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## Devastation!

Jacquie Kranyak

Great sadness struck the island on August 19, when a fire broke out at the currently empty Country Store. Property owner Ed Kuchar surmised to media that perhaps a work light, from workers who had been renovating the store, had ignited insulation in the store's attic area. Loss of the store was total and the much loved Vi's Island Treasures and Papa T's Ice Cream stores were lost as well. The large garage



Photo by Chris Hongosh

behind the store was consumed, also. Fortunately no one was injured.

Vi Feyedelem, owner of Vi's Island Treasures, was talking with a customer about 2:30 p.m., when she noticed that the porch appeared hazy. She then looked in the back and saw smoke and fire. She quickly ran next door and alerted Tony and Carm Vacca, owners of Papa T's, to get out of the building. Tony called 911, as did Grant Grayson the chef at the Island House Martini Bar/Restaurant and Inn next door.

Rob Sweet, a waiter at the Island House had stepped outside to check on a table when he smelled smoke, turned and saw a big cloud of



Photo by Coffman family

it by the Country Store. He said within 10 minutes flames had engulfed the roof of the building. The whole North side of the building was on fire by the time the fire department was able to arrive. Fire Chief Jack Hostal began to fight the fire with only seven people available from the volunteer department. Mutual aid quickly arrived from Sandusky, Huron, Lakeside, and Marblehead. The Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line provided free transport to all firefighting teams and equipment. (Please see the Mayor's story for names of those that helped.)

Chief Hostal said they had the bulk of the fire contained after 40 minutes of work, but had to put out "hot spots" for several hours to keep them from re-igniting.

As the fire moved throughout the building, toward Papa T's and Vi's, the biggest smoke and flames reached out on the North side toward the Island House. Trees on that side caught on fire, including a tall dead trunk just several yards from the restaurant. Burned grass just about a foot from the side of the Victorian-era built home/turned restaurant, shows exactly how close a call having the fire spread was. All siding on the north side of the restaurant was melted, some wood damage occurred and interior smoke damage, as well as burn holes in the umbrellas outside. Many islanders commented that it was amazing that the restaurant didn't catch fire. Everyone recognizes that it has been

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## Town Hall goes Greene

Carol Nelson-Burns

Once again, Stan Greene and his loyal team of building professionals are responsible for getting the job done. This August, Town Hall got its elevator, providing safe and much needed ADA access up those steep stone steps to Kelleys Island landmark building. Stan was the builder to get the job done, the one the Village could count on as Kelleys Islanders have done for decades.

The elevator project was spear-headed by Pat Seeholzer, who faithfully nursed the project along with monthly Council updates, with the invaluable help of fellow Council member Gary Finger. They selected Stan Greene because of his excellent quality of work and his established dependability.

Stan comes to his superior reputation from both nature and nurture. His father Charles started Greene-Russett Construction in 1948, buying the business outright and establishing



Photo by Carol Nelson-Burns  
Stan Greene installs new Town Hall elevator. It

Chas N Greene Construction and Building. Stan learned not only the skills of his craft but the ethical principles that set Greene Construction apart from others in a crowded trade vying for building projects.

Stan's work is "a tribute" to his father Charles, whose building business Stan bought in 1974. It continues today as "Greene Construction," located in Castalia. But make no mistake: Stan Greene's work is well known and his work evident all over the island, lakeshore or inland.

Next time you are downtown, check out the new elevator—fully enclosed so it is operational year 'round. Access to the elevator requires a key available through the village offices. The system

provides access from the street level to both the basement (where Town Hall's restrooms are located), and to the central performance and event chamber and stage of Town Hall.

## From the Mayor's desk: Council Meeting August 12

Mayor Rob Quinn

The big news is that Town Hall has an elevator. After years of planning, designing, securing permits, and re-routing lines in order to provide ADA accessibility to an historic building, Town Hall is ADA accessible. Thanks to Pat Seeholzer and Gary Finger for spear-heading the project, and to council for their support. Stan Greene was the General Contractor (see story on Stan and photo of elevator on Page 1) on the job and ensured the project was completed on time and on budget.

Both EMS and Fire services are now training volunteers to serve our community year 'round. We all benefit from the willingness of these recruits to serve their community. Thank you from The Volunteer Fire Department to all who supported the fireman's steak dinner, which was a great success.

If you haven't already seen it, stop by to see the new walkway in the Park which was built by the children whose fathers or mothers are

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## Great kids do great things for KI Fire Department

Left to right: Ella Shlonsky, Rachel Blum, Tessa Shlonsky, Gabriel Blum, Esme Alexander-Jaffe, & Willa Alexander-Jaffe  
Jack Hostal, Fire Chief

A big thank you goes out from the KI Fire Department to the children from the West End Club on Kelleys during the week of Aug. 19. While they were on their annual KI vacation they heard about the fire on Division St. They decided to do something for the firemen. They actually put on a Dr. Seuss musical entitled, "One fish, Two fish" for the neighborhood and sold painted rocks. They then donated the proceeds to the Kelleys Island Fire Dept.

They collected \$92.00 and on Homecoming afternoon gave it to the Dept. Their parents should be very proud of them. We are.



## From the Mayor's desk: Council Meeting August 12

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deployed on active duty, ready to deploy, or coming home from deployment around the world. Their story is also featured in this edition of *Kelleys Life*.

Village Administrator Greg Ritchie brought to Council the matter of underground breaks in private-property water lines that result in massive water bills. Mr. Ritchie indicated he polled several area villages and the consensus was that water passing through the meter is ALL billable regardless of circumstances. Council discussed the issue and agreed. That unfortunate situation should remind all property owners to arrange for regular property inspections during planned absences from their island residences or business properties. The Administrator reminded folks to have their meters removed during the winter months if they are not planning on being here.

The island suffered a major setback on August 19th when the strip center owned by Ed and Fran Kuchar burned down destroying two retail stores and an empty storefront (photos and more

from other contributors elsewhere in this issue). Both Vi's Island Treasures and Papa T's Ice Cream store were destroyed. The Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire department responded and was able to contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading to neighboring buildings. There were many additional local and visiting volunteers ranging from bystanders, to locals, to vacationing firefighters who all were helpful in containing the fire. Additionally, mutual aid responders from Huron Fire Department, Sandusky Fire Department, Marblehead Fire Department and Lakeside Fire Department assisted in the blaze. Both Sandusky Police and Erie County Sherriff's office also sent manpower to assist.

Heartfelt thanks go out to those who assisted locally and to the following officers from neighboring departments: Sandusky FD: Capt. Bill Mohr, Lieut. Gary Zakrajsek, Firefighters Derrick Shepherd, and John Strachan; Sandusky PD: Lieut. Phil Frost; Erie Cty Sheriffs: Eric Longbrake, Chad

Henderson.

Marblehead FD: Tom Biro, Doug Wauth, Tim Almoundinger; Lakeside FD: C. Heberlein, D. Heberlein, S. Diskin; Huron FD: Kevin Gadd, Don Soisson, Chris Folger, and Ben Blodgett.

Much was learned from the event about mutual aid, communication issues arising from our being in Erie County but being closer to Ottawa County potential responders. We will be meeting to discuss how these circumstances can be tweaked to serve us better in the future. Additional thanks go out to the Water Department and Village Maintenance Department, their involvement was also essential in helping with the Blaze.

Lastly, the EMS personnel were standing by in full force helping administer oxygen to fatigued firefighters during the event and were ready to help with any injuries, and I'm happy to report there were none.

As devastating of an event as it was, I am very proud to report that the combined efforts of the Fire Department,

the Police Department, The EMS, The Water and Maintenance Departments, the additional volunteers, and the Mutual aid responders made the best out of a potentially deadly and more catastrophic scenario. Next time you see one of our volunteers, be sure to thank them.

Summer draws to a close on a high note. Events planned by merchants and businesses on Kelleys Island were a great success for all who attended, both from over the waters and from around the island. There certainly was plenty to do for children and adults, families and friends just looking for a comfortable place to enjoy recreation and leisure. Walking trails, the beach, cruises et al offered something quiet or exciting for every taste. Safety officers were a positive, visible presence in helping to maintain good health and peaceful order on the sometimes crowded village streets-special thanks to Chief Ron Ehrbar and members of the village police department.

Thank you all for making this summer safe, sane, and a happy success.

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Devastation!

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Photos by Vi Feyedelem

brought in the next morning and co-owner Jesse Kranyak reported that they were up and running both the restaurant and Inn by 2 p.m. the next afternoon.

A state fire marshal is investigating where the fire started, as is required.

Vi Feyedelem has built a reputation over the past nearly 20 years at her own and other stores she

was associated with for having the finest quality, biggest selection of unique and beautiful jewelry, vases, glassware, candles, clothing and a myriad of other items. Not everything was burned up, but what was left was heavily smoke damaged and wet. "The loss was complete," said Vi to the media.

I have seen firsthand that Vi is the type of person who has worked an average of 7 days a week 8-10 hour days for as long as I can remember-first at Neumans Boatline, at other shops on the island, and finally at her very own store. I also know how much of her blood, sweat and heart she poured into Vi's Island Treasures. It's reported that she's received cards, letters and notes



from people all across the country and even some from other countries.

*Final notes: Kelleys Life sends their deepest condolences out to Vi, Tony, Carm and to Ed and Fran Kuchar. Ed had told media he plans to rebuild bigger and better. Please see notes from Jack Hostal, page 5 and a special message from Jack Wade following this story. I was unable to reach Vi or Tony to comment personally on this story. We will update on their future plans in our next issue.*

an exceptionally hot and dry summer and that the firefighters did a commendable job.

A busy tourist day, there were dozens of people trying to get an up-close look at the devastation. Regrettably many would not pay attention to the police officer on site or to fire crews and insisted on putting themselves and even their children in some cases, into harm's way to get a closer look. "The fumes were highly toxic, and yet people just kept trying to get closer to them," reported island police officer Jack Wade.

The restaurant closed for the day and guests staying at its Inn were moved elsewhere on the island. A crew of 15 fire damage repairers was

Subject: Safe conduct at an incident scene

I would like to compliment all of the firefighters that fought the fire on Division St on Aug 19, 2010. I was on the scene from 2:30 to 6:00 pm and watched these brave firefighters risk their personal safety and lives to protect this community fighting this fire in extreme heat. The dry hot weather conditions contributed to the dangers of HYPERTHERMIA they endured. The Kelleys Island Fire Department kept this extremely hot fire from spreading to other structures. I felt the radiant heat generated by the fire. This infrared radiation or radiant heat burned the grass on the south side of the Island House, except in the shadow of the bushes that prevented the grass in the shadows of the bushes from igniting. I believe that the Fire Department prevented the Island House from burning in spite of many environmental conditions that made this feat nearly impossible. I saw the vinyl siding on the Country Store building change from a solid to a liquid and ignite. The burning siding created a thick black smoke reducing the visibility to near zero. The KI firefighters were exposed to these conditions for over an hour when mutual aid arrived from the Huron,

Sandusky, and Marblehead Fire Departments. The KIFD was assisted by these brave firefighters and succeeded in knocking down the fire before anyone was hurt or killed. These firefighters need to be thanked by everyone on KI. Several of the fire fighters suffered from heat exposure, but they returned to fight the fire until it was controlled and finally put out.

The ICS, Incident Command System worked at the scene with the Fire Chief in command and the Fire Department assisted by Village Council members, the Mayor and the Village Administrator, the Water Department, Maintenance Department, Hancock-Wood Electric Co-op, the EMS, and Police Department. Private citizens also came together to assist in many ways; i.e. dragging hoses to be charged, providing drinking water, and moving vehicles to allow emergency vehicles access to the scene. Hancock-Wood's lineman Jeremy Gonzales shut off power to prevent an energy source to reignite the building and Tom McNeal, village maintenance man, used a backhoe to help knock down a burning tree and walls to prevent hot-spots that could reignite.

There was one sad part of the equation. Private citizens were asked to stay out of the emergency scene perimeter by Police and Fire Department personnel. Dozens of people ignored the

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Thank you...  
Thank you!!

Our hearts are grateful for your never-ending, warm thoughts and prayers.

You have blessed us beyond belief. Hopefully, we will share renewed KI memories with you next spring.

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# Military Kids invade Camps Patmos and 4-H

Carol Nelson-Burns

It was no hostile take-over when 241 youths came from all regions of Ohio (and a few from bordering counties) to Kelleys Island for an awesome week of supported activities under the direction of Dr. Theresa Ferrari (OSU's Extension) and Camp Director Sue Ann Carroll from Ohio National Guard Headquarters in Columbus.

In its 6th year of operations, this year's camp continued the team-building, sporting, physical fitness, and camp activities of previous years. Supported by National Guard officers, the weeklong camp welcomed children of mothers and fathers who are in pre, current, or post deployment to active duty sites on US or foreign soil. Parents serve in all branches of the military including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

and they may also be on active duty, as well as in the National Guard, or Reserves.

"Separation" of these children from a parent is what qualifies them for the unique fellowship this camp offers. The younger participants (aged 9 to 11) were housed at the Erie County 4-H Camp, while the older youth stayed at Camp Patmos.

Navy SEALs swam in to demonstrate water rescues. Ohio National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion ferried over a climbing wall under the leadership of Sergeant 1st Class David Ybarra, quite a sight on an afternoon's ferry trip! And a Chinook Helicopter glistened in the sunset as its huge prop washed the skies mid-week, bringing Major General Matthew Kambic and Major General



Harry (A) Feucht, the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army and Air National Guard, respectively, as well as military leaders from the Navy and Coast Guard to the camps. The unmistakable sounds of those powerful blades dominate the skies wherever they go.

Command Sergeant Major Al Whatmough and Major General Greg Wayt, the Adjutant General of the Ohio National Guard (top-ranking military leaders in the Guard) visited the island camps Wednesday and Thursday. Meeting the officers who oversee their parents' roles in the military links these children to the important work their mothers and fathers are doing for all of us in their absences from family.

The camp also offered 'the usual': scavenger hunts, disaster preparedness (courtesy of the Greater Columbus American Red Cross), assembling your own personal disaster kit-the things we all did as kids, right? And of course, polar bear rise-and-shine swims, kayaking, sailing, tubing, wakeboarding, waterskiing, along with crafts, drama, and community service.

The climax of the camp was a project that benefits all who come to the island: a new stone walkway from Lakeshore to the Park's Memorial in the village's downtown Memorial Park. It was a labor of love and a physical gift from children who are absent their parents.

That walkway was dedicated to a

proud crowd gathered August 13 when Lt. Colonel Robert (Buck) Bramlish addressed the crowd clustered along walk, flanked by Captain Toomer from the Ohio National Guard Columbus operation offices, Camp Directors, and of course the children whose hearts and hands are forever a part of that walkway. Dr. Ferrari noted last summer's walkway (from Division Street to the Memorial, at right angles to this year's work) was the shorter route-a sort of practice leading up to this larger, more involved, more demanding task.

Public thanks poured out to Auggie Palladino, Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Lines, LaFarge, Joe Bell, Joe Wolffe, Jim Erne and Gary Finger for contributions each made to this important legacy.

As you walk along the stones leading to the Memorial beyond the flagpole in the park, please take a moment to remember how they got there. They are the work of children whose youth and family life have been interrupted, disrupted by their parents' service to our nation. In moments like these, we remember that it really does take a village to raise children, and these children, like all children, are, after all, ours to guide and love and care for in whatever moments they enter our communal lives.

And OUR grateful communal thanks to Dr. Theresa Ferrari and Camp Director Sue Ann Carroll for envisioning and sustaining such a program which benefits so many.

*As Kelleys Life goes to press, the first Kelleys Island-based Troop and Family Camp will convene at Camp Patmos for a weekend of lower key activities. Director Ferrarri reports: "whole families can attend [the family camp], in whatever configuration they come in."*

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# August 14: Phyllis Pahler left today...

Carol Nelson-Burns

She's loved this island from the first time she came here 50 years ago. She and her husband lived in Sweetbriar, then down Lakeshore before moving full-time to their new home on Woodford twenty-two years ago. She's been here ever since.

At St. Michaels, she's played the organ for its regular services and at special events like funerals (weddings are too stressful, she says). And she recalls with good humor that it was Del Erhbar, LaVerne's husband, who persuaded her to play there at all. Del and his cousin Father Joe liked to sing, often trying to outdo each other. Del played the guitar, but he coaxed Phyllis into accompanying them, dying a short time later. Phyllis attributes her career at St. Michael's to that brotherly competition and Del's influence.

A regular at what Bob Coulon refers to as "Bible School" each Wednesday morning at St. Michael's, Phyllis listens, asks, comments. She's crocheted and knitted with Christian Crafters that meet Wednesday afternoons at Zion, and she's taught others her craft, patiently, cheerfully. The arts of her trade appear in hats and sweaters she wears in winter, graceful and yet vibrant in their design and stitchery.

She's also part of the Senior Lunch crowd that gathers year-round wherever Dot Simonds gets willing restaurateurs to host them. In earlier years, she taught new computer users basic skills, but laughs with a wave of her hand that they are all too sophisticated now. She volunteered at the library for ten years. And she's been a friend to many.

In her younger years, she joined a rifle club and loved the natural world and outdoors, preferring it to the boring world of housework. Her mother even bought her a statue of St. Martha, the patron saint of housekeepers, hoping it would stimulate a dedication to house cleaning. But Phyllis set the statue high on a ledge, from which it fell a few times, suffering blows and sporting repairs but otherwise having no effect on Phyllis's interests or habits.

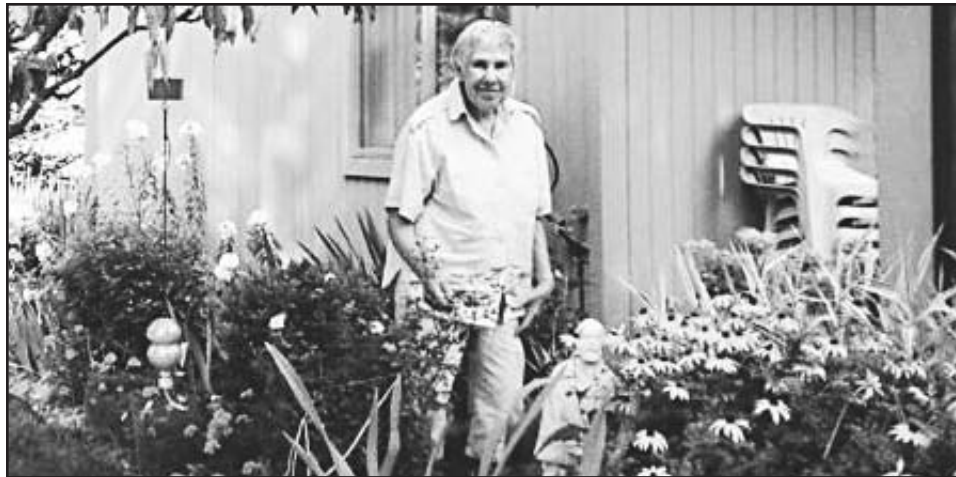
Hazel eyes smiling above rosy cheeks framed by coiffed silver hair, her kind demeanor respectful of newcomers and neighbors, you've probably seen Phyllis walking with deliberate step along Woodford for daily exercise, or riding her bike perhaps down Addison. She'll wave a little (not to lose balance) and smile a gentle and friendly greeting. Her walking days are behind her now, she fears, a major factor in her decision to leave the sanctity of her island world.

She knew it was time, but put off setting out the sign her son made. When a neighbor came by, she asked him to hammer it into the ground, expecting it would take a few years for a sale to occur. Not 48 hours passed until a family who'd rented on the island a week each summer month noticed it and stopped to inquire. The sale was completed at the end of July.

Roses in varying shades of pink line her entrance deck, daisies and other wild flowers shading St. Francis in her garden. Her walls hold artists' prints and canvases of her son, her granddaughters, and her own Kelleys Island counted-cross stitch sampler.

As we talk, her housemate of 18 years, her cat Downey, cuddles into her arm, burrows and rubs his grey-tabby head on her shoulder. A paw stretches out lovingly across her arm, and Downey looks up with adoration, purring to calm and comfort the stress he feels building in his protector-ess. He knows her moods, and the anguish that this necessary move brings Phyllis. Even though she knows, practically, that it is time to seek a different home-stead, the decision doesn't mean her emotions coincide with sensible thinking. Phyllis will be missed, and she will miss her friends in the island community where so much of her life has been spent in making happy, wholesome memories.

*Kelleys Life wishes Phyllis well in her new home; please come back to visit any time.*



Phyllis Pahler in her gentle garden with St. Francis, August 2010  
Photo by Carol Nelson-Burns.



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Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line for providing transportation for everyone connected with the fire.

Nobody likes to have a catastrophe happen but it's nice to know that the community and our surrounding communities will always be there to help.

Jack Hostal Fire Chief

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# Homecoming 2010



Photos by Caroline Jorski.

Preparing for the Homecoming Parade-L-r: Jim Zeller, Barb Zeller, Shirley Crabill, Caroline Jorski, Peggy Wideman and Lawson Wideman. Weather didn't dampen the spirits or the crowds that attended the 2010 Kelleys Island Homeowners Association (KILA) Homecoming. The theme of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" brought out Muddy the mascot from the Toledo Mudhens, who served as the festival's Parade Marshall. The Northcoast Band and the Kelleys Island Singers provided stirring music leading up to the opening ceremonies. Pete Legere, President of KILA, announced the winners of the Pie Contest which were 1st--Barbara Hach, 2nd--Charlotte Halliwill and 3rd--Virginia Coyne. The First Place parade trophy donated by KI Venture Resort went to the Blatt family for their golf cart float of "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" featuring Cleveland Indians Mascot, Slider; second place trophy was awarded to the Audubon Club, and the 3rd place winner was the Kassimer Family. A great time was had by all. Many thanks to all the businesses who donated prizes for this year's event, including the Island House Restaurant, Captain Chris' Tradewinds IV, Kelleys Island Wine Co., the General Store, the Casino, Kelleys Landing and the Captain's Corner.

## Birth Announcement

Baby Girl Avery Jo Benvenuto  
7#8oz 19"  
Born August 16, 2010  
Parents Denny and Carla Benvenuto  
Grandparents Robin Benvenuto  
Joe and Donna Cordaro

## Thank You

"The family of Tim Ahner would like to extend their deepest thanks to the community for their kinds thoughts and wishes during this difficult time. A special thanks to the dedicated EMT's and Police Department"

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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- 2- Christopher Elfers
- 2- Brady Quillin
- 3- Julie Mack
- 3- Kolby Quillin
- 4- Jaime Fisher
- 6- Marty Millott
- 10- Gage Peterson
- 10- Lilly Allan
- 13- Katie Quillin
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- 10- Lily Franks
- 11- Tama Schodowski
- 13- Ekaterina Hazard
- 13- Daniel Hazard
- 13- Laurel (Elfers) Weaver
- 15- Teresa Maher
- 18- Lillian Shaffer-Franks
- 18- Maggie Allan
- 20-Janine Burke Bonezzi
- 22- Shelley Quillin
- 25- Danielle Fresch

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## Thank you, Andy

Thank you, Andy Stein, for all your faithful service to the families and friends of Kelleys Island. After an especially busy week of Island activities, Andy was once again out on the streets of Kelleys, keeping them tidy, cleared, and cleaned up from the debris deposited by busy and less conscientious travelers.

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## 2010 EVENTS

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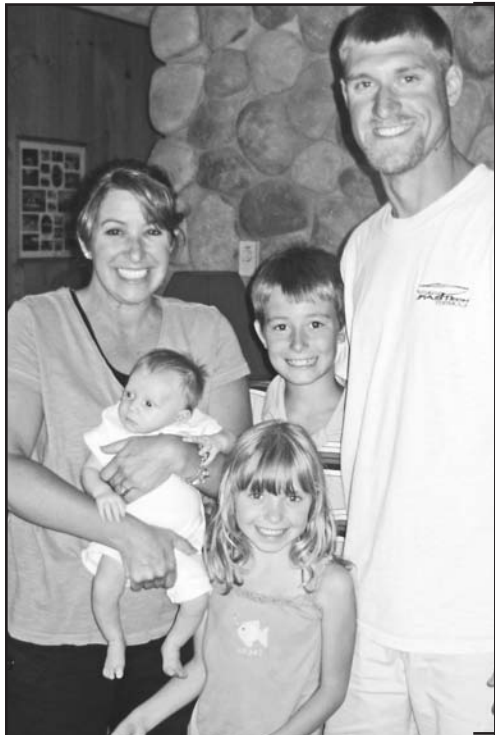


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Sponsored by the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA). Our thanks to the 4-H Camp and Camp Patmos for their kind support.



## A New "Little Islander"

Proud Grandparents Gary & Wendy Kowell of Harbor Lane, and Ray & Lori Arnold of Kaempfe Lane announce the birth of their new grandson. Cameron Alan Kowell was born June 30th, weighing in at 6lbs 12oz. He is pictured here with his Mom and Dad, Jeff & Amy Kowell along with big brother Nathan, and big sister Sydney.

## 2010 Calendar of Events

### 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 Boat Line, Chamber Office, Island Market and Country Store
- Sat. 11 **Monarch Butterfly Festival**-10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at KI Historical Museum Old Stone Church-sponsored by KI Historical & KI Audubon
- 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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# Monarch butterflies are passing through



Photo by Caroline Jorski

**Caroline Jorski**

A Butterfly bush welcomes a beautiful Monarch butterfly as it stops on its migration journey south. From the middle of August through September, many Monarchs can be seen on Kelleys Island stopping for nourishment and rest as they begin their long mysterious journey. Visitors to the island are often fascinated to see so many butterflies, especially the Monarchs, hovering over flowers and bushes, displaying their beauty as they

flutter silently in the air. Some islanders make it a point to plant flowers and butterfly bushes to aid the Monarch in their breeding process. Although the Monarch tells us summer is almost over, we know that they will return once again next year bringing with them beauty and a certain fascination of the mystery of nature. This Monarch was caught by Caroline in her butterfly bush next to her home.

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## Butterfly Festival 2010

**Sharon Brunell-McIntire**

Please come join us on Sat., Sept. 11th at the Kelleys Island Historical Association for this year's Butterfly Festival. Starting at 10 a.m. we will have the best yard sale, including many new items donated by gift shops on the island, homemade baked goods by islanders at our bake sale, and food and drinks for an easy, inexpensive, and quick lunch.

At 11 a.m. the monarch butterfly tagging and program begins behind the Old Stone Church by Pat Hayes. At 3:30 p.m. the draw-

ings will be held to determine this year's winners of the Teri Betzenheimer created quilt and Byron Crabill's woodcarving. If you haven't bought your chances, this year's quilt by Teri Betzenheimer is beautiful sunflowers that would match a number of different decors, and our woodcarving by Byron Crabill is a hummingbird. This will be your last chance to purchase tickets with all proceeds benefitting the Historical Association's building fund. Make sure as you search the yard sales for your island treasures you stop at the museum.

## "Another Opening of another Show"

**Island Singers Show-Labor Day Weekend-don't miss it!!**

**Shirley Crabill**

Yes, it's time for "Another Opening of another Show." Relax and enjoy the lyrical music of the famous composer, Cole Porter in the Historic Town Hall Sat. Sept. 4th 6:30 and 8 PM. Join the amazing Island Singers as they perform "Classic Cole Porter" for their 25th seasonal performance directed by the multi-talented Jennifer Koba, and artistically

orchestrated by Andrew Henderson. The show is FREE to one and all (a basket for donations is passed).

Everyone should attend this great show. It's always a good time and enjoyable to people of all ages. Come see the Town Hall's new elevator and don't forget-it's air conditioned.



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## 4th Annual Outdoor Film Festival went the extra mile

The 4th annual Outdoor Film Fest put on by Alan Glazen and Jackie Finger was another blockbuster. Alan estimated crowds to be around 400-500 both evenings. For the first time in the event's 4 year history, there wasn't days of rain beforehand and the larger-than-ever-before screen was able to face Chappell, allowing all the viewers to sit comfortably and have an incredible view from their blankets, chairs, golf carts and cars. The weather was perfect both nights, even a little bit cool, once the darkness set in. After what seemed like weeks of super hot days-it was wonderful.

Just before the first movie-James Cameron's AVATAR--started on Friday night, a water-spout that had formed just off shore, looked to be coming onto the island like a twister. Dozens jumped up to get a view of it sort of hanging just above the area between Seeholzers and Marchkys, but it dissipated without posing any threat to anyone.

Once the movie started I realized that Alan had whizzed right past AVATAR's movie screen 3-D presentation and stepped it up into 4-D, when the alien horses were on the screen and my nephew Noah said, "I can smell the horses" (with a little help from the Kelly Miller Circus having left the playground just a couple of days before).

The crowds thoroughly enjoyed the films and there was applause after all of them. It's a truly great, free, enjoyable family event. A typically perfect Kelleys Island event! Sitting under the star-filled Kelleys Island sky, watching a great movie, is an incredible way to

spend a summer evening.

Alan and Jackie wanted to be sure to thank the 2010 Kelleys Island Outdoor Filmfest Sponsors: Tom & Sue Woods, Digger Schwartz, Catawba Moorings, Bill & Barb Sinkhorn, Jet Express, Minshall Development Co, Station 43 Tavern - Solon Oh, United Insurance -

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Photo by Bill Britt.

Because of these sponsors the event was presented once again totally free of charge. A very subtle and brief plea for donations to benefit the Kelleys Island Fire and EMS Departments and the KI Audubon Club was made by Alan before the movies and anyone who wanted to could discreetly donate whatever they felt was appropriate into a container up near the screen.

Alan and Jackie also wanted to thank our fine KI Volunteer Fire Department, our EMS Department, and the Kelleys Island Audubon Club volunteers who helped out at the event. Alan said they are considering adding a night to the 2011 event, so islanders who work each night can also attend. If anyone has suggestions for next year's films, please email aglazen@me.com.

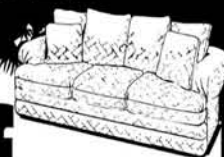
Alan and Jackie would like to offer their thanks to all that made it possible!!!



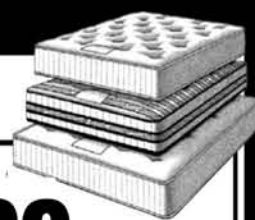
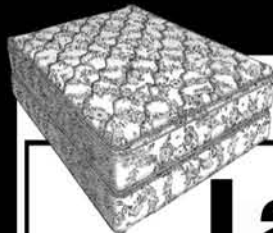
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# 2010 Swim lessons

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## Fall KI Audubon Happenings

Judy DuShane

September is Nature Month for Kelleys island Audubon. Begin the events by attending the annual "Glacial Glimpses" interpretive walk with President Pat Hayes on Sun., Sept. 5th at 1p.m. Meet at the Glacial Grooves parking lot and take an interesting stroll around our famous glacial formations. Hear the story about how they were formed and how they are part of Kelleys Island quarrying history.

On Sat. Sept. 11th in the rear of the KI Historical Association's Museum property on Division Street the association's Butterfly Festival will be held. Pat Hayes, president of the Kelleys Island Audubon, along with his helpers will be tagging monarch butterflies as they wend their way across Kelleys on their trip south to Mexico. Tagging begins at 11 a.m. Let's hope the butterflies adhere to the schedule, as some were already showing up in early August with the hot summer we have experienced.

Thurs., Sept. 16th is the monthly Audubon potluck and program. The speaker for this meeting is Dr. Robert Heath from Kent State University's Department of Biological Sciences Water Institute. He will talk about "Water Issues from Lake Erie to Turkey." Come to the Pavilion on Addison at 6 p.m. for the potluck with a dish to pass, your place setting, and beverage (inclement weather location-St. Michael's Hall) or at 7 p.m. for the program only.

Sat. Sept. 18th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Kayak Poker Paddle. This popular event is cosponsored by the Kelleys Island State Park and the Kelleys Island Audubon. Participants meet at the state park beach and paddle around the island picking up cards for a poker hand at various beaches along the way. There is a small fee for this event and prizes are awarded for the best hands; plus at the end there is a hot dog roast and lots of camaraderie with other kayakers and the volunteers. Call 419.746.2258 for more information.

On Sat. Sept. 25th the annual "Fall Feathers and Foliage Festival" will be held. It features bird banding with Master Bander Tom Bartlett at the Long Point Cleveland Museum property. They set up early and banding goes from about 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Come and adopt a bird as they fly south for their winter migration. See the birds up close and personal.

All are welcome to all Audubon programs. The only one with a charge is the Kayak Poker Paddle so that prizes can be purchased. Autumn is a special time at Kelleys Island as tourist traffic slows and nature takes front and center. Visit the KIAC website at [www.kelleysislandnature.com](http://www.kelleysislandnature.com) for further information on any programs or call 419.746.2258. (Mark your calendar for Oct. 21 for the final Thurs. program-which happens to be on penguins.)

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Debbie Herwick, Director KI Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau

**Caroline Jorski**

Debbie Herwick has taken the position of Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau after serving the Chamber as a volunteer for many years. Coming on board in late July, Herwick is responsible for coordinating all the events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. She will be present in the office two days a week. Her official role is to work "under the direction of the executive committee to work with the community and busi-

## KI Chamber making changes, raffling off scooters, and looking for members

nesses to promote Kelleys Island." She replaces Marvin Robinson who held the position for the past several years.

Her first official event will be the Treasure Island Days where islanders participate in an island wide garage sale turning their treasures into cash (see story elsewhere in this issue of Kelleys Life). Additional responsibilities Herwick will have include accurate recording and billing of Chamber members, communication with Chamber members, business owners, residents, city personnel, media, and civic and church organizations. She will serve as the face of the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce, actively participating in community events, networking with the general public as well as potential members and other fiscal matters to determine effect on community interest.

Herwick has lived on the island for many years. She was a former teacher for the Norwalk School District at Maplehurst School for 35 years where she taught Special Education and the

Fourth Grade.

She is no stranger to Kelleys Island residents as she served as a waitress in many of the restaurants on the island during her many summers here. Her quiet demeanor comes alive when she mentions all the activities she is looking forward to working on in the years ahead with the Chamber of Commerce. Debbie stated that she will not take the winter to relax because she is planning to use that time to organize all the events scheduled for 2011.

In the corner of the Chamber of Commerce offices at the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat dock, sit two beautiful scooters ready to be raffled off to some lucky person on September 11, 2010 in conjunction with Treasurer Island Days. Herwick made a point of showing them off and wanted to remind everyone to get their tickets early before they are all gone. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

The Chamber is also kicking off a major membership drive with a mailing to all current members, former

members and known Chamber event supporters. Full membership is \$400 and an Associate Membership is \$200. Dues are due by Sept. 15 in order to be included in the 2011 Fun Finder-the Chamber's go-to, all inclusive island guide to events, lodgings, restaurants and other businesses. Both Full and Assoc. Members get the following: Included in Kelleyislandchamber.com

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Full membership entitles members to discounted Funfinder block ads--\$200-\$250 instead of \$400-\$450; 1st choice of Funfinder upgrades; and phone referrals; free inclusion in the Funfinder Guide.

*Editors note: Kelleys Life offers a hearty welcome to Debbie as the Chamber's new director and a fond farewell to Marvin and a thank you for all his years of hard work.*

## Benefits of KI Chamber of Commerce membership

The Kelleys Island Chamber and Visitors Bureau is having its annual membership drive.

Full and associate memberships are available by contacting the Chamber at [kelleyschamber@aol.com](mailto:kelleyschamber@aol.com) or 419.746.2360. Joining the Chamber allows you the opportunity to support our efforts in promoting Kelleys Island as a tourist destination and to be a part of our family of services to our members and visitors.

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full membership to the Kelleys Island Chamber and Visitors Bureau.

**2010 Remaining Events**

**Boat Show** - Although not a Chamber event, we will be represented at the Cleveland Boat Show in Jan. and the Columbus Travel Show in Feb.

You can be, too. The organizers will be displaying KI business literature (brochures, business cards, flyers, etc.) at these shows to promote KI. This is a great opportunity to show all that the island has to offer. Deadline for inclusion: Sept. 30, 2010.

Contact Doug Bolden at [portside-marina@earthlink.net](mailto:portside-marina@earthlink.net) or Lindsay Bouman-Seitz at [apts4ya@yahoo.com](mailto:apts4ya@yahoo.com)

**Treasure Island Day** - Island-wide yard sale, Sat. Sept. 11 sell your treasures or shop 'till you drop 9am-3pm.

Apply at the chamber office to sell at your home or at the Town Hall and be included on a map, receive yard sign, permit, and pricing stickers.

**OcTogaween Party**

A Brew Pub event the Chamber assists on. Put on your toga to be included in this fun end of the season

event. Start at any of our 9 taverns, pick up your "treat" bag with directions and complete the pub crawl to be eligible to win prize packages.

Special drink prices and "treats." 6-11pm Sat., Oct. 30.

And don't forget the Chamber's early season events like the **Welcome Back Fish Fry**, the **5K/10K Race**, and our most major event-**Islandfest**. With most events heavily covered by the media, along with the display of brochures and business cards, membership is major exposure for any business

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## I saw helephants!!!

Aryanna Jean Henderson-Miller (with a little help...)

How excited I was when my grandma said we were going to the circus but what I didn't know what that I was going to, also, go on my first boat ride! And it was a BIG Boat!!! Grandma called it a Ferry!

My Grandma, Aunt Stepheie and me left our house in Amherst and drove what seemed like forever. We drove over a big bridge and lots of water. When we stopped there was a ticket booth and a BIG BOAT! I was kind of scared. I had never been on a boat-and never one this big-before. But I am only 2 1/2 years old.

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## Stock Dividends: An income alternative

Since 2003, when the top federal income tax rate on qualified dividends was reduced, dividends have acquired renewed respect. When (or if) that tax rate increases (under current law, dividends will once again be taxed as ordinary income in 2011), the long-term demand for high-quality, reliable dividends will likely increase as baby boomers approach retirement and focus on income-producing investments.

### Why consider dividends?

Because they can add to a stock's total return, dividends can be especially important if the market produces relatively low or mediocre returns. According to Standard and Poor's, dividend income has represented roughly one-third of the total return on the S&P 500 since 1926, though that percentage has declined over the last decade. Dividends also may mitigate the impact of a volatile market by at least partly offsetting price fluctuations to even out a portfolio's overall return.

Many experts also look at dividends as a relatively reliable indicator of a company's financial health. Investors have become more conscious in recent years of the value of dependable data as a basis for investment decisions, and dividend payments aren't easily restated. Because dividends are one sign of a company's financial health, boards of directors generally are reluctant to send investors a negative message by cutting dividends.

Also, many dividend-paying stocks represent large established companies that may have significant resources to weather economic hard times, which could be helpful if you're relying on those dividends to help pay living expenses.

Finally, dividends become even more valuable if they're reinvested rather than used to supply income. A dividend that's used to purchase more of the company's stock means you'll receive a proportionally greater share of the company's earnings the next time dividends are paid, which in turn means a larger dividend payment to be reinvested (assuming the company continues to do well and the dividend rate remains the same).

### Look before you leap

Investing in dividend-paying stocks isn't as simple as just picking the highest yield. If you're investing for income, consider whether the company's cash flow can sustain its dividend. Dividends on common stock are paid at the discretion of the company's board of directors, and there's no guarantee they won't be cut.

Also, some companies choose to use corporate profits to buy back company shares. That may increase the value of existing shares, but it sometimes takes the place of instituting or raising dividends.

If you're interested in a dividend-focused investing style, look for terms

such as "equity income," "dividend income," or "growth and income." Also, some exchange-traded funds (ETFs) track an index that's comprised of dividend-paying stocks, or that's based on dividend yield. Be sure to check the prospectus for information about expenses, fees, and potential risks, and consider them carefully before you invest.

### All dividends are not alike

Some dividends, such as those paid by real estate investment trusts (REITs) and master limited partnerships, don't qualify for the same maximum federal income tax rate as quali-

fied dividends, and a portion may be taxed as ordinary income. Also, the 15% maximum rate is scheduled to expire at the end of 2010, and there is no guarantee dividends will continue to receive favorable tax treatment.

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**50 Years in family business**

Preparing for the weekend of Aug. 21st to celebrate "50 years in family business" was bittersweet. It was our family's Mark and Shannon's first trip to the island since the accident last year. We were elated and counting down when we had news of our friend Tim's passing. Knowing their family business all of these years, I felt humbled as I watched the family continue to serve customers each day on the island. I saw the adults and the children unite and share memories and find the center they had just been knocked from. I watched children become young men and women in strength and commitment to one another. I watched a community show its best side. Simultaneously the phone began to ring about another tragedy, the fire downtown. Although grateful that no lives were lost we realize the depth of loss of a business and that rebuilding takes a different type of strength and commitment, but one that is sure to bring much to Kelleys Island. Family business is very much about strength and commitment.

In planning lawn games for our celebration weekend, I reminisced of all the Islandfests or Homecoming Weekends that I was the game chairman. How many kids came and threw eggs with me, and their parents took pictures of the goo all over their hands. Although the weather didn't allow it this weekend, I look forward to the day that we get to have a good old fashioned egg toss on the front lawn and snap some pictures for our memory books.

In planning for the corn hole tournament for the weekend, I thought of the horseshoe tournament at the Winery and how many families and friends have shared time around those pits. I thought of the family of Justin and the money being raised. Although ours was rained out, I know they had a great turn out and things went well.

Although we had to cancel our outdoor games and band, we want to thank all of those people that came to see us!!! The Anniversary was well received and the Gale Force is being brewed tomorrow.

*During the next two months we have*

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- September 18 Closed to the Public
- September 19th-1/2 Way to St. Paddy's Day - Craig Brothers from 11 am-2am
- October 2-11th Annual October fest- Homemade German food buffet
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Call with questions or entries. We look forward to meeting your family when you are out and about on Kelleys Island.

Cheers!-Patti and the Kelleys Island Brewery

**From the KI Chamber of Commerce**

August 2nd and 3rd brought the Kelley Miller Circus back to Kelleys Island once again. Four great shows rocked to 50's music and a packed house.

Special thanks go to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line and the

Palladino family for bringing the circus to the island. Thanks, also, to the clean-up crew headed by Ted Klonaris.

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**Kelleys Island School News**

**Phil Thiede, Superintendent**

**2010-2011 School year has started**

The '10-'11 school year began on Wed., Sept. 1st for Kelleys Island School.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Linda Spayd to Kelleys Island School this fall. Mrs. Spayd replaced Miss Amy Krajnak who left the island to teach in the Cleveland Heights School District. Mrs. Spayd will be teaching math, science, and computer tech classes to our middle and senior high students.

Mr. Jude Lill will be starting his third year at Kelleys Island School. Mr. Lill instructs our middle and senior high school students in language arts, social studies, health, and physical education.

We are fortunate to have Miss Shannon Leary and Mrs. Erin Sandvick back again this year to instruct our elementary classes. They both have over seven years experience at Kelleys Island.

Mrs. Bonnie Shoff is starting her 8th year teaching art classes for our students two days a week along with her popular adult classes after school.

Mr. Dave Slosser works one day a week as our guidance counselor. He works with our students and staff to make sure all students achieve and gain success during the year.

Mr. Gene Kidwell, our curriculum director, works one day a week to guide our staff in choosing the best

textbooks and materials for our school. He also helps the teachers in their classroom instruction to assure Kelleys Island School is meeting all the state-mandated standards for public education in Ohio.

Mrs. Jean Smith, our speech pathologist, works three hours a week with our students to overcome minor speech problems in their formative years. She also works with students who need help to overcome learning obstacles during the school year.

Finally, I am starting my eighth year at Kelleys Island School. I am confident this staff mentioned above is prepared and excited about this coming school year. During the course of the next few months, I will keep you informed through these articles about all the happenings at Kelleys Island School.

**September Dates To Keep**

- Thursday, September 16**  
- 1 1/2 Day - Staff Meeting
- Friday, September 17**  
- School Board Meeting - 9:45 AM
- Monday, September 27**  
- Parent-Teacher Conferences-3-6 PM

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**I saw helephants!!!**

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We went up to sit by where the driver is. It was way far up there. My Grandma kept telling me it would be okay. Aunt Stephe loved it (she had never been on a big boat like this before either). We were off to Kelleys Island.

Once we got there, we walked to where Grandma said the helephants were. Wow! I was so excited. There were helephants, and horses and baby buffalo and ponies and camels and so much cool stuff. The lady said the circus wouldn't start until 4pm. We had a lot of time to wait.

Me, Grandma and Aunt Stephe decided to explore Kelleys Island. First we explored the playground by the big stone thing Grandma said was a memorial. Boy was that slide fun! Then we went shopping at The General Store. What a neat store! I, of course, wanted everything but decid-

ed on my Nemo toy. (This was a little fish tank that had 2 nemo fish in it. Grandma said when we put water in it they would grow.)

Then we rented a golf cart and explored. What fun it was sitting up between Aunt Stephe and Grandma (with my seat belt on of course). We saw the beaches, the Glacial Groovies, the statue on State Route 575 (I promise I put back everything I tried to pick up-Aunt Stephe made me), the State Park, the school and a bunch of other things my little head can't remember.

Then it was lunch at The Village Pump (boy is that spinach artichoke dip good) and off to the The Kelly Miller Circus!

Oh what fun-I rode a pony, bought a Sponge Bob Balloon, had my face painted like a butterfly and, almost rode a helephant (I was too scared so

Aunt Stephe didn't get to ride it either-Sorry Aunt Stephe). And then into the BIG TENT!!! It was hot but so much fun. There were tigers and helephants and camels and ladies that hung from the ceiling and people who threw things up and caught them (Grandma said they are jugglers) and dogs that did tricks and a guy who ate fire-yuck! There were clowns and dancers and so many things. I LOVED IT!!

Then we got to go back on the big boat to try to find Grandma's car.

What a great day at Kelleys Island and The Kelly Miller Circus. I can't wait until next year to go again!! Until then, I have pictures and my new coloring book to remind me of the fun! I give Kelleys Island and the Circus a THUMBS UP!

(Aryanna is the Granddaughter of Debbie Henderson, who, along with Michael Savulak, own Vacation Rentals LLC featuring Andy's Place on Cedar Lane and The Getaway on Melody Lane.)

**From the Pastor**

Rev. Warren Campbell-Gaston,  
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Appearances can be deceiving. For instance, it feels to me like I am a solid entity, complete and whole unto myself. Through my senses, I perceive a world outside myself that is not me, other people, and other things, all of them distinct and separate from myself. You experience yourself the same way. Each of us, like Kelleys Island, appears to be an island unto ourselves. We are walking, talking islands. In his famous poem, the English cleric John Donne (1572-1631) declared: "No man (or woman) is an island entire of itself."

As it turns out, Donne was right. Contrary to appearances, we are interconnected and interdependent. Each one is not separate and single at all. Our separateness is an illusion. In every dimension of our being, we are a bundle of fluid relationships. Scientists have discovered that all the molecules composing our bodies are replaced during the course of five years. We continuously exchange air molecules with the atmosphere around us. If we are in a room together, the air you breathe out one moment becomes the air I breathe in the next. The iron in your blood today was in a spinach leaf a month ago and in the garden soil a month before that. We are not apart from, but a part of, the whole biosphere, the circle of life.

Words and ideas are borrowed from our culture. We do not create words, we receive them from the language spoken around us. Ideas and emotions are not original but taken from the pool of thoughts and feelings in which we live. The physical, mental, and emotional aspects of our lives are borrowed.

When we live with the illusion of separateness, it is easy to misuse or abuse the world around us, both people and things. After all, everything else is separate from my private "me." My self-interest stops at my skin. But if we are inextricably part of everything, then there is no private "me," there is only that part of the all that is me at the moment for which I am responsible. What I do affects you and what you do affects me. We are all in this life world together.

Standing on Kelleys' southern shore, looking across the water at the mainland, it appears we are disconnected from what we see on the other side. But we are not. Unseen beneath the water, the land we are looking at and the land we are looking from are connected. Let us learn to live as responsible members of the great life that surrounds us. When we live from the truth of our connectedness, we bless each other and the God who gives us this great life.

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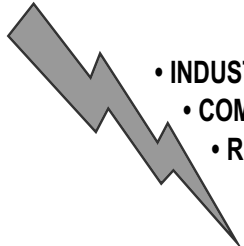
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# OBITUARY

**Timothy L. "Tim" Ahner, 54**, of Sandusky, passed away unexpectedly Aug. 16, 2010, at his home on Kelleys Island.

He was born Feb. 1, 1956, in Sandusky, a son of Daniel David and Dona J. (Harpst) Ahner. Tim was a 1974 graduate of Sandusky High School and a 1978 graduate of Purdue University where he received his degree in Mechanical Engineering. Tim was president of Ahner Fabricating and Sheet Metal in Sandusky.

He enjoyed sitting on his front porch at his home on Kelleys Island, listening to talk radio shows, watching the Cleveland Indians on TV with the sound off and the radio on and spending time with his family.

Tim is survived by his wife of 23 years, Rosalyn L. "Roz" (Smith) Ahner, whom he married March 3, 1987; three sons, Dan R. (Megan) Ahner, Michael L. Ahner and David J. Ahner and a daughter, Janie K. Ahner, all of Sandusky; granddaughter, Aryanna C. Ahner; father, Daniel D. Ahner of Kelleys Island; two sisters, Patricia Ahner of Kelleys Island and Karen Ahner of Richmond, Va.; brother, Mark (Deb) Ahner of Sandusky; and four nephews, Vaughn, Tristen, Max and Lee.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dona J. (Harpst) Ahner (1984).

Services were held in Sandusky at the David F. Koch Funeral Home. Private burial services were held at the Kelleys Island Cemetery.

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



**Janice Bertsch, 89**, a former cosmetologist and member of the Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market, died Aug. 23 at her home in Silver

Spring, MD, from complications of open-heart surgery and pneumonia.

Born in Fremont, Ohio, Janice Ruth Ahner graduated from the old Toledo School of Cosmetology in 1939. She worked as a cosmetologist in Sandusky before leaving her job to raise a family.

Mrs. Bertsch moved to Silver Spring in 1990 and joined the Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market. During the summers, she operated an antiques store on Kelleys Island in the western part of Lake Erie, where her brother Daniel lives, along with his family.

Her husband of 47 years, Edwin A. Bertsch, died in 1988.

Survivors include three children, Dennis Bertsch of Alexandria, Barbara Ott of Silver Spring and Susan Canino of Lumberton, N.J.; her brother Daniel D.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



**Father Jeffrey John Guido Nordhaus, 63**, of Custer, Ohio, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on Sun., Aug. 08,

2010. He was born the tenth of twelve children to Guido and Delores

Nordhaus on Sept. 11, 1946. Father Jeff was a proud graduate of Assumption Collegiate High School in Windsor, Ontario; St. Meinrad College, and St. Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana. He was ordained a priest in the Toledo Diocese on May 27, 1972. Over the years Father Jeff lovingly served in many parishes as both an associate and full pastor. His churches included Sacred Heart Church in Fremont; St. Aloysius Church, Bowling Green; St. John the Baptist Church, Toledo; St. Patrick's Church / Nazareth Hall, Grand Rapids; St. Mary, Clyde; Mother of Sorrows, Put-in-Bay; St. Michael's, Kelly's Island; and most recently St. Louis, Custer and Immaculate Conception, Deshlar.

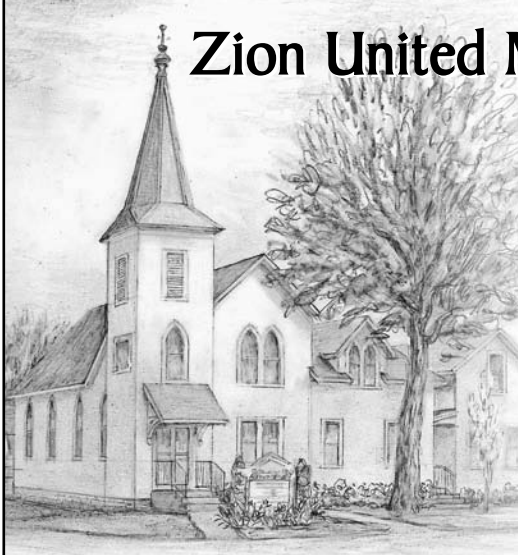
In order to serve his country, Father Jeff enlisted in the Navy as a chaplain in 1982. He began his service with the 1st Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, 1st Medical Battalion at Camp Pendleton. From there Father Jeff was stationed at the Naval Station in Pearl Harbor. He then completed a tour with the United States Coast Guard Support Center in Kodiak, Alaska where he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1987. Father Jeff was then posted to the United States Marine Corps Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion at Arlington National Cemetery where he led services for fallen soldiers and veterans. While in Arlington, he was responsible for the Catholic Sea Services Burial Detail and participated as a White House Chaplain. After successfully completing the Navy Chaplains Advance Course in Newport, RI, Father Jeff was stationed at the Naval Support Facility in Diego Garcia. From there he

went back to Camp Pendleton with the Marine Corps. Father Jeff retired after completing a final tour of duty with the Navy at the Naval Air Station in Barbers Point, Hawaii in 1998. He was a recipient of the Navy Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Ribbon and the Fleet Marine Force Ribbon along with many other medals and ribbons. Father Jeff enjoyed traveling because of all the wonderful people he met. He loved camping trips with his close friends and was an avid boater. Jeff was scuba certified and made numerous diving trips on the world's coral reefs.

**Sam Siciliano, age 51** of Rockwall, TX, passed away Aug. 6, 2010. He was born Nov. 23, 1958 in Akron, OH, to Italo & Evangeline Siciliano. Sam proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his wife of ten years, Laura Siciliano of Rockwall, TX; daughters: Rachael Siciliano of Tallahassee, FL, and Brynn Siciliano of Rockwall, TX; son: Nicholas Siciliano of Rockwall, TX; mother: Vange Bugel of Port St. Lucie, FL; sisters: Chris Vaughn of Port St. Lucie, FL, Cathy Coffman of Kelleys Island, OH, Claudia Siciliano of Sandusky, OH; and brother: Tony Siciliano of Lewisville, TX. Sam was preceded in death by his father: Italo Siciliano; stepfather: James Bugel; and sister: Connie Ferder.

A memorial service was held on Kelleys Island at Zion Methodist Church, followed by a graveside service in Kelleys Island Cemetery, Kelleys Island, OH.



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## Old Stone Church restored

On Aug 6th and the 8th Ed Frindt gathered a number of helpful island volunteers to clean and put the Old Stone Church back to its original state, after dutifully serving as the museum for the Kelleys Island Historical Association for over 25 years. The historical association has finally completed and opened their all-new museum on their property next to the Old Stone Church and it was time to bring the lovingly stored pews, piano and other church artifacts back into their home.



On August 6th the church was cleaned until it shined. Everything was vacuumed and the floors and benches were washed with Murphy's Oil Soap. It looks-and smells-wonderful. The workers that day were: Ed Frindt, Chuck Hacker, Fred Walcott, Roger Williams, and Frank Yako

On August 8th the following volunteers moved the furniture back into the Old Stone Church - cleaning it as it arrived. That date's helpers were: Tim Richardson, Josh Cross, Jon Lundwall, and his baby daughter Abigail, who are all from Camp Patmos. They worked alongside: Carol and Ed Frindt, Gary Kowell, Sharon and Jim McIntire, Scott Stevenson (brought his flatbed) Elsie and George Homegardner, Pat Hayes (supervised moving the piano, which had been in the Kelley House), and Teri Betzenheimer.

Another Flatbed Trailer was lent by Jean and John Kuyoth. Mike Feyedelem

supplied the vacuum.

This marks a true milestone for the Historical Association. With no paid workers, except for the construction crew, the association has gathered all the monies, built the new museum, arranged it, filled it, opened a new gift shop and now restored the Old Stone Church. Sharon Brunell McIntire the association's Treasurer and Gift Shop manager has been responsible for a large majority of the work. She has donated an immense number of hours over the past several years.

Dozens of others have worked and donated time and money, but many feel it is doubtful the new museum would be open today if it weren't for Sharon's hard work.

There are a number of Kelleys Island events, organizations and even our library that are run solely by the work of our amazing island volunteers. If you'd like to become more entrenched in the Kelleys Island community, please make a call to the Kelleys Island Historical Association, the KI Audubon, the Kelleys Island branch of the Sandusky Library, the KI Chamber of Commerce, the KI Landowners Association or either of the churches, to see how you can help out. There will be something that will be exactly the right fit for you and your skills or abilities. You'll meet some great people, have a great time, and probably learn a bit, as well.

*Thanks to all who helped out with the Old Stone Church renewal and thanks to all our island volunteers, period!*

## EMS NEWS

Training sessions for the latest EMT Class continued throughout this busy time despite everyone's crazy schedules. The EMT Class will continue training for the next several months until they are ready to go do their clinical time.

What a busy end to the summer. The fire that destroyed several local businesses proved to test the abilities of both the Fire Department and the EMS. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The State Fire Marshall commented on the abilities of the Kelleys Island Acting Fire Chief, stating Jack Hostal was one of the best in the state. Our hats are off to Jack and his volunteers.

Feel free to stop by the EMS Station

and discover what is available to residents and visitors to the island. As stated in the last issue, we have outgrown the building. The second ambulance is parked outside, year 'round, in all kinds of weather. During a recent training session, it was discovered that a valuable piece of equipment was unusable due to the extreme heat. A small plastic valve had melted and adhered to the tubing, making it impossible to use. This could have made it very difficult to successfully manage a patient that needed this treatment if it had not been discovered. A garage large enough to house both ambulances is needed.

Stay safe!  
Sharon A. Devine, paramedic

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Submitted by Tom Konecny

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Caroline Jorski

On Oct. 21, 1950 Marilyn and Frank Rom took their marriage vows at St. John's Cathedral in Cleveland, because, as Marilyn recalls, "At the time, there was no Catholic Church where we lived in Avon Lake, so our church services were held at a local movie theatre," not exactly the place they wanted to be married. The young couple had a beautiful reception at her parent's home in Avon Lake after the service at the Cathedral.

In 1972, Frank and Marilyn came to Kelleys Island as tourists and fell in love with the island. They originally rented cottages from Father Joseph Ehrbar but decided they would like to find a permanent summer residence for themselves and their seven children. They finally found the ideal location at 518 Division Street, where they have spent most of their summers for the past 38 years.

The Rom's recall purchasing the property from The Polish Fisherman's Club which was managed as a rental home to fisherman by Chet Antowiak and Steve Jarzempa. Memories of some contents left in the house

brought smiles and laughter as Marilyn and Frank showed their original kitchen pump lovingly inscribed, "Polska Pumpa and Szkoda M'owic." "We still have that pump in our kitchen today and it helps remind us of the good times these men must have had when they were here." There was a large sign that hung on the tree outside the house which also held the beloved "Szkoda M'owic" words welcoming the fisherman. That sign was just recently moved from the tree.



Marilyn and Frank Rom Wedding in 1950

Daughters, Laura Creighton and Mary Anne Lowe, recalled picking up many beer bottles and cans from the backyard when they moved into their new summer residence. "Those guys kept a spotless house. There wasn't an empty bottle in the house--they were all outside piled in the yard," laughed the girls.

The Rom girls recalled many happy times on Kelleys and considered the school playground their private domain. They recalled baseball games, climbing on the glacial grooves, swimming in the quarry and just sharing fun times together as a family. "the island was more laid-back" recall Marilyn and Frank, "we

enjoyed shopping at the P o h o r e n c e Market [Island Market] and there were many old cottages, gardens lovingly cared for personally by residents and just a much more relaxed atmosphere."

Marilyn first met Frank when they worked together at NASA where Frank worked as a nuclear physicist and was Chief of the Advanced Propulsion Concepts Branch at Lewis Research. "We were attracted to each other almost immediately and a courtship followed." After retiring from NASA, which was called NACA until 1958, Frank decided that the future of our country would be heading toward solar powered heat and with the assistance of his wife, as office manager, founded Rom-Aire Solar Corporation from which they both retired in 1985. The Rom's now spend the winter in Venice, Florida and call it their "Paradise in the South," and Kelleys Island their "Paradise in the North."

Wanting to honor their parents on their 60th wedding anniversary, the children all came together a little early in July to celebrate with family and friends at the Avon Lake House, which some consider a museum and party center in Avon Lake, Ohio. A total of 60 guests coming from Boston, Texas, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan and



Massachusetts came together to celebrate this exceptional marriage. Besides their seven children, Frank and Marilyn have 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, and a set of twin girls on the way.

Father Tim O'Connor officiated at the renewal of their marriage vows at the 10:30 Mass at St. Joseph Church in Avon Lake. They received a blessing before Mass with their family surrounding them. Daughter, Mary Anne Lowe, also celebrated her 40 years of marriage to her husband, Carl that very same day.

Marilyn and Frank Rom are humble, quiet people and somewhat embarrassed by all the attention given them but their daughters came forth and said that their parents are the true example of what marriage should be and have been examples for all of them. In spite of trials, tribulations and even the early death of their son, Frank, Jr., they have shown strength and continue to be a source of joy for their family.

We congratulate all of them.

## Subject: Safe conduct at an incident scene — continued from page 3

request of emergency personnel and wandered into the thick clouds of smoke and interfered with emergency crews. Some of these people took their young children into the area and into thick clouds of smoke. A number of people had to be ordered out of the emergency scene several times before they would comply. Several of these people were aggressive and argued with emergency personnel.

I have spent over 30 years working in the Public Health field (as a Registered Sanitarian at a Health Department) dealing with environmental health factors. One factor is exposure to air pollution. Vinyl siding contains Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) that can create many toxic compounds if it burns including dioxons, phthalates, CO, and organontins (these compounds can cause cancer, reproductive, developmental, or immune problems). The machinery in the building were probably the source of airborne heavy metals including cadmium, mercury, and/or lead in the smoke. It is sad that parents would deliberately allow their children to be exposed to toxins and display aggressive behavior to emergency personnel for requesting that the children be taken to relative safety. I hope these people will not repeat their behavior in the future.

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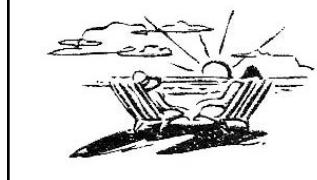
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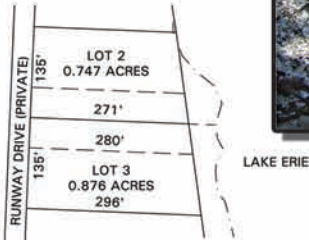
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