10 to 12 inches below the ceiling. Fans should be installed so the blades are no closer than eight inches from the ceiling and 18 inches from the walls.

Larger ceiling fans can move more air than smaller fans. A 36- or 44-inch diameter fan will cool rooms up to 225 square feet, while fans that are 52 inches or more should be used in larger rooms. Multiple fans work best in rooms longer than 18 feet. Small- and medium-sized fans will provide efficient cooling in a four- to six-foot diameter area, while larger fans are effective up to 10 feet.

A larger blade will also provide comparable cooling at a lower velocity than a smaller blade. This may be important in areas where loose papers or other objects will be disturbed by a strong breeze. The fan should also be fitted to the aesthetics of the room—a large fan may appear overpowering in a small room.

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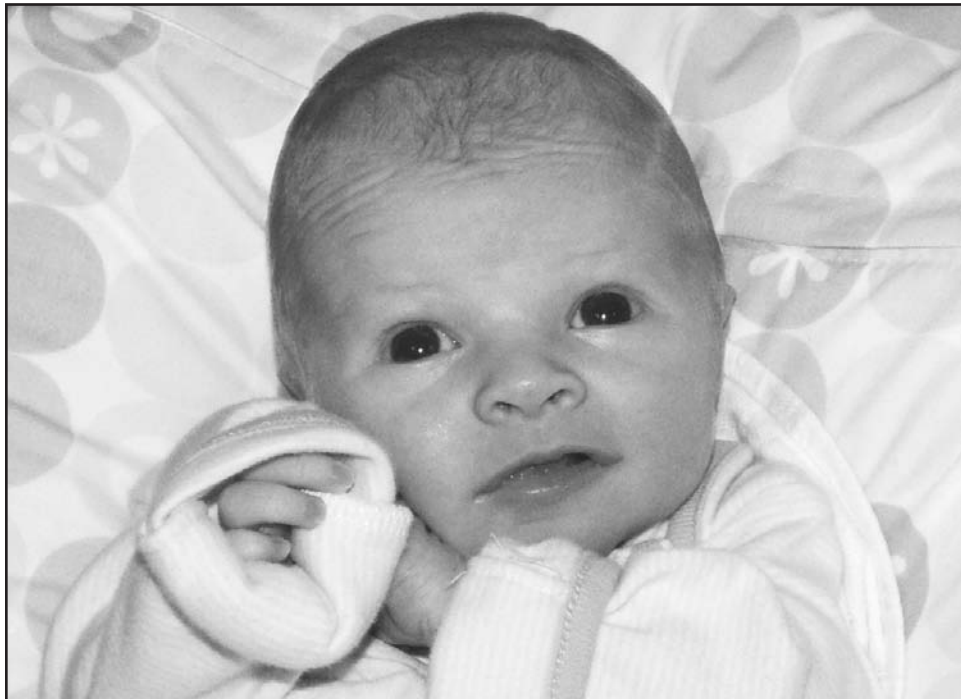
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A big *Kelleys Life* congratulations to Kristen, Tony and Alex!

Swine flu/H1N1 virus Things to know

H1N1 virus symptoms are similar to those of seasonal flu in humans and include:

- fever above 100
- sore throat
- cough
- stuffy nose
- chills
- headache and body ache
- fatigue
- some patients have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1

People with symptoms should see their doctors and stay home from work or school.

Respiratory illnesses such as H1N1 virus are easily spread when infected individuals cough or sneeze around others. While ODH is doing what it can to protect the health of all Ohioans, individuals play an essential role in limiting the spread of disease. ODH advises that employees can take the following everyday actions to stay healthy:

- Practice respiratory etiquette and cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw the tissue away.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth, as this is an easy way to spread germs.

• If you are sick, stay home and try to maintain distance -at least six feet - from people who exhibit flu symptoms, such as coughing or sneezing.

Pork continues to be safe for consumption. Remember to follow proper handling and cooking instructions. Cooking pork to an internal temperature of 160°F kills all viruses and food-borne germs.

Finally, because it is unclear how pervasive this virus may become, I recommend that all employees take time to understand the needs of their household and to make a plan that attempts to lessen the impact of a potential influenza pandemic on you and your family. Visit www.ready.gov for assistance in preparing.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has established a toll-free information line to answer questions about the H1N1 virus. Ohioans can call 1-866-800-1404 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for information. Additional information is also available on the ODH and CDC Web sites at odh.ohio.gov/ and <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu>.

Simple Upgrades For A Healthier Home

(NAPSI)-If you're among the tens of thousands of Americans who will be installing new energy- efficiency products in their homes, you should consider making your home healthier, too.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates the air inside a typical American home may be up to five times more polluted than outside air. Contributing to the problem are construction practices and products that seal the home, preventing outside air from diluting indoor pollutants including pet dander, pollen, dust mites and other allergens-and even some viruses.

Here are three home improvements recommended by the nation's leading green building programs that contribute to a healthier living environment:

• **Healthy Cleaning** - The right type of built-in central vacuum system captures up to five times more dust and allergens than a conventional vacuum

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Helpful hints off the internet

- Peel a banana from the bottom and you won't have to pick the little 'stringy things' off of it. That's how the primates do it.

- Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

- Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!

- Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.

- Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

- Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

- To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream in before you beat them up.

- For a cool brownie treat, make brownies as directed. Melt Andes

mints in a double broiler and pour over warm brownies. Let set for a wonderful minty frosting.

- Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

- Leftover snickers bars from Halloween make a delicious dessert. Simply chop them up with the food chopper.

- Peel, core and slice a few apples. Place them in a baking dish and sprinkle the chopped candy bars over the apples.

Bake at 350 for 15 minutes!!!
Serve alone or with vanilla ice cream. Yummm!

Reheat Pizza

Heat up leftover pizza in a non-stick skillet on top of the stove, - Set heat to med-low and heat until warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

Easy Deviled Eggs

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done. Easy clean up.

Expanding Frosting

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can almost double it in size. You will frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount of frosting. Also eating less sugar and calories per serving.

Reheating refrigerated bread

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

Newspaper weeds away

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not supposedly not get through wet newspapers.

Broken Glass

Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.

No More Mosquitoes

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

Flexible vacuum

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing panty hose. Place pin in seam of slacks.

Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water, dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

Foggy Windshield?

Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Reopening envelope

If you seal an envelope and then realize you forgot to include something inside, just place your sealed envelope in the freezer for an hour or two. It should then unseal easily.

Conditioner

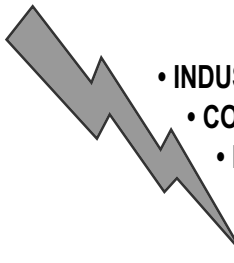
Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

Get Rid of Ants

Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,' can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but it works and you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed.

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New pastors announced for Zion United Methodist Church

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It is expected that effective July 1, Bishop John Hopkins will appoint the Rev. Warren Campbell-Gaston and the Rev. Beth McKee to be the pastors of Kelleys Island Zion United Methodist Church.

This appointment has come after consultation with our Pastor/Parish Relations Committee to determine the gifts and graces needed to lead Kelleys Island Zion United Methodist Church into the future. Rev. Campbell-Gaston is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, and Rev. McKee is an ordained elder in

the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana.

Please read your July Kelleys Life for more in-depth background on our two new pastors.

Former Zion pastor Bob May and his wife Nancy left to pursue a calling to another parish last fall. They had served the Kelleys Island community with love and commitment for over six years and are sorely missed, but we look forward with renewed hope for new beginnings with our newly announced pastors.

Tips To Prepare Your Boat For Storms

(NAPSI)-Preparing for emergencies is a part of everyday life. Schoolchildren practice tornado drills. Hotels post evacuation routes. So why is it that many boaters in coastal areas don't always take the time to plan for storms?

For boaters who answer "it's too complicated" or "I don't know where to begin," there are no more excuses. Leading boat insurer Progressive offers these simple tips to prepare for those severe storms:

Overall Precautions

- Review your insurance policy for your responsibilities, any named storm exclusions, and/or coverage

alterations.

- Pay close attention to weather reports and follow the advice of local authorities. If told to evacuate, leave the area immediately. Never plan on riding out the storm on your vessel.

- Be sure to remove any portable personal effects from your boat, such as fishing gear and electronic equipment, and keep all pertinent ownership and insurance documents in a safe place away from your boat.

If Your Boat Is In The Water

- Double up lines and double tie every knot.

- Tie dock lines high on pilings and rider poles to allow for rising

water.

- If tying off on cleats, slack the line as much as prudent.

- Disconnect shore power and verify that batteries are fully charged to run bilge pump(s).

- Secure or remove all antennae, gear, chairs and other loose deck items.

- Secure all windows and hatches with duct tape.

- Check and double up spring lines and whip lines to ensure they will be able to handle the load of fending the boat away from mooring structures.

- Hang fenders from the side of your vessel.

If Your Boat Is Out Of The Water

- If the boat is in rack storage, make sure the structure can withstand hurricane-force winds.

- If trailering your boat, store it and the trailer near a house or other fixed structure to avoid wind damage.

- Ensure the boat is secured to the trailer.

- Lash trailer down with heavy rope and/or chain, block trailer tires and let some air out of the tires to help prevent the trailer from floating, rolling or even flying away during strong wind and heavy rains.

How Homeowners Can Take Stimulus Dollars Further

(NAPSI)-Here's hot news: You can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take advantage of federal tax credits by upgrading to new propane appliances. Energy-efficient propane appliances can qualify homeowners for a combination of federal tax credits, state tax credits and other incentives.

For the millions of homeowners who live beyond the natural gas main, propane can be the key to creating a green home with the comfort and amenities they want. At the same time, homeowners can reduce their homes' energy costs and emissions for years to come.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, (also known as the stimulus package), federal tax credits for qualified high-efficiency

furnaces and water heaters are available at 30 percent of the installed cost, up to \$1,500. Additional incentives are available at the state level through a variety of programs, including appliance rebates from state propane associations in some states.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, home heating and water heating represent two of the biggest draws on home energy use, so improving efficiency in these two areas can mean significant savings.

Environmental Benefits of Propane Appliances

In addition to providing reliability, comfort and versatility, energy-efficient propane offers environmental benefits:

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naces are the lowest emitters of greenhouse gases. Electric heat pumps, fuel oil furnaces, electric baseboards and electric furnaces all produce significantly higher greenhouse gas emissions.

- Energy Star-qualified propane furnaces are 15 percent more efficient than standard electric models and emit nearly 70 percent less CO₂. A propane furnace can heat air up to 25 degrees warmer than electricity and last 15 to 20 years-five to 10 years longer than the average electric heat pump.

- Each propane tankless water heater that replaces an electric-powered storage water heater eliminates 35,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions over 10 years. In addition,

according to Energy Star, expected energy savings over the lifetime of a tankless water heater can reach \$1,800.

How to Get the Credit

The tax credits won't be around forever. According to the Propane Education & Research Council, here is how to make sure your efficiency upgrade qualifies:

- The improvement is to your principal residence;
- The appliance is "placed into service" before the end of 2010;
- You claim no more than \$1,500;
- You must have a signed manufacturer certification statement.

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Counting the days

Fr. Ron Brickner, St. Michael's Catholic Church

I wonder if this is a record? I heard some students counting down the days until the end of the school year already in February. As school years come to an end once again, people move into the next phase of their lives. Most people have probably counted down the days until something changes in their lives: graduation, retirement, marriage, Island Fest, vacation, etc. There is usually some excitement in moving into something new or different. There may also be some hesitancy or uncertainty as well. Changes are a natural part of being human and with a

positive outlook we can usually get through the transition time a little easier. Being present to someone who is going through a transition is a great gift we can offer somebody. An occasional call or visit can bring a bit of light or hope to someone who may not be dealing with the change too well. If you recall someone who brightened your transition, wouldn't it be nice to "pay it forward" to someone else?

As people go through transitions and changes, I wonder if Someone ever gets neglected? Do we remember to keep our relationship with God first in our lives? Do

we give up on Our Creator when things don't go our way? Does going to Church take a lower priority during the summer because we are "too busy"? Amidst all the changes and transitions that people go through in their lives, there has been, is, and always will be one constant - The Love of our God! We may not always experience that love when the uncertainty of the future is slowing us down. It may be hard to feel God's Love when a loved one passes away. It may even be hard to sit in Church when it is very warm outside. Our faith may be challenged when we go

through changes or transitions, especially the more difficult ones. Yet the words of Our Savior can give us the hope we may need - "I will be with you always, until the end of time". Whatever transitions or changes we may go through this month, take hope that we are not alone as we go through these. Then stop and give thanks for Our God who is with us now and always. If everyone could recognize God in themselves and in each other and be grateful - the world could really change! Now, wouldn't that be a record?

Let the good seeds roll

With the economy turmoil currently being experienced, this may be the year to start that garden you've always been talking about.

According to USA Today Money section Reporter Bruce Horowitz article "When going gets tough, the tough get growing" (2/20/09). Veggie seed sales are up double-digits at the nation's biggest seed sellers this year....

What's more, the number of homes growing vegetables will

jump more than 40% this year compared with just two years ago, projects the National Gardening Association, a non-profit organization for gardening education.

"As the economy goes down, food gardening goes up," says Bruce Butterfield, the group's research director. "We haven't seen this kind of spike in 30 years."

Burpee is taking pains to craft its marketing to fit the times, say Chairman George Ball. It recently

rolled out the "Money Garden," a value bundle of tomato, bean, red pepper, carrot, lettuce and snap pea seeds sold online at 222.burpee.com. With a separate retail value of \$20, the pack sells for \$10 and under the right conditions, Burpee claims, can produce \$650 worth of veggies.

Other seed companies, Park Seed, Renee's Garden, Harris Seeds, and Ferry-Morse Seed are all showing increased of sales.

The veggies are apparently squeezing flowers for space in the nation's gardens. Ferry-Morse, along with other, is seeing a decline in sales for flower seeds and John Hamrick VP of Sales and Marketing at Ferry-Morse says the company has switches its inventory from 50-50 to 40% flower seeds and 60% veggies

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Marblehead VFW Ladies honor Mayor Bird

Mary Ann Monak

The sixth annual celebration of the Marblehead Peninsula's Lakeside Daisy was also a special time to honor VFW Post 7572 Ladies Auxiliary sister-Mayor Jacqueline Bird.

Mayor Bird is a BSW, LSW Director of Nursing Home Social Services at the Sandusky Ohio Veteran's Home. When Jackie became a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, she honored her father former Mayor Robert Bird, veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Navy.

On this day in May, because of her dedication to our community and veterans; Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Garrard and Mary Ann Monak gifted Mayor Jackie Bird with the auxiliary's unique hand knitted American Flag sweater. Our sweater is worn at ceremonies during inclement weather, flag raising at the Danbury football games, and special occasions.

Thank you to our sister Jackie and best wishes to her in the future and in the responsibilities of her office of Mayor.

Ask Serving Our Seniors

Serving Our Seniors is a local, not-for-profit organization funded by the Erie County Senior Services Tax Levy. Serving Our Seniors is a geriatric social service agency that provides a variety of help to Erie County residents age 60 and better. The organization's purpose is to assist older people in maintaining their independent lifestyle.

Q: How does someone get a Golden Buckeye Card?

A: You have to be age 60 or older and a resident of Ohio. Ohio residents who hold current Ohio Driver Licenses or State ID cards should automatically receive a Golden Buckeye card in the month of their 60th birthday. According to the Ohio Department of Aging, "...individuals who do not have a current license or State ID, as well as people under age 60 who are eligible due to disability, or who otherwise do not receive their card automatically, may apply for a card by calling Serving Our Seniors 419-624-1856 or the Erie County Senior Center 419-626-2560. Due to ID, age and disability (when appropriate) verification requirements, you cannot apply for a Golden Buckeye Card online or by phone."

Q: I bought a car, took possession and since that time my spouse has passed away. I no longer need or want the car. We have hardly driven it and I have had it for less than one month. Can I someone make the dealer to take it back.

A: This is a legal question that Serving Our Seniors cannot answer, but we do know of place to get free legal advice. Pro Seniors 800-488-6070. They will give you a ½ hour of time to discuss your question and give you advice for this problem.

Q: What is a Drug Repository?

A: This is a program where medications are donated to help people who cannot afford to fill their prescriptions. In Erie County, Serving Our Seniors helped to establish its Drug Repository with the generous cooperation of Buderer Drug Store. It's located inside Buderer Drug store at 633 Hancock Street -Sandusky. The medications are available to those who qualify for \$7.40/prescription.

Q: How do I find out if I qualify to use the Drug Repository?

A: It is a case by case assessment. The regulations require that the Drug Repository be restricted to helping only those people who would not otherwise afford to purchase their prescription medications. If you are an Erie County resident age 60+ you would call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 to set up an appointment and see if you qualify.

Q: I have medicines that I no longer take. I have three full bottles of a cholesterol reducing drug. Can I give it to the Drug Repository?

A: Unfortunately the Drug Repository cannot accept your donation of medicines. The rules and regulations surrounding who a Drug Repository can accept donated medications from stipulates that the medication can never be in the custody of the patient. The reason for this is to prevent the medications from being tampered with. Medicines that are donated to the Drug Repository come from nursing homes or the institutional pharmacies that package medications for the nursing homes

Q: If I wanted to volunteer for Serving Our Seniors what could I do?

A: Right now Serving Our Seniors is working aggressively to expand its committees that help to guide and direct how the agency delivers services and plan for the future. If you are interested in being part of Serving Our Seniors' committees - thinking, planning, innovating at a board level we have some "ad hoc" committee positions. For more information call Sue Daugherty at 419-624-1856 or Herman Robinson, Chairman of the Board Nominating & Development Committee for Serving Our Seniors at 419-627-1123

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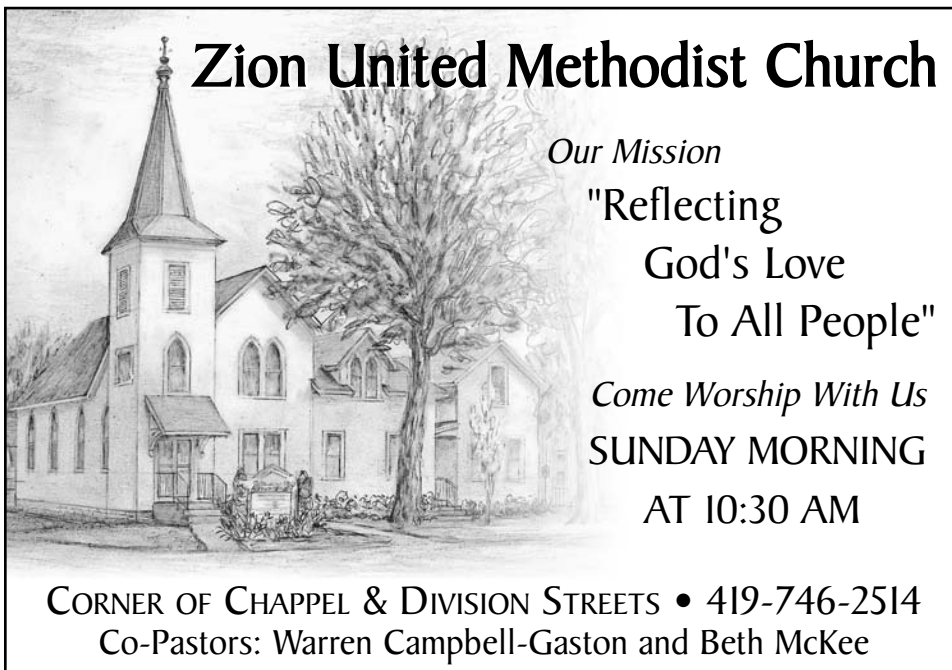
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Advance Sales for entrance to this event can be purchased at many of the local business on Kelleys Island and www.KelleysIsland.com web site, click on Claire's Picture.

If you cannot attend but have purchased a ticket, send it to PO Box 839, Kelleys Island 43438, filled out with name, a phone number and signed by whom you purchased from, it will be entered for great door prizes drawn during event.

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Claire was diagnosed at 3 with Rett Syndrome. Until she was 9 months old, she seemed perfectly normal, babbling, beginning to crawl etc. that is when the seizures began. Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that primarily affects girls. It is the most debilitating Autism Spectrum disorder. Girls with Rett Syndrome lose all functional hand use and the ability to speak. Claire is unable to walk, speak, and has now lost all ability to stand or sit. She takes medication to control seizures.

Along with constant care, Claire needs all forms of therapy. Contributions from this benefit will be used to finish the construction of a therapy room with adjoining bed/bath suite to suit Claire's specific needs. We want to thank the owners of the Caddy Shack in advance, for giving us a way to raise funds to finish our project and a place to raise awareness for Rett Syndrome. Thanks to Rachel & Keith O'Connor for donating an almost new hospital bed, and for so many others for their generosity with contributions to the ongoing "Building Fund".

Thank you, Gretchen, David, Claire and Natalie

Claire's Father is David (AKA Brother Dave) for the islanders who have known him and his brother (AKA Brother Jon) from years of living and working on Kelleys Island. Claire is the Granddaughter of Tim and Beth Hermes, Islanders.

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