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Cameron House celebrates 150 years



After: The Cameron House in its present day Victorian splendor.

The Cameron House was first built in 1860 as a small, 1 1/2 story, front-gabled structure with a three-bay front facade looking toward Bookerman Road. The 1887 Queen Anne addition is actually a separate house mated to the eastern wall of the original structure.

The 14.17 acres on which the house stood was purchased by Andrew Cameron in 1867, to augment his summer home on the island, built on the northwest corner of the island known then as Cameron Point (now owned by the Minshalls).

The original western section of the house was rented to tenant farmers. A new barn went up in 1865. The following year, records say, Cameron added on to the home and moved his family in.

Andrew Cameron originally came from

Scotland. He married Margaret Harvey from Canada in 1829. They had five children; Jennette a dressmaker, Nettie a school teacher, John a farmer, Margaret Jean a school teacher and Isabella who died at age two. Margaret

Jean married Henry Clay Kelley and had a son Chester who died at age three. The entire family is buried at the Kelleys Island Cemetery.

In 1865, Andrew Cameron served as Treasurer of The United Evangelical Church, which held services at the Kelleys Town Hall and he was a charter member of the

church which changed its name in 1868 to the First Congregational Church of Kelleys Island.

In 1890, Andrew's son John married, bringing his wife to his family home. He continued

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Before: Cameron House before it was lovingly restored by the Jorski Family.

2010 Kelleys Island Outdoor Film Festival

Alan Glazen

The 4th Annual Outdoor Film Festival will be Fri. and Sat., Aug. 6 & 7 this year. We're so lucky to have such great sponsors who continue to provide this event for free to all! We donate 100% of the proceeds of the event to Kelleys Island EMS, Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department and the Kelleys Island Audubon Club. Over \$5,000 has been donated to date!

The films this year are our best ever:

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Watch for further information in the next issue of "Kelleys Life," and visit www.kifilmfest.com. If you are interested in donating to the festival, please email Jackie Finger: jackiefinger@aol.com or Alan Glazen: aglaz@me.com

Griffing makes plea for assistance

Could the island lose its plane service?

Carol Nelson-Burns

If you live on Kelleys Island or visit here after the boat stops running, you know how important Tom Griffing is to our survival. Daily mail service throughout the year, prescription medicines, newspapers, veterinarian fly-ins, rescue efforts, emergency repairs, medical appointments, library books, election ballots, school staff, student attendance at EHOVE--these are only a few of the connections between island living and mainland services that we depend on Tom and his staff and equipment to provide us through Griffing Flying Service.

It's easy to take such conveniences for granted, particularly because of the quality of care provided by Mr. Griffing. Like all high quality service, Griffing Flying Services runs so smoothly that we may forget that it is available to us only because of the dedication of professionals committed to maintaining impeccable standards.

Tom and Kelly Griffing oversee a staff of highly skilled pilots and service-minded reservation staff who give us access to safe and reliable fifteen-minute connections between the islands and the mainland four times a day, 365 days a year. Every call to Griffing is answered by a friendly and knowledgeable person who responds to our needs and requests--as well as to our sometimes silly questions and ambivalent travel plans--with courtesy and helpfulness.

Like all travel services, Griffing experiences periods of peak demands when every Lake Erie Island traveler impatiently wants to get on or off the island at the same time and has little if any appreciation for the impossibility of such a request. And like all businesses in the travel industry, Griffing has to deal with difficult passengers, oversized parcels and luggage, last minute cancellations and no-shows--all of which are frustrating and can result in financial losses to the business.

Griffing Flying Service has been there to help us--islanders and visitors alike--for 73 years. This time, they are asking for our help. In January, staff of the airlines distributed a letter asking for help in seeking assistance to sustain the air service they have faithfully provided. Escalating costs and "the downturn in the economy" have challenged the industry to the

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EMS news

Sharon Devine

Following a long and quiet winter, the volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS are preparing for the warm, sunny months ahead. Four of the volunteers completed the required refresher training here on the island. There were several opportunities for the EMTs to attend various continuing education conferences and seminars. These enabled them to keep current on the latest treatments and equipment needed to provide help in an emergency. A new Basic EMT Class was started with four participants and is progressing nicely.

Left: Sally Hiller and Cindy Herndon take care of patient during training in Town Hall.
Right: EMT students learn the technique of using a stair chair to move a patient downstairs.



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Cameron House celebrates 150 years

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to carry on the thriving farm and vineyards, inheriting the house and land in 1907. He was a much respected member of the island community and served on the Board of Directors of the KI Dock and Steamboat Co.

Touring the island in 1986, husband and wife Ed and Caroline Jorski and their family, came upon the Cameron House and decided to purchase the home with thoughts of restoring the house to its original condition. The task of restoration became a labor of love for the whole family. Caroline Jorski stated that everyone in the family pitched in and offered their talents in the ongoing restoration. Ed Jorski mentioned that there were many coincidences between their

family and the Cameron family. One being that the address of the house is their wedding anniversary date-517 Division and they were married on May 17th-- and some of the children from the Cameron family have names similar to the Jorski family. "One thing for sure" Ed said, "I'll never forget our anniversary date!" When they first saw the home, they fell in love with it. The Jorskis have operated the home as a Bed & Breakfast since finishing with the restoration.

With each bit of that painstaking work, they have hoped that Andrew Cameron and his family would be pleased to see the home still standing after 150 years!

Griffing makes plea for assistance

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point of a serious business dilemma. Tom states costs have "impacted our flying service to the point of imminent discontinuation of island service" unless assistance from local, state and other government entities can be secured.

Griffing Flying Service is asking us to support a campaign for assistance that will "ensure safe, efficient, and permanent air service...with no interruption" resulting from strained resources.

While Tom and his staff appreciate the understanding and verbal support of Kelley Island residents and visitors, verbal support is not enough to keep the planes in the air. They need-and we need-resources that keep this life line of air service operating.

Kelly Griffing reports that Kelley Islanders have been supportive of a letter writing campaign asking elected officials to address the dilemma they are facing. However, to date no solid answer or plan has emerged. A form letter from Marcy Kaptur's office suggested seeking a small business loan but this

is not a realistic answer. Others have suggested increasing the flight costs, but this, too, is not a realistic option, as the Griffings understand that islanders are also 'maxed out' at the costs they can afford to fly off and on island, as they too are impacted by and scaling back their personal budgets in these times of economic strains.

Griffings' goal is for a creative and sound design plan to emerge from this campaign to educate the public and generate discussions. It is their hope, and ours, that a subsidy or grant option might be located or otherwise crafted as a realistic operations plan for our mutual, and solvent, well being to protect future living and business arrangements. Islanders can recall the freedom and joy that post-war GI training grants offered to returning vets-the back yard air strips that meant island families could get on and off the island at ease and with safety. Those days are largely gone, and such personal air access is limited to families and individuals with means to purchase private planes and engage in the luxury of personal flight training. Now, we need Griffing more than ever. Please let your state and federal elected officials know how you feel.



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KI Chamber planning British Car Show

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a British Car Show on Sept. 11, 2010. They are expecting at least 60 cars along with 120 participants. The group is planning to spend the entire weekend on Kelleys Island.

The Chamber is also looking for monetary sponsorship for this event. Sponsorship is to cover awards for the participants. If anyone is interested in being a sponsor for this event, please contact the KI Chamber. Any questions, contact Lisa M. Klonaris, President K.I.C.C. 419-746-2360, kelleyschamber@aol.com

Nest with the Birds, May 9-15

Jack Black the well-known comedic actor will be playing KI Audubon member, Greg Miller, in the upcoming film THE BIG YEAR. The book "The Big Year" chronicles three birders as they scour the U.S. in a race to see who can count the most birds in one year. Steve Martin and Owen Wilson play the other two birders, which I assume will be a very comedic adventure. For several years the KI Audubon Club has been fortunate to have Greg Miller leading birding hikes for our week long Nest with the Birds nature festival. Again this year we are lucky to have Greg lead walks on Mon. and Tues., and present a program at 1 p.m., Wed., May 12th.

We will be kicking off the yearly event with member Allison Cusack's Mothers Day Wildflower Walk. Allison a long time club member was the chief Botanist for the Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves. Allison along with Guy Denny was responsible for both the North Pond Boardwalk Preserve and our rare Alvar Preserve. So our festival will be rich with interesting nature-world celebrities. Starting on Sunday, May 9 at 1p.m. Allison will be leading the Wildflower Walk.

Greg Miller arrives Sunday night and kicks off the bird walks at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Mon. Again Tuesday, will be walks with Greg. These two days we will be playing the Great KI Bird Hunt-or "birding for dollars" if you like. A popular event which pays prizes for special birds found. On Wed. at 1 p.m. Greg Miller will give a program at St. Michael's Hall.

On Thurs. at 1 pm, David Kriska an excellent birder and the Biodiversity Coordinator for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

will give his talk.

Friday will feature John Pogacnik. John has been a pioneer on KI for his many years of bird census work here. He is always interesting and a sharp birder.

We wrap up the week on Sat. morning with Bird Banding at Long Point with Tom Bartlett. Tom was one of our first speakers for Nest with the Birds years ago and has stuck with us all along.

During the week will be the ongoing woodcock watch at the corner of Monagan and Ward Rd. Arrive at dusk and enjoy the show.

Our Nest with the Birds Festival is a free event and has attracted people from as far away as Texas and Georgia. It is fun for beginning birders as well as the advanced.. We are on the #1 route north for warbler migration in the US and each year we discover something new for our island. We hope you can attend and meet new friends. The KI Audubon would love to have you.

For more information call 419-746-2258. For the complete schedule go to kelleysislandnature.com

Pat Hayes, President
Kelleys Island Audubon Club

**KI Audubon Club
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All welcome! Bring a friend. Learn more about the Kelleys Island Audubon and all the great activities they have planned for the upcoming season. For more information call 419-746-2258.



Above: The KI Audubon Club has worked to nurture an ongoing relationship with KI children. Some of the KI School kids are shown here on the North Pond Boardwalk trail--Octavia & Olivia Schnittker, Zuri O'Dee.
Below: Greg Miller, Pat Hayes, Andy Jones and Shane Roberts.





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A handsome young Lyle Bickley and a beautiful Geraldine Beatty Bickley cut the cake at their 1950 wedding reception, which was held at the Beatty family home on E. Lakeshore.

Carol Nelson-Burns

Lyle Bickley is a widower now, living in modest comfort in a home with a million dollar view on a street bearing his family name. "Bickley Court" signifies roots secured through decisions of his grandparents and parents to make Kelleys Island their home. Making the island home in those days was a gamble-answering an awesome opportunity that came with both challenge and sacrifice.

It was Lyle's Uncle Len (Leonard Bickley), a commercial fisherman in Sandusky, who brought the Bickleys to Kelleys Island. Len set up his brother Herbert (Lyle's father) along with other brothers as fishermen on Kelleys in the early 1900's. And it was on Kelleys Island that Herbert met and married Elizabeth Feyedelem

when she was just 16, converting to Catholicism as did a number of other grooms, for their wives. (He noted that converted Catholics were often among the strictest about their new religion).

Elizabeth had come to Kelleys from Hungary with her parents when she was just three years old, in 1901. Her father, Joseph Feyedelem, was recruited to work in the quarry, and had made two earlier trips to earn sufficient money to bring his wife and daughter to this new home, new world. Elizabeth was one of eight Feyedelem children whose legacy endures and whose off-spring continue to contribute and commit to preserving the island's quality of life. Across the ocean and across the lake,

Lyle Bickley:

coming to Kelleys was a migration, and a commitment.

Like many families of that era, children were both a blessing and resource. Lyle was one of six siblings-four boys and two girls - born over a span of 24 years. Two, Bonnie Blatt and Lyle, call Kelleys Island home today despite their years off the island, as work conditions changed after World War II.

Lyle fondly recalls the simple family-oriented life of growing up on the island in the 1930's and 40's. His father was up every morning before the first hint of light, out on the lake by the time the sun rose. His mother's cook stove was heated all day long, using coal or wood to keep the kettle hot. In the back room, perishables were kept in an ice "box" with ice collected twice weekly at the boat dock as wares were brought from Sandusky. Like most families, the Bickleys pumped water from the lake into a cistern and often bathed in the lake. But Lyle credits his dad's smarts for figuring out how to pump water into and through the house, designing a series of pipes and pumps using sheer common sense. Lyle recalls with a mixture of pride and humor that their family was the first to have an upstairs toilet - a common sense solution to the plethora of kids all needing to use the outside john at the same time!

Everyone pitched in to do the dishes after supper, and evening was spent with dad in his rocker reading, unless dad decided he wanted some ice cream. Then, everyone got it, from Martin's up the road. Lyle recalled his

dad as generous and kind to his family, and if he got something for himself, then everyone got it, too. His father bought a Nash Ambassador in 1936, and after that, he might just decide to take a drive around the island in the evening, past the grapes growing on Harbor Lane, and on around the stone road to the airport. His father would start singing, his mother would join in, and all the kids would sing along as they rode around the island.

On Sundays, the family went to church together, and afterwards each of the brothers and sisters were given a nickel to spend at the store. Crossword puzzles were a family past-time, and dad also enjoyed a beer - one beer, in the evening, which he kept cool but not cold in the basement. Sometimes one of the kids would offer to get the beer for him, taking a little sip as they carried it up. His dad would say simply, "hum, must have leaked..." Before they went to bed, each child kissed their mother and dad; it was expected, and even the memory brings pleasure to Lyle as he recalled that simple family gesture of respect and affection. They weren't 'strict' but fair and firm. The kids weren't afraid of their father or mother, "but we respected them," says Lyle. As the kids grew older and two of his brothers went off to war within a few weeks of each other, "it was hard on [my] parents," recalls Lyle.

Just before Lyle graduated from Estes School, he got a letter from Uncle Sam requiring him to report for a physical. Because he forgot to take a document with him, the Navy sent him away, but the Coast Guard took

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An Island Son

him on the spot. He served three years, from 1946 to 1949, mostly in the North Atlantic, off the coast of New England and Canada, and has a certificate for his service within the Artic Circle. An earlier story in "Kelleys Life" recounted his emergency appendectomy.

In the Coast Guard, Lyle was trained in data entry. When he returned to Kelleys after the service, New Departures, a ball bearing plant division of GM, was starting up in Sandusky, and a lot of folks from

Kelleys Island-including some of Sennishes and Himmeleins - saw it as a good job opportunity. He started out in a temporary job but quickly moved into a position drawing on his military training in data entry. He spent 46 years at it, from his days at the Coast Guard Academy until he retired. There were no computers then, Lyle recounts - only tape drives, and his responsibilities involved production and control. He also wrote out payroll checks, accompanied by two guards who oversaw and acted as security regarding payouts, though they kept their eyes averted from amounts recorded.

He had dated Geraldine Beatty in high school; her family lived down Lakeshore and up Huntington Lane-almost 'neighbors' despite the distance. On August 26, 1950, they were married at St. Michael's by Father Haley. Lyle and Gerry raised three sons - Steve (now living in North Carolina), Todd who lives in Port Clinton, and Philip in Avon. Nine grandchildren, ranging in age from 12 to 26, bring Lyle great pleasure, their photos and accomplishments near at hand and dear to his heart.

Although Lyle and Gerry built a home and life in Sandusky-owning a Lyman, flying planes one of which he landed upside down in a fierce wind.

After their kids were all in college, Gerry wanted to come home, back to the island. They built in 1975 on the Bickley property on West Lakeshore, the lake a wide mural glistening in the background to a corner television, colorful and complicated puzzles Lyle pieces together with spare energy in front of that changing panorama of the lake. Gerry loved her island-it was always her home. Bake sales, church activities, island events, and grandkids to come visit her loving home, built with her fellow islander who knew the secrets to serene happiness that family life can bring, with the right commitments from its partners. A good marriage, says Lyle, comes from the models of good parents: "what you see at home comes home," he says.

Gerry is buried now in the island cemetery, having passed away, January 12, 2009, and Lyle spends his 'island time' joining friends at senior lunch, sipping an early evening coffee at the VFW, or stretching his bowling arm in a powerful game of Wii. From Lyle's recollections of family life, a mosaic of secure love and mutual respect emerges-qualities that still sparkle and twinkle in Lyle's gen-



Lyle Bickley from his Coast Guard days



Geraldine Bickley from 1944.

tle habits of living a kind life. He's been known to check in on his neighbors, especially when electric goes out on a cold winter day. The kindness which frames his memories of his parents seems to have shaped his character as well, a native son born and raised on Kelleys, coming home for the long haul.

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Asian carp threat to our lake

Jacquie Kranyak

The Great Lakes battle to keep the Asian carp out of our country's greatest natural resource is finally raising more and much needed attention. The Asian carp is a fish that can grow to 4 foot and weigh up to 100 pounds. As if that size alone weren't threatening enough for our Great Lakes, they have few natural predators and are known to jump up out of the water up to eight feet in the air, at the whining sound of high-speed propellers, creating a severe hazard for boaters. To see the threat for yourself, do an internet search of Asian carp photos and you'll see plenty of video shots of boaters in the Mississippi or Illinois Rivers with carp-by the dozens-- literally flying out of the water behind the boats. In an Illinois competition over 1400 of them were caught in a few hours. When you watch the videos you'd swear that eight foot jumps are about the minimum.

The Asian carp, unlike other invasive species that have caused a myriad of problems for our Great Lakes like the zebra and quagga mussels, or the goby, by hitching rides in the ballast of foreign ships, were actually invited into the country when they were imported to clean the muck in fish farms in the Deep South in the early 1970s. As the story goes--because of Mississippi River flooding in the 90s they made their way into the Mississippi and have been making their way up north via the river system ever since. Their genetic material has been found on both sides of what was hoped would be their final stop--an electric fence near the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, about 30 miles south of Lake Michigan--and

most recently in Lake Michigan itself.

Great Lakes states have demanded that navigational locks that allow ships to travel between the Mississippi waterway and Lake Michigan remain closed to keep the carp out, but it's not that simple says the barge industry which moves millions of tons of cargo through the Chicago area each year. They say even a short time closure of the locks would destroy thousands of jobs and cripple regional commerce. In reports, they have called basin separation unnecessary, but six Great Lakes states and the Canadian province of Ontario have petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to separate the water basins in a last-ditch effort to prevent the Asian carp from decimating the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishing industry.

It appears this battle will have no winners. The city of Chicago would be threatened by serious flooding problems if the locks are shut down or if their 50-year Chicago River flow reversal system is tinkered with. (This Gi-normous project opened up

the Great Lakes to the Mississippi, like the St. Lawrence Seaway opened up the Atlantic to the Great Lakes.) Any solution discussed has either been valued to cost billions upon billions of dollars and/or threatened billions upon billions of dollars of ecosystems, industry and job losses.

The Army Corps of Engineers has launched a \$10 million, five-year feasibility study of the idea. And a hearing on the Asian carp problem made its way to Capitol Hill over the past couple of months.

Rep. Jim Oberstar (D., Minn.), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said at the hearing that he hasn't seen such public alarm about any Great Lakes issue since the Cuyahoga River caught fire near the shores of Lake Erie in 1969. That incident spurred the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and later, the Clean Water Act. "We must do everything within our power to prevent the Asian carp from entering the lakes," Mr. Oberstar said.



In an attempt to find middle ground, the Obama administration offered a 25-pronged, \$78.5 million response to keep the fish at bay. It proposes to add electric barriers, close navigation locks a few days a week and test more frequently for carp. So far, no one has been pleased with that approach.

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This is a real island treasure shared with "Kelleys Life" by Lyle Bickley of the 1907 attendees of St. Michael's Catholic School. His mother is included in the front row. Shown are: Back Row: l-r-Mrs. Roder, Helen Bauman, Marie Seeholzer, Helen Hauser, Bessie Lynch, Margaret Layden, Clara Foley, Laura Brennan, Marian Murphy, Clara Baumler, Wilbert Baumler, John Bauman, Frank Brennan, Delbert Layden, Irving Lynch, Fritz Martin, Frank Hughes. Second Row: Harry Ramp, Carl Brennan, Raphael McGurn, Carl Erne, Carl Seeholzer, Francis Brentgartner, Clarence Baumler, Francis Layden, Frank Haig, Romeo Purcell, Emmett Martin. Front Row: Annie Yatsko, Kathleen Brennan, Annie Kekelik, Lizzie Rohy(Feyedelem)[Lyle's mother], Margaret Bauman, Gertrude Foley, Margaret Brennan, Harriet Martin, Harold Brennan.

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We are seeking out service opportunities in the community for small teams of students to participate in for about 90 minutes to 2 hours. Students will be supervised by staff members. If you have an idea for a job for students, please contact Amy at the

school. We will have a delicious, nutritious lunch together, and then have some special presentations and activities to learn more about a well-rounded balanced sense of fitness. Goody bags will be given away to help attendees continue the healthiness after they leave.

The community is welcome to join us- look for more information as the day approaches. If you would like to be notified of the developments, please contact Ms. Krajnak (akrajnak@kelleys.k12.oh.us). Because of the planned activities and lunch, RSVPs are required. Look for more information posted after Spring break!

Have you ever thought of becoming a firefighter?

Jack Hostal

Many people at some stage in their life have thought of being a firefighter. It may have been as a child when you watched the fire trucks race down the road on a call, or while watching brave acts of heroism on the local news. In the United States, of the more than 1.1 million firefighters, 72% of them are volunteer firefighters.

When a fire call is received, volunteer firefighters "drop" everything to respond. This could mean leaving the yard half-mowed, disappearing from dinner with the family, or telling the boss "I'll be back soon!"

Why are so many men and women volunteer firefighters in their commu-

nities? Excitement and camaraderie are two reasons. Being a volunteer firefighter is also a great way to help and protect your community, family, and friends.

The residents, visitors, and businesses on Kelleys Island are protected by volunteer firefighters from the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department. You see these volunteers all over the island, but may not realize it. They may be your neighbor, law enforcement officer, or shopkeeper. They are always "on call" and willing to help you out when their fire pager sounds!

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter and joining

Happy Birthday

MARCH

12- Tracy Quillin
13- Gary Finger
13-Elic Watkins
25- Kyle Joyce

APRIL

8- Erin Krafty
12- Michael Krafty
19- Rusty Zettler
20- Barb Schnittker
26- Billy Minshall
30- Mallory Coulon
28- Heidi Smith

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!

the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department? The State of Ohio basic firefighting training is 36 hours of classroom time, hands-on training and testing. In addition, potential firefighters must undergo a health physical, drug test, agility test, and an interview. If you are interested, please call KIVFD Fire Chief Jack Hostal at (419) 746-2788. Your island thanks you.

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MAY DEADLINE IS APRIL 15


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Saturday, August 7

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Saturday, September 11



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June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 6 -YE Pot Luck

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 May 9 - 15

Kid's Nature Camp
 August 4

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 September 25

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2010 Calendar of Events

April
 Sat. 10 **Early Bird Pump Party**-Starts at Noon
 Wed. 14-Fri. 16 **Yoga Retreat**-Call KI Brew Pub for details 419-746-2314
 Sat. 17 **Annual Spring Wine Fling** at the KI Wine Co.
 Sat. 24 **Welcome Back Fish Fry** at Village Pump-5-7:30 p.m.

May
 Sat. 1 **Derby Day**-watch your favorite horses at the local taverns.
 Sat. 8 **EMS Spaghetti Dinner**-3-7 p.m. Location TBA
 Sun. 9 - Sat. 15 **Nest with the Birds Festival**-KI Audubon Club-week long programs, guided bird walks, nature lectures-call 419-746-2258
 Thurs. 13 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck--6 p.m., Program--7 p.m., St. Michaels Hall on Chappel
 Sat. 15 **EMS Safety Service Day**-Noon - 2 p.m.
 Fri. 21-Sun. 23 **Handcrafted Beer Week**-KI Brew Pub-419-746-2314

June
 Mon. 7 **Spring Perch Derby**-Caddy Shack
 Wed. 9 **Ohio Bike Week**-Kelleys Island Day
 Fri. 11-Sun. 13 **Fishing Tournament**-details coming soon!
 Sun. 13 **15th Annual 5K & 10K Run**-sponsored by KI Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau-begins at 10:45 a.m. Call Chamber for further Info-419-746-2360.
 Thurs. 17 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck-6 p.m., Program--7 p.m., Pavilion on Addison
 Sun. 19 **Annual Horseshoe Tournament**-Kelleys Island Wine Co.

July
 Sun. 4 **Concert in the Park**-Details TBA
 Sat. 10 **Historical Home Tour**-sponsored by the KI Historical Assoc. for information call 419-746-2754-ticket prices TBA (non-refundable)-will be sold at KI Hist. Museum at Old Stone Church, KI Chamber of Commerce, Island Market, Country Store
 Thurs. 15 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck-6 p.m., Program-7 p.m., Pavilion on Addison
 Fri. 23-Sun. 25 **ISLANDFEST '10-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS COMING SOON**
 Sat. 31 **Charles Herndon Galleries Open House**
 Sat. 31 **Make-a-Wish Golf Cart Poker Run**

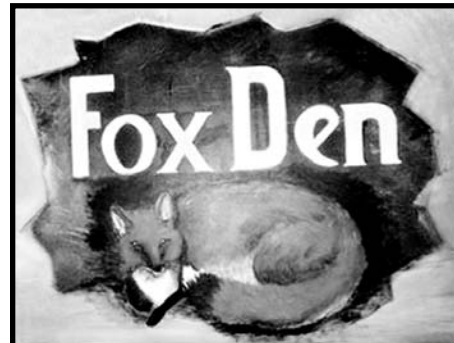
August
 Sun. 1 **Make-a-Wish Mystery Swim**-Dockers
 Mon. 2-Tues. 3 **Kelly Miller Circus** at village baseball field-tent raising a.m. Mon., shows 4 & 7 p.m. both days-KICC event call 419-746-2360
 Fri. 6-Sat. 7 **KI Outdoor Filmfest**-Village baseball diamond Movies include: Avatar, Vertigo, Monsters vs. Aliens & Singing in the Rain
 Thurs. 19 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck-6 p.m., Program-7 p.m., Pavilion on Addison
 Sat. 21 **Homecoming-Parade** and events TBA-sponsored by KILA
 Sat. 28 **EMS Poker Run**

September
 Sat. 4 **Island Singers**-Free Shows at Town Hall
 Sun. 5 **Glacial Glimpses**-Sponsored by KI Audubon Club-Meet at Fisherman's parking lot at north end of Division-time TBA
 Sat. 11 **Treasure Island Day**-island-wide yard sale-9 a.m. to 3 p.m.-maps available for sanctioned sites day of event at KI Ferry Line, Chamber Office, Island Market and Country Store
 Boat **Monarch Butterfly Festival**-10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at KI Historical Museum Old Stone Church-sponsored by KI Historical & KI
 Sat. 11 **Doggie Brunch**-KI Brew Pub
 Sat. 11 **British Car Show**-Sponsored by KI Chamber of Commerce
 Mon. 13 **Fall Perch Derby**-The Casino
 Thurs. 16 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck-6 p.m., Program-7 p.m., Pavilion on Addison
 Sat. 18 **Winterfest 2010!!** At KI Wine Co.-Noon to 8 p.m.-Free wine tasting for adults, Free grape juice for kids-Great food and fun games for all ages-Music by Midnight Express
 Sat. 18 **Kayak Poker Paddle**-Circumnavigate the island in your canoe-collect cards at various island beaches. For information call 419-746-2258. Sponsored by KI Audubon Club & KI State Park
 Sat. 25 **5th Annual Lobsterfest** at the Village Pump
 Sat. 25 **Feathers and Foliage Festival**-sponsored by KI Audubon Club-bird-banding on Long Point early a.m.-Free-all welcome

October
 Sat. 2 **Oktoberfest** -Delicious German Buffet at KI Brew Pub
 Fri. 8-Sun. 10 **Murder Mystery Weekend** at the KI Venture Resort
 Sat. 9 **Chili Cook-off**-at KI Brew Pub
 Sat. 9 **Annual Clambake**-The Casino
 Fri. 15 **Classic Car Show**-KI Brew Pub
 Thurs. 21 **KI Audubon Club Monthly Potluck & Meeting**-Potluck-6 p.m., Program-7 p.m., St. Michael's Hall on Chappel
 Sat. 23 **KILA Family Hayride** at 4-H Camp on Ward Road-hot dogs, marshmallow toasting, crafts, and hayride-rain or shine-wear your costume, bring your parents--\$10 donation per family
 Sat. 23 **Adult Halloween festivities!** All taverns
 Sat. 30 **2nd Annual OcTogaWeen Pub Crawl**-6-11 p.m.-special drink prices and "treats" hosted by all 9 taverns. Dress in toga or costume-visit all and get treats at each-can become eligible to win 1 of 3 KI prize packages

November
 Sat. 6 **KI Audubon Club Year End Party-Potluck** 6 p.m.-Meet Tom Bartlett our bird-banding Project Coordinator-at The Inn-everyone welcome!
 Fri. 26 **Tree lighting** at Memorial Park-7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

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If you are contacted for any of the following reasons -- **Do Not Participate. It is NOT the U.S. Census Bureau.**

Phishing:

'Phishing' is the criminally fraudulent process of attempting to acquire sensitive information such as user-names, passwords, social security numbers, bank account or credit card details by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication. Phishing is typically car-

ried out by email and it often directs users to enter sensitive information at a fake web site whose look and feel are almost identical to the legitimate one.

Other Scams:

• The Census Bureau does NOT conduct the 2010 Census via the Internet

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How to report scams and bogus Census web sites

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Zettlers visit Spain

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 Right: Kirt and Robby Zettler at Parc Guell the breathtaking park designed by Antoni Gaudi, Patriarch of the city of Barcelona and the designer who created the modernista style. They are standing in front of his world famous salamander sculpture



THINK SPRING! Pi Day Celebration

In Ms. Amy Krajnak's math classes, the days leading up to Thursday, March 11 were filled with extreme excitement. Of course, any teacher enjoys seeing the looks of anticipation building on the faces of their students. But this year, the enthusiasm went deeper...into the stomachs of the students in 8-11. For it was on this day, March 11, that they would be able to eat their math homework!

The celebration at hand was for Pi Day. Pi, as you know, is the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet and normally used in math classes to assist in calculations dealing with circles, spheres, and other round objects. So, it follows logically that Pi Day is a holiday for this special number. Why on March 14?--because the first three digits of pi are 3.14. Some extremely nerdy math teachers go as far as celebrating at precisely 1:59 in the afternoon (pi is equal to approximately 3.14159...). Because March 14 fell on a Sunday this year, we celebrated a few days early.

In anticipation of a celebratory day, Ms. Krajnak sponsored a pie-bak-

ing contest for any student in grades 8-11. The criteria for judging included the overall appearance, flavor, texture, and originality. One prize was to be awarded in each category: baked

beautiful apple pie, and Ben Krzynowek, a ninth grader, made an ice cream pie. The boys each received an iTunes gift card. Their recipes, are featured at the end of this article.



Ty Bell and Ben Krzynowek show off their Pi Day Pie Entries in Math Class on March 11

and non-baked. Out of 7 eligible students, only 2 pies were presented for judging. This made it extremely easy for judging- they both won! Students who made pies received extra credit in math class, and the students in grades 8-11 were allowed to sample the pies. The 'winning' baked pie was made by eleventh grader Ty Bell, a

"official" definition of pi as the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, and that Pi has been calculated to over 1 trillion digits!!

The next time these students calculate the circumference, surface area, or volume of anything circular, I hope they look back to March 14 with a smile.

The winning pie recipes: TY'S PI DAY APPLE PIE RECIPE

Ingredients: 2 C. All-Purpose Flour
 1 tsp. salt
 3/4 C. Crisco Vegetable Shortening
 4-8 Tbsp. Ice cold water
 2 cans Comstock Apple Pie Filling (21oz. ea)

Directions: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Blend flour and salt in a mixing bowl. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender until mixture forms pea-sized crumbs. Sprinkle in 4 Tbsp. ice water, mix with fork. Add water one Tbsp. at a time until the dough holds together. Divide the dough into two. Place dough on a floured surface and roll each piece so it is 2 inches wider than the pie plate. Put the bottom crust into the pie plate, trim evenly around the plate. Add apple pie filling. Lift the top pie crust onto the plate. Trim the dough with 3/4 inch overhang. Press edges together and flute. Cut slits in top crust. Bake 15-20 minutes.

Source: Crisco Shortening Can, Comstock Apple Pie Filling Can

BEN'S PI DAY ICE CREAM PIE RECIPE

Ingredients: 1 Graham Cracker Crust
 1 egg white
 1/2 gal. Vanilla Ice Cream, softened
 1/2 C. Semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk egg white with fork until frothy. Brush onto the pie crust, bake the crust for 5 minutes. Let the crust cool completely. Fill the crust with ice cream (you may have more ice cream left in the container). Smooth ice cream out, put the pie into the freezer, and add desired decoration with chocolate chips.

Source: Original recipe

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according to a preset time of day or even day of the week. Most models let you can manually override the schedule without affecting the rest of the daily or weekly program.

Programmable thermostats are generally not recommended for heat pumps. In cooling mode, a heat pump operates like an air conditioner, so turning up the thermostat will save energy and money. But when a heat pump works in its heating mode, setting back the thermostat can cause the unit to operate inefficiently, thereby canceling out any savings achieved by lowering the temperature. Maintaining a moderate setting is the most cost-effective practice.

To automatically manage electric resistance systems, such as electric baseboard heating, steam heating, or radiant floor heating, you will need to purchase a programmable thermostat specifically designed for the task. Of course, when shopping for a programmable thermostat, always look for the ENERGY STAR® label.

More information on what may be right for your home can be found at energystar.gov.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



Spring is in the air...add it to your décor

Robby Zettler

"Kelleys Life" has allowed me to come to you through the pages of this publication with design tips and tricks for improving your island home or rental. Look for my picture along with helpful hints and ideas designed especially for lake and island life. You can expect to find inexpensive and easy ways to spruce up your porch, how to bring outdoor living inside (important for island living), where to find simple design in nature and wildlife, quick and easy ideas for beautiful island living, and if your selling your property, I have an arsenal of helpful hints.

To those of you who don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. I

am Robby Zettler and I have been a resident of Kelleys Island for over 25 years. My husband Kirt and I have raised our three children here, built and designed our home and business, The Kelley's Island Wine Co where I have been the General Manager running the day to day operations alongside Kirt who also takes on the added responsibility of winemaking. Three years ago, that all changed. I relinquished my responsibilities to a management team and event coordinator to open an interior design firm focusing on real estate staging and redesign services. My showroom is located in Lakewood Ohio but because I spend half my time on Kelleys Island, I work in the Lake Erie Vacationland area as well. Of course, I still have a hand in the Wine Co. activities but most of that is behind the scenes now while Kirt oversees the management team.

I returned to school for Interior Design in 2002 at a small school called Virginia Martii College of Art and Design and in 2006, I took a Home Staging course to qualify as a Real Estate Stager. It has been a great success not to mention deeply fulfilling. OK, enough about me! I just wanted to give you a little background so you would understand where my knowledge for these articles is coming from.

For this month, let me just leave you with a few simple ideas for the first Spring holiday.

After Christmas, Easter is my favorite holiday on Kelleys. Every

Easter I have had a big beautiful bouquet sitting on my table. No, not store bought—One from my yard on the island.

Forsythia. Simply cut long branches from the bush, bring them inside and put them in your prettiest glass vessel or other container (see Design Tip) with warm water and give them 5 to 7 days. Voila! Spring is in the air and at your table centerpiece. These long legged yellow beauties can actually be brought in as early as January.

Another one of my favorites is the Hyacinth. I love these fragrant little gems at my table for Easter. You can find them anywhere. Grocery stores, home and garden centers, local outlets and farm markets. After I bring them home, I pull them out of their dirt and wash their bulb. I place each one in a clear glass water tumbler, fill them with water and place them in a long narrow basket. Rule of thumb: use groupings of three. I fill the basket with moss, tissue paper or even the kids' Easter basket grass and I have a simple flower arrangement. If you don't have a basket, just line them up on the table in matching glass vessels. They dazzle on their own. After the petals start to die off, put them in the ground in clusters or lined up as a border. (I prefer clusters) for blooms next Spring. In just a couple of years, you'll have a whole bed of lovely Hyacinth!

Design Tip of the Month: Consider this arrangement in place of a standard glass container for your Forsythia blooms.

You'll need:

- A gift bag (the kind used in place of wrapping gifts) I used a 10x12" bag
- 4 sheets of tissue paper
- 2 or 3 tall narrow tumblers (1 or 2 if the bag is smaller)
- Long stemmed flowers such as Forsythia or Gerbera Daisies

Here's How:

1. Fill each tumbler half way with water and place them in the bag.
2. Arrange your flowers equally between the tumblers
3. With all 5 fingers, grasp the tissue paper at its center in a pincer motion and snap it to create a cone shape and stuff the pointed end in the front of one of the tumblers.
4. Repeat step 3 stuffing another tissue paper in front of the tumblers and two behind the tumblers.
5. Smooth down the tissue paper slightly so it doesn't hide or dominate the flowers.

This arrangement works great for baby or bridal showers and holidays because the bag and tissue paper can be coordinated with the décor or theme.

Note: If using a bag larger than 10x12 assemble and disassemble the bag in its permanent location. The bag is not rigid enough to transport.

Remember the Rule of Thumb: Use groupings of 3. Three smaller bags lined up or grouped together is an eye-catching arrangement.

Next Month: Think Outside The Box With Your Island Decor

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Nest with the Birds

KI School kids give Bird Program for the public.

Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent

Spring is here! (I hope)

I always enjoy writing my article for this edition of Kelleys Life. We usually are experiencing spring-like weather and temperatures. As of March 19th, Kelleys Island School has used one snow day (calamity days). As I have mentioned in past articles even though we do not transport our students in school vehicles, we still need to keep our students and parents in mind when we have weather on the island which could cause unsafe driving conditions.

Tenth graders taking the OGT

March is the time of the school year throughout the state of Ohio when the students in tenth grade are required to take state-mandated tests. The OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) is administered over a five-day period in five different subject areas. Reading, math, writing, science, and social

studies make-up the five areas of study. A high school diploma will not be issued until a student has passed all five-parts of the test. The OGT tests are prepared by the Ohio Department of Education with every student in Ohio answering the same test questions. Mr. Dave Slosser, our director of student services, and Mr. Gene Kidwell, our curriculum director, are our state authorized test coordinators.

Biddy Wrestling news

Under the direction of Coach Jude Lill, our biddy wrestlers have been competing this winter at numerous tournaments in Northern Ohio. Our wrestlers have gained much experience and knowledge throughout the season. This year's wrestlers are Layne McNeal, James O'Dee, Ben Krzynowek, and Michael Krzynowek. Good job!

Upcoming events at Kelleys Island School

- Thurs, April 1 - Early Dismissal - 1 PM
- Fri, April 2 to Sun, April 11 - Spring Break
- Mon, April 19 to Fri, April 23 - Ohio Achievement Tests
- Fri, April 23 - Multicultural Drumming Assembly - 1 PM
- Fri, April 17 - Board of Education Meeting - 9:45 AM
- Wed, April 28 - COSI/Planetarium Field Trip (Grades 1-6)
- Wed, April 28 - Great Lakes Science Center (Grades 8-11)
- Wed, April 28 - Board of Education Meeting - 9:45 AM
- Fri, April 30 - Jim "Basketball" Jones Assembly - 1:30 PM
- Wed, May 5 - Cleveland Botanical Garden (Grades 1-6)
- Wed, May 5 - Cleveland Art Museum Field Trip (Grades 8-11)
- Thurs, May 6 - 1 ½ Delay - Staff Meeting
- Thurs, May 6 - Health Event - Chef Edwards, EHOVE
- Fri, May 14 - "Nest With The Birds" Assembly (Grades 1-6)
- Mon, May 17 to Fri, May 21 - Swimming Lessons @ Danbury HS
- Mon, May 17 - Erie County Humane Society (Grades 1-6)
- Thurs, May 20 - Cultural Center Field Trip (Grades 1-11)
- Mon, May 24 - Math Show - Cuyahoga Falls HS (Grades 7-11)
- Wed, May 26 - Cleveland Indians Game Field Trip
- Thurs, May 27 - Kelleys Island School Art/Achievement Show
- Fri, June 4 - Last Day of School
- Fri, June 4 - Awards Assembly - 11 AM
- Fri, June 4 - End of Year Picnic - Village Park - Noon
- Sat, June 5 - Graduation - TBA

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"Kelleys Life" makes it to warmer climes

Rita and Ernie Mensurati of the Quarry Condos, went on The RockBoat X cruise this past January and remembered to bring their "Kelleys Life." The cruise sailed from Tampa to Cozumel, and back, from Jan. 7-11 on board the Carnival Inspiration.



How Do I Know If My Septic System Is Failing?

Kelleys Island has no municipal sewage system. All household sewage is treated by household sewage treatment systems. Some systems on the island are new and some are very old. The age of the system does not always determine when or if a system will fail. Numerous problems can occur with any household system. Some of the problems are caused by human error and others are caused by Mother Nature.

Some of the signs that your system may be failing included the following:

- Sewage has begun to back up into the house or into the septic tank
- Odors of raw sewage are noticed

outside or inside the residence

- Slow draining fixtures; especially after severe weather events
- The soil on or around the system has become soft and "spongy" from moisture. This area is usually identified with lush green grass.
- Well water is contaminated with bacteria

If any of the listed signs above are observed they should be further investigated. If one of these signs is detected it may be for other reasons besides a failing household sewage system. Sewage can back up into a home or septic tank because of a blockage in a pipe preventing the flow

of sewage to your system. Odors may be detected coming from a sewer gas vent pipe, which is normal on homes. The soil around systems can become saturated from runoff or rain water after severe weather. Wells can become contaminated with bacteria from a variety of other sources other than a septic system.

Household sewage systems can fail because of human errors. One of the first human errors that can occur is from poor design or construction of the initial system. The size of the system will be determined by the soil type on the property where the system will be placed, and the number of bedrooms the home will have. It is not uncommon for older homes to be designed as a two bedroom home and later converted to a three or four bedroom home. This new addition will increase the amount of wastes put into the original system. This kind of problem can cause a system to become overwhelmed with additional wastes and possibly fail.

The lack of maintenance or service of a system can also cause significant problems in a system. It is recommended that a septic tank is pumped every 3 to 5 years depending on the

number of people living in a home and the frequency of use of the system.

Sometimes Mother Nature can play a role in a failing system. If a system becomes oversaturated with groundwater it can cause sewage to rise and break through the surface of the ground. Newer systems are designed to prevent a system from being placed into the water table in order to prevent this type of failure. Roots from trees and from bushes can also cause system problems. The roots can cause blockage in pipes leading to a backup of sewage into the home or septic tank.

If you suspect that your system may be failing, malfunctioning, or in need of routine servicing you should contact a registered service provider or registered septage hauler. Registered service providers can be found on the Erie County Health Departments website <http://eriecohealthohio.org/householdsewage.html>.

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5. Protect a

cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.

7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.

8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.

9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.

10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.

11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.

12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.

13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, french fries, chicken fingers, etc on them. Soaks out all the grease.

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Frosty Morning

Robin Dunn (daughter of Rob & Kim Watkins)

Winter morning sunshine coming down.
 The neighbor's swaying summer grasses gone brown.
 The sun shines down on the white fence across the street.
 At the bus stop it is cold, so I move my feet.
 Winter morning sun making snow glisten, tinged with pink.
 The sunrise makes me stop and think.
 The ice on the lake sparkles too.
 What is not frozen is deep blue.
 Beautiful and bitter cold,
 Why don't our winters grow old?

Hooded merganser update

Karen Wisner

If you are interested, the mergansers arrived early this year at the quarry behind the condos. They showed up on March 11. Last year's date was March 20. The interesting thing is that the quarry ice had just

started melting the day before. So here's my question this year - How did the ducks know that it was okay for them to stopover here a week early?

PIB Nature Camp registration info!

Lisa Brohl

Nature Camp at the Bay will be here soon!! Camp will take place over three weeks: July 19-23 Nature Camp at the Bay (ages 6-8), July 26-28 My First Nature Camp (ages 4-5), July 26-30 Environmental Adventure Camp 1 (ages 9-10) and August 2-6 Environmental Adventure Camp 2 (ages 11 and up) on South Bass Island.

Nature Camp this year will learn about Frogs at the new frog pond at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, geology with Matt Oknefski, birds with Paula Ziebarth, and a cookout on the last day! The Environmental Adventure Camps will be geo-caching with Jen Miller and Karen Wilhelm again due to popular demand! This year Adventure Camp 1 will be Kayaking and Adventure Camp 2 may enjoy a fishing trip. Environmental Adventure Camp 2 will be traveling to Kelleys Island for their Campout!

Again this year will be three days of Environmental Adventure Camp followed by an optional Overnight Campout. To register for an overnight campout, the camper must have at least completed Environmental Adventure Camp 1 that week or in the past. Priority will be given in Campout registration to those who have signed up for the accompanying Environmental Adventure Camp.

Nature Camp at the Bay is sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, and the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee. Thanks to everyone for their support!

Registration forms are available on our www.lakeerieislandsbsc.com website, by e-mailing leic_bsc@cros.net, call 285-5811 or stop at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society or Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Please send yours in as soon as possible to reserve your spot! Once we receive your registration, a full schedule, volunteer sign up list, full medical forms, and more information will be sent to you in early June.

See the Registration form for proposed times and fees. Trouble coming up with the camp fees? Limited financial assistance is available through the generosity of a LEIC-BSC benefactor and a grant from the Body Shop. Call Lisa Brohl (285-5811) or Valerie Mettler (285-8301) for information. Want to help with the financial assistance program? Just send a check to LEIC-BSC with NC assistance fund in the memo.

We look forward to seeing the kids again this summer!

Many are unaware of the main difference between http:// and https://

It's all about keeping you secure - HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transport Protocol. The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure". If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://.

This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

This is why you never ever enter

your credit card number in an http website! But if the web address begins with https:// that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on. You understand why this is so important, right?

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with https://. ; If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number.

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Spring is a time to re-examine

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

As I was driving the other day, a squirrel ran across the road in front of me and I was grateful that it made it safely to the curb. The squirrel, not always as quick as a car, on this day made it back to its home. Whether the squirrel said a prayer of thanks or not, we may never know, but it was safe and it also was able to bring some food to its home. For I noticed the squirrel had a rather large piece of food in its mouth as it passed in front of me. I started to think about this and wondered: did the squirrel make it through this past winter with enough food?; was the squirrel hungry and just looking to satisfy itself?; was the squirrel taking care of a family?; or, was the squirrel storing up for next year already? Without doing any extensive

research on this particular squirrel, those questions will remain unanswered. I can live with those unanswered questions - they are not the most important ones ever asked. Maybe the lesson of the close encounter with the squirrel can teach me to be more observant and how I can be more concerned.

When we encounter people, do we seem genuinely concerned about them or do we somehow hope they give us the standard "I'm fine" answer? We should always keep in mind that there is a difference between being genuinely concerned and being nosy. Do we even acknowledge people we pass on the street or sidewalk? Are we living in a self-centered world or an other-centered world? As spring continues to

unravel the beauty of the earth, are we able to see the beauty in others? Seeing someone we haven't seen in a while can be a life-giving moment for all people. Will we take the time and see how they made it through the winter? Will we share our journey with them? Or, will we just try and hurry through this encounter so we can get to the "safety" of the curb on the other side of the street? Do we ever blind ourselves to certain people and just look for those people we know well? Do I ever see God in the people I encounter on the street? Do I ever run away from God or do I work at building that relationship? Relationships take time and energy but they are essential to living life to its fullest. (John 10:10)

Spring is a time to re-examine how

I have made it through the winter. Spring is also the time when we celebrate the Passion of Our Savior. Did I make it through the winter with enough "food"? Have I been called to care for family or friends? Do I see those people who are truly in need? Am I willing to reconcile broken relationships? With spring also comes the celebration once again of the Resurrection! - Our hope! Even when we forget to say thanks, we are not forgotten or abandoned. Our Savior provides all the "food" we need to live. Our Savior is with us to carry us through any encounter we may have. Just remember - look both ways before crossing the street.

Obituaries

Walter E. "Bud" Minch, World War II Navy Veteran, age 83, of Parma. Bud was politically active in the Democratic Party in Parma, for many years. He was an active Kelleys Island resident who remained involved in island events and the island's VFW. He was the loving father of Tim (Janet), Tom (Deb), Lori Carwile (Steve, deceased), Terry (Linda) and Tricia; beloved grandfather of Kelly, Chad, Ryan, Tom, Michael, Danielle, Eric and Mandy; former husband of MaryAnn Minch (nee Lorincz), dear brother of Jack and the late Anne Marie Anderson and Marilyn Minch; uncle of many; loving



companion of Carol Horvath. He passed away on Wednesday, January 20.

Memorial contributions may be forwarded to Stein Hospice at Ohio Veteran's Home, 3416 South Columbus Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870, Attention: Shawn Taylor. Funeral Service was held at the Busch Funeral Home, Saturday, January 23. Inurnment will be at Kelley's Island Cemetery.

Florence L. (McKillips) Ehrbar Benkey, 83, of Huron passed away, Feb. 17, 2010, in The Cleveland Clinic after a lengthy illness.

Born on Kelleys Island, March 2, 1926, to David Adna and Wilhelmina (Federsen) McKillips, she was a graduate of Estes High School on Kelleys Island. She enjoyed sports and was an

avid Cleveland Indians baseball fan. She was a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 83 for 26 years and a former member of the Sandusky VFW and Huron Eagles.

She is survived by her family, Corrine Miller of Sandusky, Richard (Donna) Ehrbar of Redington Shores, Fla., and Kathy Kozich of Huron; seven grandchildren, Robert, Andrew and Christopher Miller, Christine and Richard Ehrbar III, and Kelly and Daniel Kozich II; four great-grandchildren; stepchildren, Shannon (Jerry) Guerra and Sheldon (Lisa) Benkey of Sandusky; five step grandchildren; one step great-grandson; three sisters, Mary Dolezal of Walton Hills, Frances Kovalik of Twinsburg and Bernadette Byrne of Lorain; and several nieces

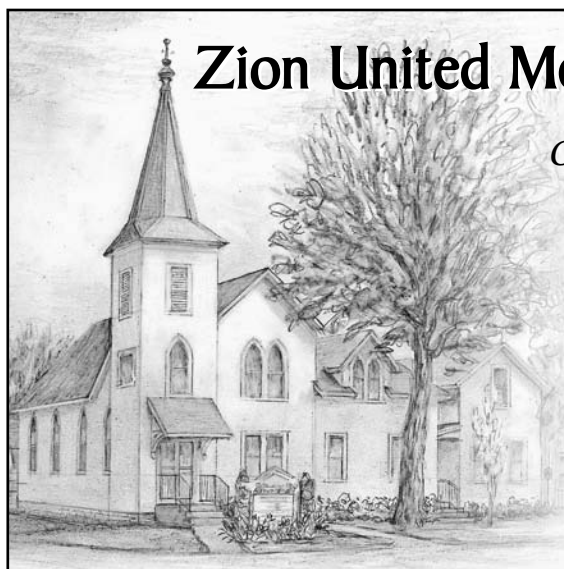
and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Ehrbar in 1980; second husband, Robert C. Benkey in 2009; two brothers, Morris and Clarence Ehrbar; and four sisters, Virginia Harris, Rose Perruchon, Gertrude Bugel and Ada Kata.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael Catholic Church, Kelleys Island; the Rev. Ron Brickner officiated. Burial will be in Kelleys Island Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Stein Hospice Service, Inc., 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870.

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Q: Is Social Security retirement income taxed?

A: According to the Social Security Administration office in Sandusky, Social Security retirement, disability and survivors insurance benefits can be taxed if a person has substantial income in addition to Social Security. IRS Notice 703 explains the issue. The Social Security Administration sends its beneficiaries FROM SSA-1099 each year. To see if their benefits are taxable they add together: one-half of the total amount from box 5 of their Form SSA-1099, their total income that is taxable, and any tax-exempt interest. If they are signed and the sum is more than \$25,000.00 or they are married, file jointly, and the sum is more than \$32,000.00 then part of the Social Security benefits may be taxable. There are other provisions for those that are married and file separately or lived apart. There are instructions in the Social Security Benefits section in the Federal tax return that explain how much of their benefits are taxable.

Q: I have a doctor's appointment and I'm in a wheelchair. Can Serving Our Seniors take me if I am 100% wheelchair dependent?

A: Yes! Less than a year ago we purchased a wheelchair accessible van. Because the Out of Town Medical Transportation Program is operated by all volunteers we have some restrictions. The Out of Town Medical Transportation Program is for senior citizens (age 60 or better) to get to medical appointments. It is a service for senior citizens who are medically stable and functioning independently in their wheelchair. This means, you must be able to maneuver your own wheelchair. The volunteers who drive the van will put down the wheelchair lift and secure your chair to the floor of the van. You, however, must be well enough and strong enough to operate your wheelchair without assistance. For any questions call Serving Our Seniors and ask for Chris Ferguson, Quality Assurance Manager. 419-624-1856.

Q: I have pills that my doctor told me not to take anymore. Can I give them to Serving Our Seniors so you can give them to a senior citizen who needs them?

A: No, unfortunately we cannot accept your generous donation. The law forbids anyone from dispensing prescription medications

without a license. So although Serving Our Seniors probably knows someone who needs your medications, we cannot give them your medication because we would be dispensing prescription medications without a license.

Q: What does "undue influence" mean in the field of geriatrics?

A: In Ohio undue influence - by itself is not a crime. It is, however, one of the tactics used to exploit older people. The organization known as "National Center to Prevent Elder Abuse" explains it this way: "Simply stated, undue influence is when an individual who is stronger or more powerful gets a weaker individual to do something that the weaker person would not have done otherwise. The stronger person uses various techniques or manipulations over time to gain power and compliance. They may isolate the weaker person, promote dependency, or induce fear and distrust of others." "Inducing someone to sign a legal document or give a gift, for example, may constitute abuse if the person does not fully understand the transaction, appreciate the value of what they are giving away, or comprehend the implications of what they are doing." (<http://www.preventelderabuse.org/issues/capacity.html>) It is under situations like this that the term "undue influence" is practiced in the geriatric population.

Q: I'm thinking about buying an annuity. Can Serving Our Seniors offer anything to help me understand annuities better?

A: This is not Serving Our Seniors area of expertise, but it is one of the areas of expertise for the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI). You should talk to someone in the Consumer Affairs Division of the Ohio Department of Insurance. Our agency has found Greg Mobley to be extremely helpful in making complicated insurance/annuity questions easy-to-understand. To reach him call Phone: (614) 728-1024.

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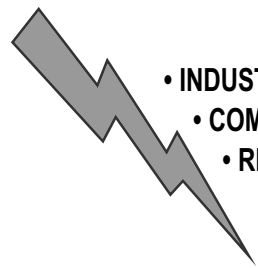
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It's Not just about the Weather

I awoke the morning of the Parrot Key luncheon on March 2nd in Ft. Myers, Florida to gray skies and a downpour. Normal weather for this season, not another one in history, apparently. By the time I arrived at the restaurant, there were already guests there, mingling and getting to know each other's connection to the island. Bad weather has been the topic of too many conversations this winter; I thought it was perfect timing for the luncheon, to get our thoughts on spring and the beginning of another season.

When weather is no longer the topic, ferry boats, the Village Pump opening, and the VFW are all hot topics. It seems that although dates change every year, the season opener has a rhythm of its own that includes a lot of snow birds returning to roost for the season, and some islanders that wish that would never happen. These are some of the quirks of a small town, I guess. Either way, for 8 months a year it is my home, and I miss it. By having the luncheon each year where I work, it allows me time to visit and catch up with some of the

people that I don't ever see in the summer, and some that I do.

Travel is always a big subject at the luncheon. Most people that snow bird are use to the travel from North to South and some goes to Arizona also. Bill and Barb Sinkhorn are traveling to the Holy Land in the Spring and the first time lunchers, long time islanders, the Finnegans were traveling to a resort for a long delayed get away for two. It was great to see newly retired couples like them enjoying time together. Russ and Linda from the Portside weren't retired long and Mary Rose Oakar is just coming back to Cleveland after retiring from her Washington work! Doubt that she will be retired long either. It was great to see the originals, the Landis' and the Matter's and the return of Bill and Fern Gorchester thrilled us all, especially first timer, Becky Overcashier, who has island history with many island families. We got to miss Bob and Bibber a bit, and swap stories with the visiting Hammonds and the Merckles.

Although I was teased about it, Doug was happy to see Frank Sennish

and Craig Staas, both friends from our teen years at the Blue Hole. Stories of Norby and the star filled nights at the quarry are still talked about at every get together we all have. It was great to catch up with Kurt and Janice Kraus, George and Elsie Homegardner and the Kennedy's. Mike and Diane Brookins, and Char Kreimes are long time attendees along with Chuck Colletti and Dee Reynolds. We couldn't do the picture each year without my bossy pants that I wear and Dick and Donna Schwab who help me pull it off. I hope I didn't forget anyone, but knowing me I did. I am always looking for ways to improve the luncheon, so input is welcome.

Knowing that in four weeks we will be landing at the dock and seeing the landscape of home makes the last weeks here a little less tiring. We have been busy planning our season. We have exciting events and menus ready for the 2010 season. Some old favorites and some new ones that are sure to get the party started. We know it has been a long winter and hope when you come to Ki you stop to have some breakfast, lunch or dinner and

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We will open either the 17th or 24th of April this year, we will put an update at the store. Hope this winter was good to you. We look forward to hearing about it. We have our event dates, beginning with the 2ND annual Yoga retreat at Venture Resort, on May 14-16. Make your reservations early, it is going to be a sell out!. We are having a handcrafted Beer appreciation party on May 22 so come in to help us put out what you would like to see that day. It looks like we will have 2-3 of our beers ready for a day full of brewed beer and handcrafted food. Until then, Cheers

Stop in for a Shannon update. She is continually improving and being prayed for by hundreds of people has been a HUGE part of her recovery. We continue to ask for your support in positive visions and prayer for her continued healing.

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Clothing Lint Roller: Instead of removing the lint off your suit, use it to remove lint from your lampshades.

Lemons: Cut a lemon in half and use one-half to clean light wood and plastic cutting boards. Rub the cut

half of the lemon on the surface of the board, let stand for 20 minutes and rinse. Then, cut the lemon into wedges and grind down the disposal for even a secondary purpose!

Baking Soda: Miracle silver polish! Wash your silver then place on aluminum foil in the bottom of a pot. Add a baking soda solution (1/4 cup baking soda, a few teaspoons of salt and quart of boiling water) to cover for a few seconds. Creates a chemical

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