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## PTO Poinsettia fundraiser



The Kelleys Island Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is once again selling Poinsettia plants from Corso's Flower and Garden Center of Milan Road, Sandusky, as a fund-raising effort for the organization. All plants are of a medium size in decorative 6" pots (5-7 blooms). Four different color choices are available: red, white, pink and variegated (pink and white marbled). Each plant is \$10.00.

Prepayment is necessary and needed by Dec. 7 for ordering. The target delivery date to the island is Mon., Dec. 13th. They will be available for pick up at the school. A home delivery for those island homes needing it can be arranged.

In addition to the plants, Corso \$20 Gift Cards are also for sale, with a portion of each one purchased going to the Kelleys Island PTO. The \$20 Gift Cards are good for anything at Corso's any time of year. Corso's sells flowers,

plants, supplies, garden gifts, shrubs and seasonal favorites. There is NO expiration date on the gift cards. Pre-payment is again necessary by Dec. 7 and delivery is also on Mon., Dec. 13th.

All checks should be made out to KI PTO. To order and to send payments, contact Barb Schnittker at 419-746-2443. If no answer, please, leave name and phone number, and call-back will be made. There will also be various contact people on the island and info on Post Office board and at senior lunches.

Give a gift or buy for yourself and support the KI PTO. Order several and keep one for yourself and send others to friends.

Better yet- a perfect gift idea- a beautiful poinsettia with a gift card attached!!

Please support the KI PTO!  
Happy Holidays!

## From the Mayor's desk

Mayor Rob Quinn

Council has been busy working with the Village Administrator Greg Ritchie to create a new water rate structure that keeps the water department solvent and addresses all of the forecasted expenses and new compliance issues.

Greg has been a busy man since he took over as the Village Administrator. His first task was to dig deep into the water department finances and propose a rate structure that is understandable, predictable, and achievable while meeting all of those mandated issues, and still address addressing spikes in semi-fixed costs like health insurance and chemicals.

In 2010 he estimates the deficit at the water department to be nearly \$65,000. Not too different from years past but especially different since the water fund, which actually fell to nearly zero in Sept., will be at only \$10,000 at the end of this year. In years past the water fund was sufficient enough to absorb the deficit, though it kept depleting the fund balance.

This is a critical point and immediate action is required to prevent the water department from running out of money. Additionally, since the water fund is so low, there are no funds available for emergency projects or scheduled required projects such as the much needed water line intake replacement project.

Greg has spent months meeting with other area cities and villages and studying their rates, our rates, and the water rate studies we have had procured over the last several years. He has provided a rate structure that for small users will still be less than other area communities, for medium size users is similar to other area communities, and for large users is somewhat higher than other area communities.

Some of the dynamics that surround our rates that differ from other areas are components in the rate proposal. For example, we are still paying down debt on the old water plant that has been out of service since the new plant was installed many years ago. We have three years left on that debt. We have many fewer customers on our plant than other area communities, causing the fixed costs to be spread out over fewer users. We are on an island which traditionally adds a 20-30% increase in

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## Kelleys' voters buck Erie County trends

Jacquie Kranyak

The 2010 November election showed once again that islanders have a strong Republican leaning, while the rest of Erie County more often leans toward the Democratic candidates. While Ted Strickland carried Erie County by about 3.6%, he lost on Kelleys Island 119-89, or by about 16.8%. Here are other KI results (\*indicates statewide winner): Attorney General -Mike DeWine\* (R) 118/Richard Cordray (D) 89; Auditor of State-David Pepper (D) 81/David Yost\* (R) 124; Secretary of State-Jon Husted\* (R) 125/Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy (D) 74; Treasurer of State-Kevin Boyce (D) 66/Josh Mandel\* (R) 133; US Senator-Rob Portman\* (R) 144/Lee Fisher (D) 69; US Representative-Rich Iott (R) 116/March Kaptur\* (D) 102; State Representative-Dennis Murray\* (D) 90/Jeff

Krabill (R) 115; County Commissioner-Bill Monaghan\* (D) 113/Mike Pisarsky (R) 101; County Auditor-Rick Jeffrey\* (R) 119/Thomas Paul (D) 84.

Islanders passed all county and island issues, with following numbers: County General Health Levy (Renewal)--160-52; County Senior Citizens Levy (Replacement)-169-57; County Metroparks levy (Replacement)-111-108; Kelleys Island Fire Protection (Renewal)-199-31; Kelleys Island Roads and Bridges (Renewal)-165-64; and the EHOVE Joint Vocational School Levy (Replacement)-145-81.

On Kelleys Island 67.15% (231 of 344) of our voters exercised their right to vote, while only 53.36% of voters county-wide voted, and only 47.95% of voters statewide turned in a ballot.

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## A couple of Kelleys

The lovely young ladies above are both descendants of Kelleys Island's original two founders-Irad and Datus Kelley, and both stopped at The Inn in August to catch up on their *Kelleys Life* reading. On the left is Kelley Williams, age 8, who is descended from Irad. She lives in Schererville, Indiana and is the granddaughter of Roger and Madeleine Williams. On the right is Kelley Price, age 27, who is descended from Datus, and is the granddaughter of Caroline DeBoard, daughter of Stacey DeBoard.



### From the Mayor's desk

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operating costs. And lastly we have extreme seasonal variations in demand for water, yet our fixed costs are required year 'round.

The proposed new rate will increase the average residential rate by an estimated \$31.00 per quarter and represents a residential rate increase of nearly 44%. For Commercial customers the proposed rate increase will average 64%, again varying depending on the user's consumption.

The proposed new rate will generate a positive balance in the water fund estimated to be \$23,000 by year's end. The administrator and my office have been working together to reduce costs wherever available. We are looking at phone costs, internet costs, insurance expenses, supplies, billing expenses, etc. We will continue to diligently work to reduce the operating costs at the water department, while responsibly and legally producing

water for the residents and visitors on Kelleys Island. We are of the opinion that we will be able to cross-train manpower between the maintenance department and water department to reduce overall labor costs, especially during our off-season months.

There have been great discussions regarding the tap-in fees currently charged. If you recall, the tap-in fees were all doubled last year by the BPA. The thinking around that fee hike was a simple quick way to get some funds fast. The fees were doubled but a waiver period was included in an attempt to get anyone who was thinking about ever buying a water tap to buy it then before the rate doubled. It was a short term solution to a long term problem and at the time it worked. Tens of thousands of dollars in tap fees were generated until the waiver period was over and since then tap fees have all but been non-existent.

The "fear factor" thinking that went into the developing of the new tap fees cannot possibly be the best science or best process in developing a productive long term tap-in fee. Through his investigations, the administrator found that the old residential tap-in fees were in line with neighboring communities but our Commercial tap-in fees were substantially less. In the instance of the hotel recently built on the island, under neighboring communities fee structures the village would have taken 30-50 thousand additional dollars for the commercial tap-in than we charged.

I'm urging council to consider tap-in fees in line with neighboring communities whereby we can promote the addition of many new residential customers that are presently being serviced by well or cistern. Adding more customers is the key to reducing costs for the existing customers.

Lastly, discussions regarding how tap-in fees are managed are underway. In the past the tap-in fee was deposited in the general water fund for use. Moving forward, it is recommended that a portion of the fee be set aside into the capital improvement fund. This recommendation appeared to be without objection at the recent council meeting work session.

The consensus at the work session was that, albeit unfortunate, that the rates are required to be elevated as recommended in such a short period of time, it was clear that not addressing rates for so many years along with new compliance issues and skyrocketing operating costs we are left with few options. As I mentioned, Council and the Administrators office will continue to work diligently to keep the operating costs as low as possible.

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# Kelleys Island Audubon Happenings

Fall has been a busy time for the Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC). September events drew good crowds and many newcomers were introduced to Kelleys Island. During Glacial Glimpses on Labor Day weekend KIAC president Pat Hayes led 40 people on an interpretive walk about the Glacial Grooves and Alvar. Just a week later at the Butterfly Festival at the brand new Kelleys Island Historical Museum the monarch butterflies were plentiful and the tagging demonstration was well attended.

The Kayak Poker Paddle, co-sponsored by the Kelleys Island State Park, drew over 90 kayakers who had a delightful paddle around the island and won awesome prizes. The last Sat. of Sept. was the Feathers and Foliage Festival with bird banding. Over 100 people came by, including a large group of Cub Scouts, went on walks

and watched the banding process. Three of the birds were "recaptures" from previous banding on the island.

Monthly programs have included a talk on the state of Lake Erie, a presentation on penguins and the always fun End-of-the-Year Party at The Inn. Owl banding is another fall feature that takes place when the weather cooperates. It is usually announced via the KI grapevine and posted on the Kelleys Island Post Office Bulletin Board.

The Pape Collection at the KI Branch of the Sandusky Library has some new books and DVDs and is growing under the direction of Barb Zeller. Check it out. Also available FREE at the library are new books put out by the Ohio DNR called "Lake Erie Public Access Guide;" These will be especially interesting for boaters and even include a space for field notes

for birders and those who enjoy fishing.

The ducks and cormorants are moving through on passing weather fronts and bird censuses will continue over the winter. Meanwhile, prepare for our annual kick-off event of the next season starting with Nest with the Birds May 19th- through 22nd-speakers, guided field hikes and excellent birding continue to make this a premier event-a Bird Kelleys Island event.

Watch for more information and the calendar for 2011 in future issues, and look for more on our new theme "Bird

Kelleys Island" to emphasize that wonderful bird watching goes on all year long.



Photo by Patrick Hayes.

Island children Colin Nunn-Strassner, Zuri O'Dee, Olivia and Octavia Schnittker were on hand for bird banding on Long Point during the Feathers and Foliage festival.



Photo by Roger Williams

## British car rally on Kelleys

Sharon Brunell McIntire

Kelleys Island participated in a world-wide event on Sat., Oct. 16th. That date marked the 80th anniversary of the very first British Car Rally. In celebration of the event, British Car Rallies were held in Australia, China, Germany, England, and throughout the United States to commemorate that day.

The three car clubs that came to Kelleys Island were the Emerald Necklace MG Register, the Central Ohio MG Owners, and the Northeast Ohio Austin Healey Club. They ran a thirteen mile course exploring the island on their 2010 Fall Colors Tour. The parade of thirty cars started at the ferry

dock at 11:30 am and was led by Jim McIntire in his 1929 Model A to the Kelleys Island Historical Association's new parking lot for a driver's meeting.

The thirty cars included many MGs, Austin-Healeys, BMWs, a Mazda Miata, and a Volkswagen. About an hour later they dispersed to run their course and could be seen throughout the island that day. They finished up their day by turning in their rally results with dinner and awards before returning to the mainland.

More photos of the British Car Rally Fall colors can be seen on line at <http://ohiobritishcarburgess.shutterfly.com>

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Judy as a child

Judy DuShane greeted me with her characteristically warm smile, hailing me as I pulled into her niece's driveway instead of that belonging to her, now that the five generations before her have passed on. "Esther's Place," bearing her mother's name, looks out serenely from its tree-shadowed haven to blue lake waters.

Judy's ready, eager to greet me, to share and show artifacts that preserve in pictorial display and in dated documents the annals of the Bauman family's arrival on Kelleys Island over a hundred and twenty-five years ago. I wonder aloud how her great-grandfather Samuel J. Bauman found his way from Switzerland to this island almost in the middle of a new conti-

# Esther's Place: The Samuel J. Bauman

Carol Nelson-Burns

ment where he married the Irish-born Bridget Byrne.

Their son Samuel married Frances Allington on June 23, 1903, at St Michaels, and their union produced nine children, one of whom was Esther (Judy's mother). Esther married Claude O. Smith, one of the nine children born to Albertina (Reiter) and William C. Smith who had emigrated to Kelleys from Germany. After having sixteen siblings between them, it might be no wonder that Esther and Claude settled on having just two children, Judy and her brother Claude A. Smith, who is now deceased.

As we sit in the almost-30-year-old 'new addition' to sip coffee at a breezy bright table with the lake as a mural before us, Judy's memories and narratives tumble out excitedly, the weighty business of preserving a family heritage and its history, a joy at the hands and in the mind of this capable Bauman-Smith daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter.

The 150-year-old home houses lots of stories of the families who built and tended it, keeping it alive through all these generations. It's no small task, this labor of love. No doubt easier to have all the modern conveniences that can be built into a dwelling nowadays, but which of the newly erected structures will weather the winds of time and changes for the next 150 years?

As we walk through high-ceilinged rooms cooled by lace curtains fluttering at tall windows, the lakeside colors of soft blues and daisy-yellows are enriched by sturdy old banisters and elegant tables

always set serene and ready, as if awaiting company in the parlors. Plaster walls and thick wood door and window frames tell the stories of their builders, and their keepers. It's work-a labor of love-to maintain an old house, but the house, like the people who loved and protected it before now, is made up of the hours of polishing, of painting or repairing, to preserve "home." With the able work of Stan Greene (of Castalia) and his crew, the house was recently remodeled to maintain the integrity of this structure while keeping the old-time character.

In the basement, Judy shows me glacial striations on the rock floor, the narrow channel where water careens through on its way to the lake, the cool corner where autumn fruits wintered, and the walled enclosure of the original water supply, its cistern. Thick wooden beams horizontal and vertical support plastered walls. Steep steps for her great grandfather's long legs no longer lead to the summer kitchen of earlier generations.

"Esther's Place" was built in 1861 as Addison Kelley's house (Addison was the son of Datus Kelley, one of the two original Kelley brothers to settle on the island). Samuel Bauman lived at the big white house on the northeast corner of Monaghan, and there were at least four Bauman vineyards on the Island by 1870. The stone wall along the north face of the island called Long Point was built by Samuel and his family and others, in

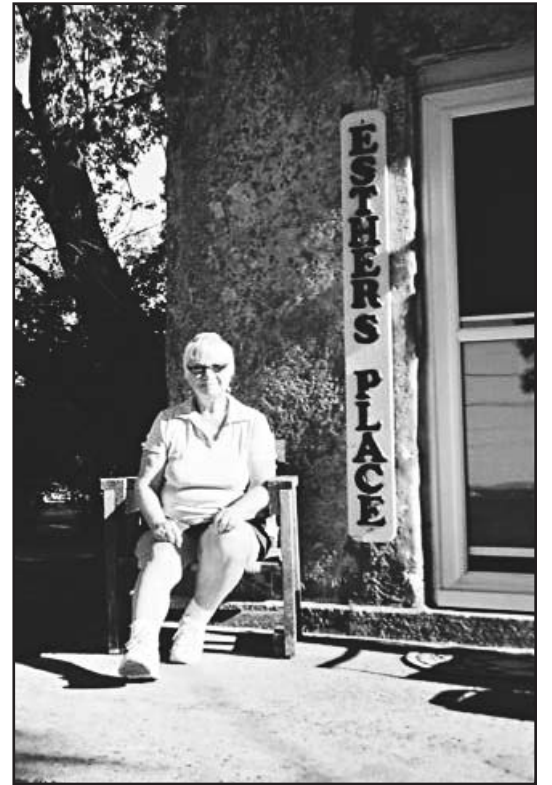



Photo by Carol Burns.

Judy today-still with her ready smile.

the style of classic Irish fence: stone upon stone. It is a testimony today, as it stands yet, to the design initiative, craftsmanship, and patience of simple farmers who saw a need to mark their land and protect crops from intruding animals or careless passersby. Wherever those stone fences appear throughout the island, they are enduring evidence of the superior workmanship of ancestors whose ingenuity and dedication produced a structure that has survived decades of bit-



## Thank You to 2010's Kelleys Island Historical Association Members

*A KIHA membership makes a perfect gift for everyone!*

**Kelleys Island Historical Association wishes to extend our warmest and most sincere thanks and appreciation to our 2010 members!**  
**You are truly a part of Kelleys Island history. Don't forget to rejoin this year and to tell your friends and family about us. There has never been a more exciting time to join. Our new museum is open and for the first time ever so many of our truly treasured artifacts are on display for all to see.**

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# Family legacy lives on

ter winters, blazing summers, and the social erosion of newcomers with different ideas.

The Bauman family, like other immigrants, adapted their skills and knowledge of working within their environment to survive. It is a different meaning of "work" from what we have grown used to in recent generations. The first Samuel was a grape grower, but grapes are not a year-round crop in the Great Lakes region of America, and so he fished, fall and spring, to feed his family. No dole or food stamps or public assistance would ever have been considered by Samuel Bauman or the other settlers, fathers, and farmers of his generation.

Judy has been coming to the house on E. Lakeshore since she was a little girl, as seen in the accompanying picture, her natural smile easy to recognize. In those earlier years sharing the summer adventure with as many as seven cousins and her brother in addition their parents, sleeping quarters were often spaces on the floor, or, if lucky, a spot on the porch. And there were 'family' and friends at other places on the island, including the Roland Brown house (now Plonskis), in the Kaempfe allotment and the Villa Annex (now Violand's). Judy collected eggs from the barn, was awed at the birth of a calf, cooked corn on the beach, lined up for the order of baths when water was heated in tubs. She recalls hearing the squeak of the pump as her uncle Andy Erne readied it for his morning shave before going out to fish in his boat, "The Detsey."

Her mother Esther graduated from Estes School, where her aunts had taught. Her father went to work in Cleveland, as did most of the fathers in the early 20th century. Finishing high school was less important then, and there was work that needed to be done. Her father became an accountant.

Her brother, Claude A., worked for New Departures but left to build a life on Kelleys Island. He became the Water Commissioner. And like other islanders of his era and ilk, he was a fix-it man who tinkered. One of his projects was an old road roller he coaxed back to life by jerry-rigging it to work. But it was no secret when Claude was "rolling" because its noises could be heard almost everywhere. Judy remembers standing in the rain holding an umbrella over Claude while he filled the contraption with the gas that it gulped.

Then there was the boat with a '50 Evinrude dubbed "Rock and Roll," whose distinctive putter is etched in memory. Judy and Claude learned to water ski behind it. To preserve that keepsake, Judy built a garage to house it! Ah, the things we do for love...

Judy has four grown children of her own with successful careers from Florida, to New South Wales, Australia, and back to Michigan. The educator and program director is the right choice to be the family historian. Family pride and enthusiasm for fine collectable details, Dr. DuShane (also modest) is at home in her blended family-the world that came before her, and those to whom she bestows rich and living memories of their heritage. In the pages of her carefully preserved documents, there is this wedding story of her grandparents:

When Miss Frances Allington and Mr. Samuel Bauman married in 1903, their reception was held at the home of Charles Seeholzer where the English-born orphan came as a youth.

The papers read: "Both parties were very popular and when the bans were published and first read, the friends of the young couple looked very pleased and surprised, for they knew what such an event meant for Kelleys Island." Little did they realize just how important that event was to all who followed them.

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## Obituary

### Vincent E. Kim

Vincent E. Kim, age 30, of Lancaster, formerly of Chagrin Falls, died Nov. 7.

He was employed by Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, and was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.

Preceded in death by his father, H. Elwood Kim, and grandparents, James and Mary Wagonseller, Vincent is survived by his wife, Alexis Hecker Kim; daughter Sabrina Jordan; son Calvin Elijah; parents, Kelleys Life publishers Anne and John Bauswein, brother Christian Bauswein, sister Johanna Bauswein, all of Bainbridge Twp.; grandmother, Cornelia Racz of Auburn Twp. grandmother Ruth Kim of Amanda; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Vince attended Kenston Schools and graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek High School. He attended Ohio University-Lancaster. Vince was passionate about history, astronomy and music.



Arrangements were handled by Frank E. Smith Funeral Home, Lancaster; interment in Amanda Township Cemetery followed cremation.

The Bauswein family suggests donations be made to Geauga County Dog Shelter, 12513 Merritt Rd., Chardon OH 44024, in Vince's name.

## Happy Birthday

### November

- 3- John Fisher
- 3- Stephanie Allan
- 6 - Michael Krzynowek
- 7- Robin Benvenuto
- 8- Izaak Elfers
- 10- Olivia Schnittker
- 15- Matt Sandvick
- 17- Eddie Ehrbar
- 17- Alex Mack
- 18- Donna (Elfers) Lusk
- 20- Carol Nelson-Burns
- 23- Frank Dodson
- 23- Kay Herndon
- 24- Lynn Maiers
- 25- Lisa O'Dee
- 25- Kim McNeal
- 25- Derrek Wagner
- 27- Jacquie Kranyak
- 28- Charlie Quillin

### December

- 1- Jeremy Smith
- 2- Evan Sandvick
- 2- Rolly Quillin
- 3- Michelle Maher
- 3- Mike Maher
- 5- Erin Joyce
- 11- Sierra Cremean
- 12- Maggie Quillin
- 14- Shannon Leary
- 14- Ava Gonzalez
- 18- Kayla Maher
- 23- James O'Dee
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- 31- Teanna Brunnet

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**JANUARY BOAT SHOW ISSUE  
DEADLINE  
IS JANUARY 5**

## Letters to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I have been a life-long Islander and land owner. I have been in law enforcement for 37 years. During my career, I have dealt with individuals of questionable character, including persons convicted of felony incidents, fraudulent behavior and assaults on police officers.

At present, I am the Chief of Police for Kelleys Island and am responsible for all law enforcement on the island. This requires being constantly alert to situations that could harm KI residents and/or adversely compromise the island's safety and/or reputation.

As the Chief of Police, I am also responsible for protecting the reputation of our police personnel. In that regard, professionally and ethically, I believe that I am responsible for defending "my own," acknowledging that assaults on police officers, regardless of where they occur, are serious offenses toward police in general.

In my opinion, we need to proceed with caution when faced with decisions about giving honorable recognition to any KI persons, especially those who have been previously found guilty of illegal actions related to Kelleys Island. I do agree that restitution should be taken into consideration. I also think that those islanders, who had been directly, adversely impacted by a person's fraudulent interactions with them in the past, understand the reason for the honorable recognition at the present time.

Since we are setting a precedent, we should all want to avoid the perception that slander and belittling the police or any official governance on KI is acceptable. And within that precedent, we should also ensure that we have a solid basis upon which we make decisions to honor KI residents.

Ronald E. Ehrbar  
Chief of Police, Kelleys Island, Ohio

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to share a great experience we had recently after spending the weekend on KI. My husband and I had gone downtown shopping on Sunday afternoon. He had tried on some hats at one store and then we had stopped at the Village Tee Shop and he tried on a sweatshirt. When we left the Tee Shop it was very sunny out and he asked me if I had noticed him wearing his sunglasses when we left the house. I couldn't be sure and he wasn't positive if he had worn them either.

Now these were not just any sunglasses. Urb is a very conservative fella. He had worked at now closed American Standard for 31 years. Each five year anniversary they were awarded a gift at our local jewelry store. He is not the jewelry wearing kind of guy so he always got clocks but after getting 5 clocks over the years at his 30th anniversary he let me get something for myself then with the balance he got a pair of Oakley sunglasses. Then the next year American Standard closed. So his Oakley's really have special

meaning to him. We back-tracked to both stores, looked all around but didn't see them anywhere. Then we went back to the house looking and could not find them. He was really bummed but really didn't know what else to do. Monday, as we were driving around the island we saw Shelly Stein, who had been working at the Tee Shop, out in her yard. Urb stopped and gave her my business card just in case someone found them. He had made up his mind they were gone forever.

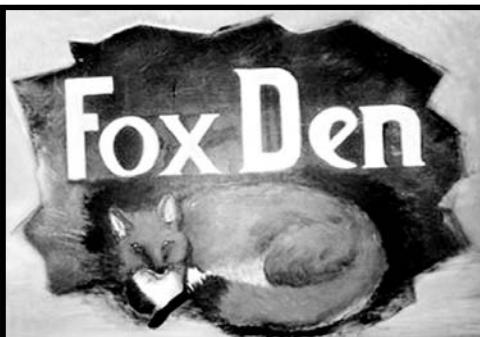
Well was he wrong. Two weeks later I got a call from Shelly, she found them the last day the Tee Shop was open. She was straightening sweatshirts and felt something heavy. She will always hold a fond place in our hearts. Thank you Shelly!!! Since the store was closing she gave them to Jackie Finger who also graciously offered to send them. Instead I called my cuz Rob Watkins at the Island Market. I didn't feel so bad asking him to send them to us. Rob, I owe you.

Only on Kelleys Island such a great ending.  
Sincerely,  
Urb and Pat Elchert, Tiffin

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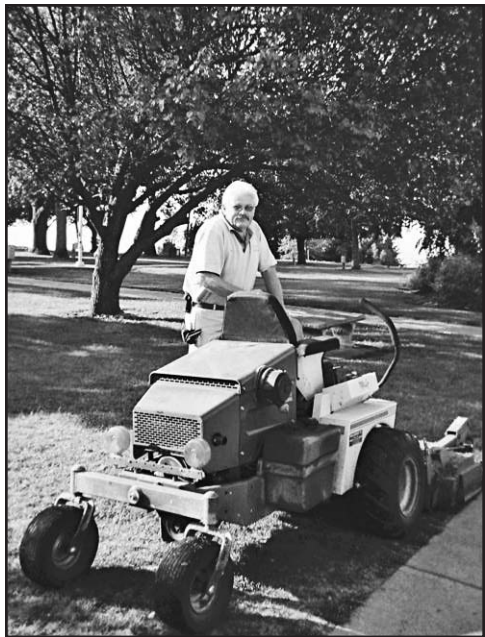
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## Gorchester museum gets donation

Pat Hayes (left) donated a cattle stanchion to the Agricultural wing of Bill Gorchester's new museum. Named the KI Historical Preservation Museum, it is located in the old winery next to Bill's house on East Lakeshore. He hopes to be open soon. Donations can be dropped off at the museum. Being a 501 C 3 Corp., all donations are tax deductible.



Tom McNeal-a virtual perpetual motion machine of activity and work--sits still for a moment on one of the many machines he's likely to be operating-or fixing--around Kelleys Island. Catch him while you can....

Tom McNeal was born in southeastern Ohio in the small town of Oak Hill, population 2000, and grew up on his family's farm. Bob Evans was a family friend and local neighbor, and Tom remembers visiting the original buildings of the Bob Evans farm site.

## Meet that guy Tom - you seem to see everywhere

Carol Nelson-Burns

Tom's work began when he was 14, in Ford dealerships service departments, though he built up his work ethic as most farm sons do-on the machinery of equipment the family needed to keep the farm running.

After he graduated high school, he went to Nashville, not for the music scene, but to hone his mechanical aptitude, earning a two-year degree in eight months at the Nashville Auto-Diesel College. He has continued working in that trade for almost 40 years. (Who knew the youthful guy with the deeply tanned skin, at home in shorts or jean jackets, plowing winter roads for the village and driving the big trucks all summer could be THAT old???)

As you might expect, Tom likes cars of any sort, and they dominate his hobbies as well as his daytime work on mowers, tractors, plows et al. He enjoys drag racing his '68 Mustang, and teaching his only son, Layne, the thrill of safe racing in HIS junior dragster. Not to be left out, wife Kim has her own street class T-Bird.

Kim and Tom have four other children, all grown-up girls: Joanna, Ruth, Cortnie, and Michaelynne, ranging in age from 21 to 36, who have given

them seven grandchildren. Born and raised in Grove City, Ohio, Kim became a dental assistant before she was swept off her feet by Tom (or vice versa, depending on who tells the story), then managed a family mini-mart for 18 years. After deciding to home-school their children, she turned her full-tilt energy to local church activity.

Their fourth summer on Kelleys, Tom is employed by the Village of Kelleys Island as the go-to maintenance man, and also the Maintenance Director at Camp Patmos. Water, sewer, boat and equipment maintenance are just a few of the many tasks he performs that keep ditches cleared, trees trimmed, electrical circuits replaced in village buildings that he is responsible for opening and closing. From the time the sun rises until after it sets, Tom is BUSY.

Not to be left behind, Kim is Executive Assistant to the Director at Camp Patmos, and both are active in island activities. Kim loves the island, especially the winters-potlucks, knitting at the church, dinners, and school events.

You'll never hear Tom complaining from an aching back or bone. Hard

work barely breaks a sweat, or increases his breathing. And he isn't afraid to get his hands or clothes smudged with oil, grease, or grass from the myriad of tasks he's in constant motion doing. Somewhat of a cross between a road-runner and a kangaroo, Tom is sprinting or jogging off, up behind the wheel, walking at seemingly break-neck speed. Always happy, his tow-headed crop of thick hair full.

His work ethic is matched by his love of and commitment to family, Kim a perfectly mated companion, Layne looking up with proud respect and awe, adoration and love that seems a natural glue of the McNeal family. They are here to stay, looking forward to their later years in life here on Kelleys, their adopted home.

You might catch a glimpse of sunny Kim's natural smile, or hear her chirpy voice when you see her driving past in the Camp Patmos bus. And you'll find Tom nearly anywhere, in his element with a big (steering) wheel in his strong hands. So when you pass him as he's off to keep the Island fixed, wave a "hey" at Tom, and remember how much of our island life we owe to his upkeep of, and he and his family's contribution to maintaining an island way of life.

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## From the K.I. Volunteer Fire Department

**Jack Hostal**  
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**What can I Burn?**  
No materials other than agricultural waste will be permitted to be burned. Burning of materials containing rubbish, garbage, rubber, grease, asphalt, liquid petroleum products, building materials, shingles or any product other than agricultural waste constitutes an EPA violation.

**How do I get a Burn Permit?**  
This permit can be obtained from the Village Office or the Police Dept. The hours for the Village Office are Tuesday thru Friday 12:30 to 4:30 pm and Saturday 9:00 to 12:00 noon. This permit must be filled out completely and returned to the Village Office by Tuesday at 3:00pm. A Fire Dept. Official will then go out to inspect the burn site and if everything is satisfactory the permit will be signed by the Fire and Police Dept. and then will be available for pickup at the Village Office on Wednesday after 3:00pm. A copy of this permit must be carried by the person conducting the Burn. Note (Burn times are on the permit.)



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**Submitted by Tom Konecny**  
The idea of owning a more efficient home-and paying lower utility bills-has widespread appeal, but finding ways to fund needed energy efficiency improvements can be difficult during hard economic times. Fortunately, there are several ways to recover some of your expenses when planning your next project.

Through the federal Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008, Uncle Sam offers a personal tax credit of up to \$500 for energy efficiency upgrades made to existing homes this year. You can recover up to 10 percent of the cost of adding insulation materials and exterior doors, windows, and roofs designed to help reduce your home's heat loss or gain.

Want to install a new central air conditioner or air-source heat pump? Your credit could be as much as \$300. The benefit covers up to 100 percent of the cost for qualifying heating and cooling units, with a maximum credit of \$500 for all improvements.

In addition, other federal incentives are available. While solar panels, solar water heaters, and geothermal heat pumps are expensive, you may qualify for a tax credit equal to 30 percent of the installation cost if your projects are approved by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation or ENERGY STAR, depending on the project's scope. Solar panels do not have a maximum limit for this benefit as of 2009; solar water heaters and geothermal heat pumps carry a \$2,000 limit. Check with your local electric cooperative before proceeding with any type of solar project.

Some electric cooperatives and state government offices offer further subsidies or rebates to consumers who want to make a home more efficient. For a listing of state and local energy efficiency assistance available, visit the Database for State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency, a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, at [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org). For details on how the right appliances can help you cut your electric bills, visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

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## Korenko donates books to library

Elaine Lickfelt accepts the gift of two books on the history of Kelleys Island from Leslie Korenko. The books will become a permanent part of the Reference section of the genealogy department of the KI library. This is the second book Leslie has written on island history, the first covering the earliest island settlers and this one entitled: *Kelleys Island 1862-1866 - The Civil War, the Island Soldiers & the Island Queen*.

## Fifty Years, and then some...

Carol Nelson-Burns

Summer 2010 was just the right time for Dianne and Chuck Hacker to have a little fun and festivity. Island homeowners for 35 years, the Hackers were able to secure a summer place after selling their island home last year when health and medical needs required more frequent mainland care and monitoring.

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary was a particularly joyous occasion. They shared it with family and nearly 200 of their dearest long time friends at the Sandusky Carousel Museum. Wendy Kromer, who makes wedding cakes for Martha Stewart, made the Hackers four-tiered anniversary cake with a carousel topper.

It is hard to imagine that fifty years could have passed since this serene, gracious, and youthful couple (natives of Castalia and Bellevue) said "I do" on July 24, 1960. Perhaps their love, respect, and loyalty to one another

have contributed to the elegance of their graciousness with each other, with others.

Their three adult daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren framed and enriched their happiness on this special day. Grand-daughters Lexis, Lindsay, and Laci McKillips-have "island blood" from their paternal grandfather Darryl McKillips and his father late Melbourne ("Buddy") McKillips.

The anniversary seemed to have set the Hackers in the mood for celebrations. They hosted the traditional summer party for the Island Singers cast on August 14. Harmonious laughter echoed from the verandahs in an August heat best described as "just too darn hot!"

Trays of healthy and decadent treats refreshed the singers, who welcomed the respite in the face of the now intensifying pace of practice for

the Labor Day weekend show. Gracious and comfortable hosts, the Hackers set the mood for relaxing, amid choruses of chatter. Bob May, aka "Pastor Bob," the former pastor of the island's Zion Community Church, and his wife Nancy were much welcomed guests.

*Congratulations to Dianne and Chuck on this important milestone in their marriage. We appreciate the spirit of hospitality and affection they have demonstrated, and what*



Photo by Carol Nelson-Burns.

Dianne and Chuck's three daughters: Andrea McKillips, Leanne White, and Melissa Senelath and their anniversary cake with its carousel topper, made by Wendy Kromer (well known wedding cake maker for Martha Stewart).

*they have contributed to the community of island living.*

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Amanda and Alicia Kolson show the certificate they received from finding a banded cormorant.

## Banded Cormorant found on South Shore

Judy DuShane

Young visiting cousins from Pittsburgh, Amanda and Alicia Kolson found a dead cormorant on the beach in front of my house on the eastern side of Kelleys, and proceeded to bury it with their grandfather's help. As they were covering the dead bird they noticed a band on the leg and called me over. We got the band off and noticed a telephone number on the band so I called.

A Certificate of Appreciation arrived in the mail a few weeks later with information on "our" bird. It had been banded in 6/04 in Sandusky and was too young to fly when banded. It was found dead here on July 12.

The certificate had interesting information on the "North American Bird Banding Program" which is sponsored by the US Geological Survey

and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

The certificate stated: "bird banding is important for studying the movement, survival and behavior of birds. About 60 million birds representing hundreds of species have been banded in North America since 1904. About 4 million bands have been recovered and reported. Thousands of birds have been banded on Kelleys over the past decade. Master Bander Tom Bartlett bands birds on Kelleys throughout the year, but especially with special efforts made during the Kelleys Island Audubon Club's Nest with the Birds in the spring and their Fall Feathers and Foliage Festival, which is held in September.

Data from banded birds are used in monitoring populations, setting hunted regulations, restoring endangered

species, studying effects of environmental contaminants, and addressing such issues as Lyme disease, bird hazards at airports, and crop depredations. Results from banding studies support national and international bird conservation programs such as Partners in Flight, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and Wetlands for the Americas."

The information provided went on to recognize the many cooperators in the program and noted the importance of reporting the recovered bands. As KIAC has been banding birds on Kelleys Island for several years it is good to know how some of the information is used. Bands found can be reported at [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov) or 1-800-327-BAND.

## Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent/Principal

### KI School Board returns 4 mills back to taxpayers

The Kelleys Island Board of Education voted at the Oct. 15 board meeting not to collect FOUR mills (largest ever) of outside school millage for calendar year 2011. This resolution will result in approximately \$243,000 in school taxes NOT being collected for one year, 2011.

The board of education passed this resolution after reviewing the financial plan projections for the next five years and determined the district's resources would allow to pass this savings back to Kelleys Island property owners.

This is the ELEVENTH consecutive year the property owners have

received a reduction on their taxes. This reduction equals approximately a twenty-five percent (25%) savings on the school portion of their tax bill for calendar year 2011.

### Thank you Barb Shadle Sinkhorn

Kelleys Island School and community would like to thank Barb Shadle Sinkhorn for her service and dedication this past year to our school system. Barb had served as president of the board during this year. Barb was required by law to resign her seat on the board of education in October due to her change of her voting residency from Ohio to Florida.

She was filling the vacant seat on the board due to the death of Bob Quinn last fall.

### Welcome Kim McNeal

With the resignation of Barb Shadle Sinkhorn from the Kelleys Island Board of Education in Oct., the board has selected Kim McNeal to fill the remaining last year on Barb's term of office. Kim works at Camp Patmos, along with driving taxi on the island during the summer. Her husband Tom works for the Village of Kelleys Island and their son, Layne, is a seventh grader at Kelleys Island School.

### Thank you Fall Perch Tournament donation

Kelleys Island School would like to thank the Casino Restaurant and all the fishermen for their \$500 donation to the Kelleys Island Perch Scholarship Fund. The Casino made

this donation to make sure the scholarship, established three years ago, continues at the school for our students to further their education. It was decided also to rename the scholarship as the Tim Ahner Memorial Perch Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone involved for their support of our island students!

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# KI Audubon Club Junior Nature Camp soared!

Peggy Cooney

On Wed., Aug. 4, in 90 degree weather, 60 children enjoyed the KI Audubon Nature Camp. The three part program was conducted at the VFW, State Park and the Twine Shanty (Gary Finger's Barn on Woodford).

Mona Rutger from Back to the Wild presented a program on Bald Eagles. She brought an eagle that is in her permanent care due to blindness from West Nile Virus. The eagle is now used for teaching people about these amazing creatures. The children learned interesting facts on eagles. In 1979 there were only 4 nesting eagles in Ohio, today there are 240 nests. Pat Hayes set up a telescopic lens for the children to view the nest located on Kelleys Island. Some of the children were very lucky to see the baby eaglet in the nest. The children learned that a typical eagle's nest weighs 700 pounds and can reach up to 2000 pounds. Mona had the children form a circle to demonstrate the size of the eagle's nest and showed nests of other birds so the children could appreciate the scale of an eagle's home. The children learned that a baby eagle will equal the size of their parents by the time they are 10 weeks old. They also learned that the American Bald Eagle does not get its white head and tail until it reaches 4

years old.

At the State Park, Richard and Annette Gallagher from Sandusky Children's Museum conducted a program called "Water Water Everywhere."



It was a wet and wild examination on the properties of water. The children had a hands-on lesson focusing on caring for and using this precious resource. They learned about cleaning an oil slick, moving water from place to place using pumps, cranks, air and gravity. The favorite water activity of the day was the rockets. Soda bottles half filled with water and pressurized with air were released into the air for 3 straight hours. It was an exciting and wet exploration of water.

At the VFW, the children received a snack and Jan Ransom read stories on

eagles. Sandy Kilko and the "craft ladies" helped the children create an ocean globe using recycled clear plastic bottles. Each student received a certificate and each family received a book on

eagles compliments of the Pape Library Fund.

I sometimes think we on Kelleys Island take for granted the beauty of the nature that surrounds us. I received a call from an adult vacationing for a week on the island who asked if he could go to the camp to see the bald eagle. He and his family had never seen a bald eagle or an eagle nest. They joined us for that part of the program and were thrilled to experience what we locals drive past every day.

There were thirty five wonderful volunteers who helped with this pro-

gram. A fun time was had by all. Jean Kuyoth, Jacquie Kranyak, Judy DuShane, Chris Yako, Sandy Kilko, Shirley Tomcho, Carol Geschke, Gretchen Larson, Carol Frindt, Ed Frindt, Jan Ransom, Leslie Korenko, Sandy Tkach, Cindy Christofferson, Linda Hostal, Stephanie Hunter, Pat Hayes, Fran Minshall, Barb Zeller, June Campbell, Laura Van Benken, Cindy Merkel, Virginia Coyne, Tracey Quillin, Julie Mack, Erin Sandvick, Fred Walcott, Paul Finnegan, Vickie Finnegan, Steve Merkel, Ed Frindt, Park Schafer, Maureen Flanagan, Maureen Graney, Kim Watkins, Gary and Jackie Finger, Mark and Alison Priebe. Businesses that assisted by offering space, donating snacks, copies, or other items were: Kelleys Island State Park, VFW, Island Market, Sweet Valley Trading Post, The Village Pump, The Inn and Campbell's Cottage.

Thank you to the volunteers and businesses that helped to make the Nature Camp a really great day!

*Editors note: Very special thanks to Peggy Cooney for putting this huge endeavor together once again. It's a tremendous effort and every child and every adult present thoroughly enjoyed themselves-and learned a lot also! Thank you Peggy!*

## Blessings and gratitude

As we ready to welcome our family back for the 11th chili cook off, I found the prayer circle reading what I read the Sunday after Shannon's accident last June. It states, "Not knowing the future ourselves, we often have to come to a deep trust in God during times when nothing seems to be happening. During times of inactivity,

God is at work behind the scenes. It takes patience and humility to get through a time of dormancy. These are times when God is preparing us for our destiny. "Thank you to the group of believers that have sustained me emotionally during this time."

In 16 months, Shannon has made so much progress. Her mobility increases weekly, her strength and balance being improved with each day that she works her limbs that are miraculously restoring themselves. I

write this grateful, curious as to what the future holds for our family business and for those that have experienced this miracle with us. Our prayer circle has expanded since that day and so has our business. We want to say thank you to all of the people who support us, both through our business and in our journey with Shannon. We asked that day for a miracle, we asked that our faith be pushed to its limits because we are divinely supported in all things.

As the fall season flows into the holidays and we ready for our migration south, we want to let you all know how much we appreciate those that make us part of their island memories. It means so much to have a growing family business at this time in our lives. We are so grateful and know that as you ready for your winter season, we will continue to keep you in our circle of friends.

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# From the Pastor - The nature of gratitude

This is the season of Thanksgiving, an offering of gratitude for all that we have. And we have a lot, a lot of the basic essentials humans need to survive, and beyond that, a lot of things that are not necessary but preferable. In most of the world they would be luxuries. But there is another level of gratitude, more basic and fundamental than gratitude for what we have. It is gratitude for what we are. And not what we are that distinguishes us from everyone else, name, family talents, interests, but what we are that we have in common with everyone else--our basic humanity.

Life is a gift. We didn't apply to be here. We just showed up. The American poet Emily Dickinson

wrote:

Gratitude is great medicine for the disease of self-importance. "To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else."

In his book "Lives of a Cell," Lewis Thomas wrote:

"Statistically, the probability of any one of us being here is so small that you'd think the mere fact of existence would keep us all in a contented dazzlement of surprise."

Gratitude begins with a profound sense of amazement at our very existence. To exult and rejoice in the fact that we are is the beginning of gratitude. And gratitude is the beginning of wisdom. Gratitude implies that our lives are completely dependent on the

confluence of millions of things; from matter to the people who matter, and most of the people who matter are total strangers. And each of us makes our own contribution to the life of the world.

We humans are the weaving together of earth and heaven. The stuff of the earth; carbon, nitrogen, iron, oxygen, forms our bodies. The stuff of heaven; love, imagination, creativity, wonder, forms our souls. Spirit and matter wedded together.

During this season of thanksgiving, pay attention to the most fundamental fact of life: I am. Allow your breathing to remind you that the moment by moment you are dependent on the air you breathe. Allow

your heartbeat to remind you that you are not making your heart beat. Its dependable rhythm comes from a source beyond you. These facts of life we hold in common with everyone. And remembering this, we can feel compassion for all the other beings that share in this life with us. Gratitude and compassion go together. Compassion is the "giving" part of thanksgiving, when we act out our unity with all life by returning a portion of what we have for the common good.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
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## Obituaries

### Robert S. Howley Sr.

(92) of Kelleys Island and New Smyrna, Fla., died peacefully Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. He was born in his home at 10305 Clifton Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio in 1918. His parents were Christopher J. and Emily Amelia (Smith) Howley. He was the youngest of three sons. During his lifetime, he lived in Cleveland, Lorain, Vermilion, Huron, New Smyrna and Kelleys Island. He was a 1937 graduate of West High School in Cleveland and a 1941 graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelors degree in accounting.



in Lorain, past commodore of Vermilion Boat Club, and past commodore of Vermilion Yacht Club, a former member of Catawba Island Club, and a member of the VFW at Kelley's Island. He was an active member of the Audubon Society.

His favorite pastimes included following Notre Dame, travel, sailing, boating, golfing, reading three newspapers a day, watching FOX News and debating with knowledge his political positions.

Survivors include Florence J. Block; sons, Robert (Nancy) Howley of Columbus and David (Danielle) Howley of Hopedale, Mass.; daughter, Suzanne (Roger) Whitacre of Columbus; grandchildren, Andrew and Amy Howley, Olivia and William Howley, Alison Ziemke Kleibscheidel, Sara and Emily Whitacre, and Peter and Robbie Krupp; and nieces and nephews, Dan Howley, Lee Howley, Tom Howley, Kate Howley and Christine Miles.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Krupp; grandson, Peter G. Howley; his parents; and brothers, Lee C. Howley and Christopher J. Howley.

Visitation followed by a service was at St. Peters Church, Huron. A celebration of Robert's life followed at the Huron Yacht Club. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 9908, Kelleys Island; or Odyssey Hospice, 540 Officecenter Place, Suite 100, Gahanna, OH 43230.

### Additional island losses:

**Ronald N. "Ronnie" Cole**, 84, of Sandusky, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and dear friend, passed away Sept. 10, 2010.

**Lynn Alan Holdren**, 68, Sandusky, left this life Wed., Sept. 1, 2010 following a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Lynn's love for Kelleys Island was shown in his generosity to the Kelleys Island schools where he sponsored many trips to Cedar Point and various school activities.

**Final note:** Great sadness at the loss of **Ann Brown**, we will run an obituary on her in our Jan./Feb. issue. Our deepest condolences to her daughter Claudia and all extended family members.

During World War II he was a Navy Lt. Cmdr. serving in the American, European and Asiatic (two stars) theatres in patrol torpedo boats (PT boats), 1942-45. As a naval officer he saw action in the Pacific's Solomon Islands campaigns, Bougainville beach landing and invasion, and through the Solomon's to Papua New Guinea. In PT Boat Squadron 5 (MTB RON 5) he saw extensive action in some of the hardest fought campaigns in World War II. In 1945, he was assigned to (PT) Squadron 22 (MTB RON 22) in the Mediterranean, stationed at Cannes, France. At the end of the war, he taught PT boat operation at the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Training Center in Melville, R.I.

A believer in small business entrepreneurship, believing in innovation and positive thinking, he was successful in creating, managing, and teaching about small businesses during his business career. In 1946 he founded, managed and operated the Howley Hardware Co. in Lorain. In 1955, he started his own manufacturers' representative business (electrical), the Robert S. Howley Company. He was owner and president for 25 years. The business remains successful and is managed by his son, Robert Howley Jr. and grandson, Andrew Howley. In retirement he founded Howley Construction which remodeled older homes and built new homes.

He was a director of Central Bank

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## Father Chris is welcomed to Kelleys

Parishioners gathered after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 15, to officially welcome Father Chris Bazar to St. Michael's on Kelleys Island. People came from his home parish in Mansfield and were also present at the gathering where refreshments were served.

Fr. Chris officially began his new ministry at St. Michael's in July and has started to become acquainted with those who live on the island all year but also summer residents. He has had the opportunity to meet with the Pastors from Zion Methodist Church and looks forward to maintaining a close relationship with them.

Fr. Bazar comes to St. Michael's from St. Peter's in Mansfield where he served as an Associate Pastor. He presently resides at St. Ann Parish in Fremont, Ohio. Among his other



Photos are by Caroline Jorski. Kelleys Islanders Joe Rysek and Don Gilles were on hand to welcome Father Chris Bazar to St. Michael's.

duties, he is School Chaplain at Bishop Hoffman Schools, Diocesan Chaplain for Catholic Scouting and is Chaplain and Presbyterian Moderator of St. Michael's, Kelleys Island and Mother of Sorrows at Put-in-Bay.

## 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: I'm going to turn 65 in January. How do I sign up for Medicare Part D?**

A: You have 3 months before your 65th birthday or 3 months after your 65th birthday. So you can sign up now or you can wait. If you would like help finding a Medicare Part D plan, call our office. We will send you a form that asks for information about the medications that you take and we can enroll you over the phone once we receive your form back. Call us at 419-624-1856

**Q: Will you come to Kelleys Island to enroll senior citizens onto Medicare Part D?**

A: Yes, if we can get 5 or more people who want to enroll, that would make the trip worthwhile. Typically it can take about 1 hour per person to enter the data and to explain the options. Most of the time is consumed explaining how one drug plan is different from the other. Call our office, leave your name and your phone number with a request to have Serving Our Seniors personnel come to Kelleys Island for Medicare Part D.

**Q: I had a new roof put on due to the hail damage. I think I was ripped off. Is there anything I can do?**

A: It all depends upon what was in your contract. If you would like free legal advice on this matter there is a place for senior citizens to call. It's called PRO SENIORS 1-800-488-6070. They will give you up to a 1/2 hour of free legal consultation if you are an Ohio resident and age 60+.

**Q: I don't drive any longer so I don't have a drivers license. I still want a picture ID. Where do I get one?**

A: You can get a picture ID from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Arrive with 2 pieces of identification such as your birth certificate and Social Security card or a passport.

**Q: I took the AARP safe driving course and my agent did not give me a reduction on my car insurance. Same thing happened to me when I was clothes shopping and I tried to use my Golden Buckeye card. I didn't get a discount in that transaction, either.**

A: Both discounts are optional. Your insurance company does not have to honor your completion of the safe driving course with a discount. Nor do retailers have to honor your Golden Buckeye card with a discount. (Although, many retailers do honor it.)

**Q: Can Serving Our Seniors take my medicines that I no longer use. You can give them to someone in need or give them to your Drug Repository Program**

A: Unfortunately, no. The law forbids us from taking prescription medications and giving them to needy people we know who cannot afford their medications. That would be dispensing medications without a license. The Drug Repository Program can't use them because the medications have been in the control of the patient. So the pharmacy has no quality control mechanism to be sure that the medications were stored properly or that they haven't been tampered with.

**Q: What is PASSPORT and how to I reach their office?**

A: PASSPORT is a program funded by Medicaid. It requires that a person living at home is impaired to the point that nursing home placement would be appropriate, but the person could still be safely cared for at home with 20 hours/week of nursing assistant services and periodic nurse visits. It does require you to meet certain income criteria and you can have assets in addition to the home that you live in as a permanent resident. For more information you can call the Sandusky Branch of the Area Office on Aging at 419 621 0115. Ask for Jodi Carstenson, LSW.

**Q: How come no one will do anything when an older person abuses alcohol? Why doesn't an agency get involved and make them stop?**

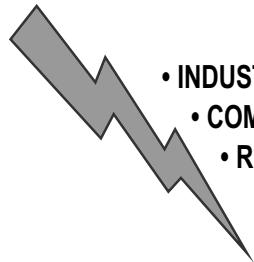
A: People of all ages abuse alcohol. Agencies of any kind have no right to force someone to do something they do not want to do. It is not illegal for someone over the age of 21 to drink alcohol. In fact, it would be a form of discrimination to treat someone who is 60 and 65 differently than someone who is living the same lifestyle (abusing alcohol) at age 30 or 40.

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## 10<sup>TH</sup> Annual Summer Island Party

On Saturday August 21, 2010, Charlie Randazzo and Denese hosted their 10th annual Summer Island Party to the theme of "That's Life - T.Y.J!" Charlie and Denese have been partying on the island since 2001 when they first arrived. FABULOUS AS USUAL!

Their annual island party brought islanders and mainland friends, old & new, together for the 10th year in a row.

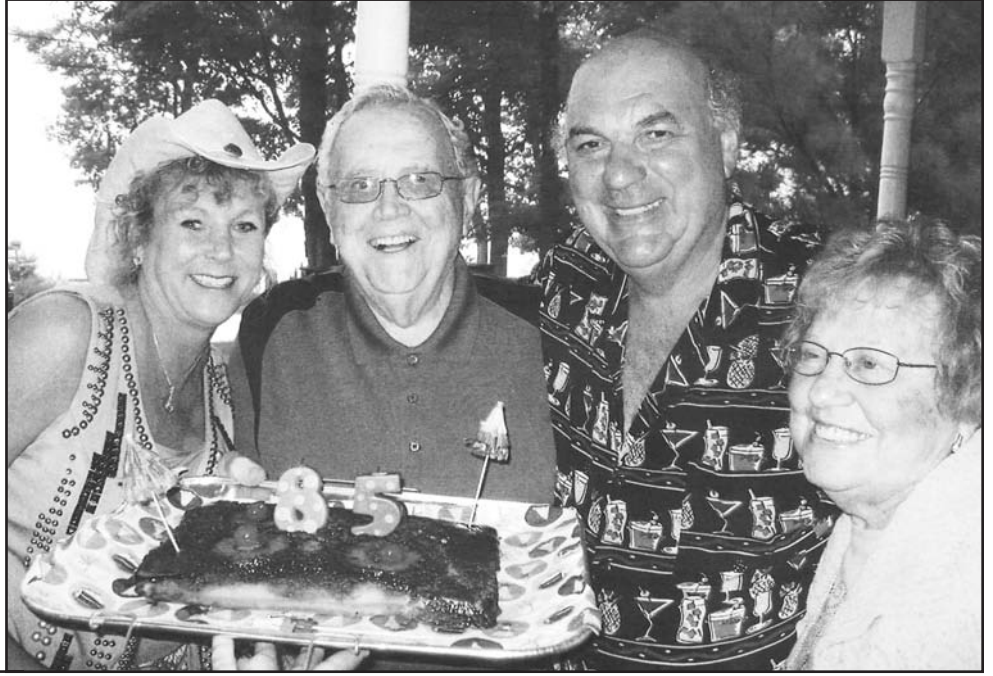
Each year the party has a theme. This year's theme was "That's Life - T.Y.J.!" Why "That's Life?" A tribute to the Frank Sinatra song of course. They followed up that theme with The Frank & Dean show. Why the "T.Y.J?" Thank you Jesus!

This year's party was extra special. Tony (Papa T) and Carmella were there to celebrate with us. The fire at Papa T's was a tragedy but Carm's dad, Nick Mendiola, turned 85 and the Vacca's brought his party to the Randazzo's - complete with a group serenade of Happy Birthday, cake, and the wearing of the Papa T's ice cream cone (compliments of Denese)

Adding to the excitement, this year's party was filmed by Charlie's nephew, Bill Predovich, who expects to submit a five to seven minute clip to "Who Throws the Best Party?" on the food network.

The party was a successful way to say farewell to the summer of 2010. Can't wait to see what next summer's party brings!

Pictured: Denese, Nick Mendiola, Charlie Randazzo, Madonna Mendiola. Happy 85th Nick!



## VFW Post 7572 hosts 65th Football Banquet

Mary Ann Monak

The Marblehead VFW Post 7572 proudly honored the Danbury High School football team at the 65th consecutive banquet at the post on Sat., Nov. 6.

Guests at the head table were Head Coach Tim Heffernan, Board of Education President Kevin Bird, Principle Karen Abbot, Superintendent Dan Parent, Athletic Director Drew Davie, Guest Speaker former Cleveland Browns player Dan Fike; Master of Ceremonies former Laker player and Athletic Director Dennis Bird, Commander Bob Peroni, QuarterMaster Bob Dewey, and Chaplain Rodney Zehfus.

Post guests were Past Commanders Vince Adams and Dan Monak, Service

Officer Dave Groene, Officer of the Day Bob Sobolewski, Photographer John Kozak, and Historian Mary Ann Monak.

Special guests were the family of past Commander Cal Twarek; his wife Marge, twin brother Larry, son Rick Twarek, daughter Karen and her husband Eric Karion, and grandson Brandon Twarek. The evening was also a tribute to the memory of the banquet's Master of Ceremonies Cal Twarek. Marge was presented a plaque "IN MEMORY OF CAL TWAREK. THIS IS PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 7572 AND FOR THE MANY YEARS HOST-

ING THE ANNUAL DANBURY FOOTBALL BANQUET. HIS MEMORY LIVES ON". There were also tributes to Cal from Commander Peroni and Master of Ceremonies Denny Bird.

Master of Ceremonies Denny Bird welcomed the guests of the evening and following the invocation by Chaplain Rodney Zehfus; the banquet dinner was served by Ladies Auxiliary President Debbie Garrard, with members Jean Dewey, Carol Hamit, Sue Hallier, Alice Peroni, Lilah Groene, Camille Sobolewski; Comrade Mike Pritchard; Men's Auxiliary President Mike Garrard, with member Paul Hallier.

The Laker guests of honor introducing their fathers or sponsors were:

Seniors - Dakota Hruby, Ed Strimpfel, and Hunter Stephens; Juniors - Ben Adams, Lucas Kennedy, Mike Ward, and Dalton Chapman; Sophomore - Brandon Bahnsen. Freshmen - Justin Tester, Cory Schenk, Keegan Rakosky, Tyler Dray, David Gast, Cody German, and Jonathon McClellan.

Assistant coaches were John Kosa Sr., John Kosa Jr. and Jeff Bahnsen.

There were special comments by Athletic Director Drew Davie, noting that the three-day special news article published in the Sandusky Register brought admiration from readers across the Bay. A few attended the final home game and a special invitation was extended to our team and cheerleaders from Chet and Matts. The pride grows!

## The Big Fish That DIDN'T Get Away!

Carol Nelson Burns

Kim and Julie Valentine's 13-year-old grandson, Scyler Glass, recently hooked a 26-inch steelhead offshore of Kelleys. Scyler has been fishing with "Big Kim" since he was 3 years old. After docking at Seaway following a day of boat fishing, Scyler grabbed his pole and headed off for his favorite fishing spots around the marina. He had been fishing Kelleys Island from

sunrise to sunset all summer. His blonde hair peaked out from the rim of his back-turned ball cap. And removing his wrap-around sunglasses revealed how much the sun had shown on that face!

On his "lucky Friday the 13th," Scyler was hoping to catch a walleye. He used an 8-inch clear minnow Husky Jerk that Kelleys Island Charter

Boat Captain Joel Byer told him to use to try to catch a walleye. Scyler was out on a rocky point of the island all by himself with his light pole and a landing net when he hooked up and landed the fish by himself.

He quickly realized that his catch was a special fish, his first steelhead, so his "grands" took the fish to Gary Finger who froze it until their Sunday

departure for their Point Place (Toledo) mainland home. The fish is now at Artistic Touch Taxidermy where Mark Lodzinski is doing a special mounting for Scyler.

The Valentines are eager to begin building the house designed as their Chardon Drive home. And Scyler couldn't be happier!

## Island Singers 2010 success

Shirley Crabill

We'd like to send an enormous THANK YOU to all of our loyal supporters. You are a very active audience that gives us the energy we need. We wish all of you a very happy healthy year until we all meet again Sept. 3, 2011.

MANY, MANY THANKS from all the SINGERS.

Editors Note: Islanders would like to thank Jennifer Koba, Andrew Henderson, all of the Island Singers, and all who helped them! It was a fantastic, fun, entertaining and colorful show of Cole Porter tunes!

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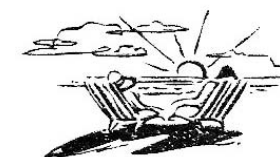
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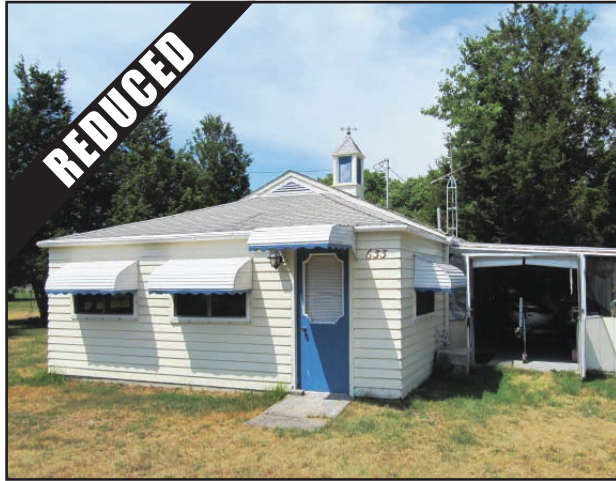
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