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Janet Killam, Jan Ransom and Jim Zeller preparing for the 2011 Homecoming festivities, put on by KILA.

## KI Homecoming "Feeling Groovy"

Caroline Jorski

Now is the time to relive those good ol' days of the '60's--where hippies prevailed, flower children wore the "peace sign" and guitar music filled the air--get yourself ready to join the "Feeling Groovy"-themed parade at the Landowner's Homecoming Day celebration on Saturday, August 20, 2011. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and will kick off the festivities of the day. Beautiful trophies will be awarded to the top three winners displaying the best float. Parade entrants line up at the old Neuman dock and parade along the south shoreline and end at the pavilion. Leading the parade will be Elic Watson and Russell Maust,

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## Swimmers for Make-a-Wish plan full weekend of events

The time is here to saddle up and spend a weekend with Make-A-Wish. Make plans come to the ever fantastic Golf Cart Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 6th. There are prizes for winning hands, lots of door prizes, and a fishing charter up for raffle. Enjoy yourself and know that you are helping children in our immediate area with their wishes. Then stay for Sunday the 7th and see Jeni & Cindra swim in at 11:30am from GEM BEACH a short 4.2 mile swim (pray for a southwest wind please). All Wish children from Northwest Ohio have been invited to come to Kelleys for the day. Let's make this another blow out year!

Help us surpass our last year's donation to Make-A-Wish.....\$32,000!!!

**Kelleys Island Benefit Swim & Golf Cart Poker Run**

**Golf Cart Poker Run**

Sat. Aug. 6th

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\$10 per hand, no limit on hands played

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**Benefit Swim by Jeni & Cindra**

Sunday, Aug. 7th

Come to Portside Marina 11:30 a.m.

Party after the girls swim in from GEM BEACH

Meet past and present Wish Children.

This year's children are:

MARIANNA age 8 from Bellevue, Her illness is Rhabdo Myosarcoma (cancer). Her wish is to go to a Florida Theme Park

RANDY age 6 (7 in May) from Sandusky, his illness is Congenital Heart Defect. His wish is to go to a Florida Theme Park

While two children are officially sponsored each year, last year because of the amount collected 6 children's wishes were granted.

New and different "T" shirts and Tanks are available for a \$20 donation at Portside Marina.

Come in and get one, show your support by wearing it on either Saturday or Sunday.

## 2011 KI Filmfest August 12, 13, 14



Friday, Aug. 12:

True Grit (2010)

Sat., Aug. 13

Early: How to Train Your Dragon

Late: Young Frankenstein

Sun., Aug. 14:

Sing-a-long Sound of Music



## !!!!!!!Cowboy Up!!!!!!!

Lisa Klonaris

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line, the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce is excited to, once again, host the Kelly Miller Circus, now in its 73rd year of performing and its 9th year on Kelleys Island. As always the Circus staff has promised us a new and improved show that will be memorable and exciting entertainment for all ages.

This year the Kelly Miller Circus has decided to begin a new tradition of theming each year's performance. "WESTERN" is the theme chosen for the 2011 show. SO, grab your BOOTS and HATS and join in on the FUN!

The Kelly Miller Circus, one of only a handful of traveling tent shows still in existence, will appear at the Village Ball Diamond on the following dates:

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## Firefighters Steak Roast

Aug. 6 at VFW Post 9908 • 5-7 p.m.

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from any island fireman

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parade Marshalls being honored for their heroic rescue of two stranded fishermen in the dead of winter on Lake Erie.

Food galore is on the menu--this year a special Pig Roast catered by Travis Keller will highlight the refreshment menu. There will also be hot dogs, Italian sausage, French fries, ice cream products, water, pop and of course, BEER.

This year, music will fill the pavilion with Frank (Sinatra) and Dean (Martin) followed by the 7:30 Club and Mary Spayd McCormick and the ever favorite sound of the North Coast Band returning with their rousing big band sound.

The day will be filled with fun

and games and you'll have a chance to take in Mona Rutger's Back to the Wild show. There's a pet parade, marshmallow golf contest, pie contest and a bounce castle for the youngsters and the young at heart. There'll be a ton of fun and prizes to match. A silent auction will be featured this year so get ready to bid on your special treasure.

Homecoming sponsored by Kelleys Island Landowners Association is a day for family, friends and neighbors to come together and enjoy the day. It's always good to come back home so come on out because we'll miss you if you're not there.



Russ Maust and Elic Watkins are grand marshals of the 2011 Homecoming parade.

## Homecoming Parade 2011

### Saturday • August 20, 2011

Set Up 10:30AM at West Dock Kelleys Island Ferry - Parade Starts at 11:00 AM

### Theme: "Feeling Groovy"

	Entry Description
Name _____	
Phone # _____	
Email _____	

Return completed form to Lawson and Peggy Wideman, 419-746-2141. Advanced Registration helps with planning, but is not required. Entrants will be accepted up to the start of the parade.



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**Monday, August 8  
and Tuesday, August 9.  
Show times are 4:00 p.m.  
and 7:00 p.m. both days.**

**Pre-sale ticket prices:**

**Adult \$10.00  
Children 2 - 11yrs. \$6.00**

**Day of show ticket prices:**

**Adult \$15.00  
Children 2 - 11yrs. \$7.00**

Tickets are now on sale at the K.I.C.C. office, K.I. General Store, K.I. Brewery, K.I. Venture Resort, The Candy Bar (P-I-B), Mutach's Food Market.

The Circus will roll into town on Sunday, August 7th. Be sure to join

them upon arrival to view the animals being unloaded and fed. Monday, August 8th, activities will begin with the tent raising at approximately 8:30 a.m.

The Box Office will open at 9 a.m. for the purchase of tickets and upgrades for box seats. The cost for upgrades is \$2.00 per ticket.

Arrive one hour prior to show times to view the elephants, camels, llamas and horses up close. Elephant, camel and pony rides are available. Concessions are open prior, during and after shows. As always, the friendly circus staff will be very happy to show you around and answer questions.



**Historical Association Art Show  
August 6**

The Kelleys Island Historical Association Art Show is Saturday, August 6 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Old Stone Church & Kelleys Island Historical Museum & Gift Shop at 224 Division St. Three authors including Kelleys Island resident and author of two island historical books, Leslie Korenko, will be available to sign books. Other featured artists are Carole Geschke, oil portrait painter; Byron Crabill, woodcarver; Anne Sennish, watercolorist; Teri Betzenheimer, quilt maker; and Annalee, watercolorist and jewelry maker. Annalee has put her art on note cards, coffee cups and t-shirts.

Lydia Bechtel, former Island artist, and one of the founding members of

the KI Historical Association was the original chairman of the Art Show which started soon after the Historical Association was formed in 1981. She passed the torch to Annalee, who has been chairman for at least 20 years. The venue of the Old Stone Church and KI Historical Museum & Gift Shoppe is a short distance from downtown and is a delightful stop for visitors. Admission to the art show is free.

More info available from Annalee at 248-505-0614.



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**Kelleys Island  
Audubon  
happenings**

**Judy DuShane**

On Thurs., Aug. 18th. Jim Mc Cormac, of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will present a program on "Lake Erie, Ohio's North Coast", Jim is the past president of the Ohio Ornithological Society and also the author of "Birds of Ohio". He always has interesting information to share. Save the date of Sept. 15th. for a program that will address a topic of concern to many of us here on the island; Beth Buchanan will speak on the "Asian Longhorn Beetle and the Emerald Ash Borer-Threats to our Urban Forests." All you have to do is notice the canopy here on the island to see what damage these critters have done.

All meetings are preceded by a potluck at 6:00 PM with the program following at 7:00 PM. They are held at the Village Pavilion on Addison or St. Michael's Hall in case of bad weather. Everyone is welcome and you just bring your table setting, a beverage and a dish to share for the potluck. You can come just for the program, too.

Other August activities include the "Outdoor Film Festival" on Aug.12 -13 which will help support both Audubon and the island safety forces. Visit the KI Audubon booth at Kelleys Island Homecoming on Sat. Aug. 20th and pick up some interesting handouts. Mona Rutgers of Back to the Wild will also be there with her display animals and interesting information.

September is Nature Month with Kelleys Island Audubon and many different events are scheduled - some in cooperation with other island organizations. "Glacial Glimpses" on Sept. 4, "Butterfly Festival" on Sept. 10 in cooperation with the KI Historical Assoc., the "Kayak Poker Paddle" on Sept. 17 and the "Feathers and Foliage Festival" on Sept. 24. See more about these events in the next issues or check out the website at [www.kelleysislandnature.com](http://www.kelleysislandnature.com).

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# The August Schaedler Winery, preserved

Carol Nelson-Burns

Fern and Bill Gorchester have given the historic August Schaedler Winery to "Kelleys Island Historical Preservation" and formed a 501c3 (not-for-profit) corporation to manage it. This museum is devoted to specific important aspects of Kelleys Island heritage, namely agriculture, grape growing and harvesting, and other aspects of the wine industry that built and sustained the island community.

Bob Schwartz and brothers Dave and Greg Lawrence are locals who serve on the five-member Board of Directors. Dave and Greg and their sister Patrice Connavino are direct descendents of August and Christina Beatty Schaedler. The winery dates to 1866.

Recorded in the Ohio Historical Inventory (entry no. ERI 1658) from information researched and written by Kevin Pape and Kyle Johannsen, the August Schaedler Winery's storage capacity "was estimated in 1890 [to] total 65,000 gallons." August Schaedler produced still wines, such as Catawba and Delaware varieties. The production in 1879 "totaled 12,000 gallons" (Ohio Historical Inventory).

Artifacts of the wine industry along with tools and equipment of these

island industries are on display on shelves and in the field surrounding the newly renovated Schaedler wine cellar site on East Lakeshore, at the entrance to Southaven. Resting quietly now in fields where they once worked tirelessly are a horse drawn plow, a grist mill, and wagon wheels of all sizes. Machines that went down the rows of grapes to spray or collect them, an antique ice box, grape press and casks give a glimpse into the everyday work of those involved in growing, tying, or transporting grapes—all part of the intricate process that led to the finished liquid we drink from colored glass bottles. Old prints and photos show contented cows leisurely wading through the cool waters along the shallow shore, women tying the grape branches, young men and women in full dress on hot summer days working the fields, their names reflected on island road names.

Homecoming weekend the Gorchesters and members of the Board of Directors of the Kelleys Island Historical Preservation invite the public to an Open House to see the fruits of THEIR hard labor of love in restoring and preserving for posterity a proud heritage that glimpses island life in the late 19th and early 20th



August Schaedler Winery

Centuries. These artifacts help communicate to us what we cannot otherwise imagine about the challenges of such labor in hot August fields without the respites we take for granted in our far more leisurely life styles.

After the Homecoming Open House, the museum will welcome groups, such as the 4-H Camp, Camp Patmos, or family groups, by reservation. There is no admission charge,

but donations are welcomed and appreciated, as these will be used to continue the ongoing work of locating and preserving important hardware of Kelleys Island's agricultural and wine-making industries of the last two centuries.

Call Bill and Fern at 419-746-2784 to schedule your group tour.

## Island Singers are "Puttin' on the Ritz"

Shirley Crabill

Jennifer Koba, Premier Director, and the Island Singers will present a collection of the best music ever composed "Irving Berlin and the Big Band Bash" Sat. Sept 3, 6:30 and 8:00 pm in Kelleys Island Historic Town Hall. Because this is our 25th year as your Island Singers, we are "In a Sentimental Mood," but "It Don't Mean a Thing (If You Ain't Got That Swing,)" so we've invited, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," but they just, "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," so, "Just For Sentimental Reasons," "Let's Dance" to "Juke Box Saturday Night" because those "Blue Skies" are "Always" a reminder, when you're, "Puttin on the Ritz", "There's No Business Like Show Business!"

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## Hard working island lasses travel to Europe

Island daughters Katie Mack, Janie Ahner and Cece Wolf took a break from their island summer jobs to explore Europe with Perkins High School Spanish Class. They spent time in London, Paris and Barcelona, and remembered to take their Kelleys Life everywhere! They are shown at Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower.



## Justin Horseshoe Tournament Aug. 12

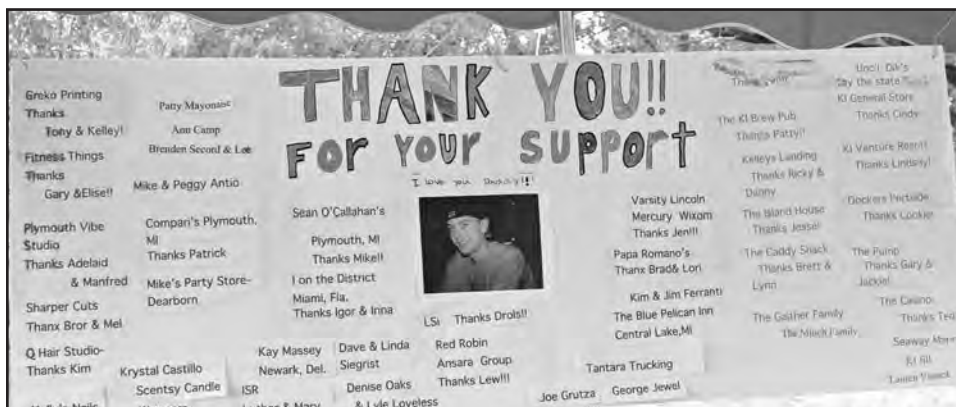
Justin Alan Antio passed away two years ago at the age of 31 years. His mother and stepfather Margaret and Jim Grutza decided to honor his memory by putting together an island fund raiser last year at the KI Wine Company to benefit Justin's two children Isis & Mercury, aged 8 and 12.

A perfect day for Justin was a BBQ in the backyard, kids running around as he grilled, the Tiger Game on the radio and beating his brother and best friend, Adam, at game after game of Horseshoes. "His love of this sport and our love for him have inspired us to celebrate his August birthday together, doing just what Justin would enjoy

most and benefiting his children in the process," said mom Margaret.

For the second year in a row, the Grutza's are holding the Justin Horseshoe Tournament at the KI Winery on Woodford. This year's event is Aug. 12. It starts at 3 p.m. Absolutely everyone is invited to participate. No skill level needed and every skill level welcomed. "We just want everyone to have a great time doing what Justin loved to do," closed Margaret.

Justin's family has vacationed on the island for many years so, for them, Kelleys and the Winery were the perfect place to decide to put the fund



raiser together. The Grutza's received a tremendous amount of help from virtually all of the island businesses-check out last year's thank you poster above-individuals and off-island friends and businesses as well. This year was the same.

The cost to participate is just \$30.00 for a 2 person team and includes T Shirts and Golf Towels. You can get more information and pre-register on the website (preferable)

[www.thejustintournament.com](http://www.thejustintournament.com) or come out to the KI Wine Company on the day of the event. All are welcome!!!! Last year almost 200 people attended.

The family is deeply grateful to all of the Tournament's supporters and is looking forward to meeting many new island friends this year! Come on out to the Justin Alan Antio Horseshoe Tournament on Friday, August 12-3 p.m.

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**AUGUST EVENTS**

- August 6 • Cruisin'-Ron Howard
- August 7 • Jonah Koslin
- August 13 • Ohio Express
- August 14 • Alex Bevan
- August 20 • Armstrong-Bearcat Band
- August 20 • Port Clinton Poker Run
- August 21 • Burnt River Band
- August 27 • Sorry William
- August 28 • Cruisin'-Ron Howard

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# Kelleys Island is at war

Jacquie Kranyak

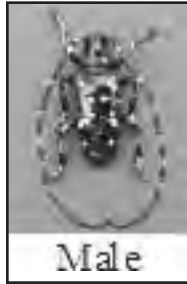
We may not be under the siege of guns and mortar attacks, but our tiny bit of paradise is continually under attack by invasive species. From the zebra and quagga mussels who have reformed and re-colored our beaches, and cut up our feet and hands, to the ash borer who has created an entirely new landscape for our ash-heavy topography--we are most definitely

under invasion.

New threats are present continually but none have devastated our idyllic isle more than the tiny ash borer, who in just a few short years has managed to swiftly kill and make dangerous almost all of our island's ash trees. The ash borer is thought to have arrived via wood brought over to the island despite efforts of the Village Council and the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line to stop any outside wood from coming across.

Ash tree removal has cost many islanders a great deal of money to manage and to keep their homes and lots safe. One home owner on the North Bay has had to remove over 30 trees on a single-family parcel, during the past three years. Presently council is considering legislation that will allow the village to take action and remove trees at the homeowner's expense if a tree appears dangerous and has not been removed by the homeowner. KILA was meeting as this paper went to press to discuss a homeowner response to the new legislation.

In surrounding counties such as Ottawa (Put-in-Bay), Lucas, Seneca, Wood, and Sandusky proper-

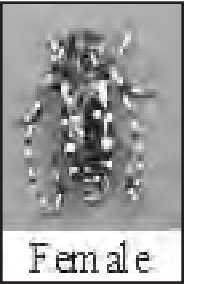


Male

New threat is at our door:

Anoplophora glabripennis

The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) is large, ranging from 0.75-1.25 inches long, with very long black and white antennae. The body is glossy black with irregular white spots. These beetles feed on many species of hardwood trees. Adults can be seen from late spring to fall depending on the climate. This beetle was introduced from China and is currently limited to areas within the cities of Chicago and New York.



Female

ty owners have been serviced with an assistance grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the Division of Forestry, and operated by WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. The grant paid for the removal of up to two trees per property owner through the program. Known as the Western Lake Erie Basin Residential Ash Tree Removal Program, it was provided through the efforts of U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Toledo (and Kelleys Island). Rep. Kaptur was asked why Erie County and Kelleys Island were not included, but as yet has not responded.

The Kelleys Island legislation is a step that several cities and villages throughout the state have taken to mandate removal of diseased/dangerous trees at property owner's expense. In news articles, these laws have been deemed to be a work of the public trust to assure safety. Dead trees can cause serious injury or death. On Kelleys Island the proposed legislation is designed to go after trees deemed close enough to roadways, or buildings, as to cause possible damage.

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club will be hosting a special guest lecturer on the ash borer at their Sept. 15th meeting. See the Audubon Happenings piece for further details. Several treatments for ash trees have been put on the market. None are a guarantee. The KI Audubon has heard good things about the Bayer treatment. KI State Park Ranger Mike Monnett recommends planting saplings for all trees removed, if possible.

We must now begin heavy awareness campaigns on a possible new invader-the Asian Long-horned Beetle, or ALB. This bug is thought to have arrived in wood packing materials from China, and has already infested areas of New York, New Jersey, Chicago, IL; and Toronto, Canada. It can infect and kill a wide variety of hardwood trees-such as: maple, willow, elm and our beloved Ohio Buckeye tree. It can also kill birch and sycamore and possibly a host of other trees.

The ALB was first discovered in Brooklyn, NY in 1996. Since then, infestations were found in and around New York City, including on Long Island and in Queens and Flushing Park. Several infested trees were removed around Central Park, where over 20,000 potential host trees grow.

- Discovered in Chicago in July 1998.
- Discovered in Jersey City in NJ in October 2002.
- Discovered in Carteret, NJ in August 2004.
- Discovered in Toronto, Canada in September 2003.

Over 6,000 infested trees have been cut down and destroyed to eradicate ALB from New York and over 1,550 trees in Chicago and more than 600 trees in New Jersey. Infested trees continue to be discovered.

The U.S. government has been acting aggressively to find any infestations, totally eradicate them and to persistently re-check any areas infestations were found. The only cure is complete demolition of the tree, the soil immediately beneath, with professionals approved by the government chipping and burning on the site of removal.

This new demon bug is literally all around us and islanders and island visitors must do all they can to assure not one stick of wood is brought over from the mainland. Since the beetles have been found in chippings, I wonder at the safety of mulch, but there really isn't a clear answer. Supposedly mulch has been treated, and all wood packing materials from China has been treated before its arrival here. Hopefully awareness is one of our best defenses.

And finally The Asian Carp--that giant, motor-frightened, high-leaping fish that can weigh over 100 pounds--is still working hard to wend its way into the Great Lakes via Chicago, and possibly via our river systems. While the U.S. Government is still spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to study whether or not it might make it to The Great Lakes, Asian Carp DNA has been found in 7 areas surrounding the Chicago

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## Home safety checklist for older adults

Submitted by Tom Konecny

Last year, more than 1 million people 65 years and older were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with accidents at home. Since most of these episodes resulted from a lack of maintenance, walk through your home and use the following checklist to spot possible safety hazards. If you notice a potential problem, arrange for it to be fixed immediately to prevent accident or injury.

- Kitchen: Make sure all of your appliances carry an Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) seal, which means the item was tested and found safe to use. Check electrical cords for fraying or cracking; step stools for splitting or cracking; and throw rugs for tripping hazards like bumps and turned-up corners.

- Living room: Check rugs and runners, electrical cords, lamps, and other lighting. Inspect the fireplace and chimney for fire hazards, and make sure all passageways are clear.

- Bathroom: Make sure small appliances are marked with a UL seal. Check the bathtub, shower, rugs, and mats for slipping hazards and inspect cabinets for safe storage of medications.

- Bedrooms: Examine rugs, runners, electrical and telephone cords, and make sure the area around the bed is clear of items that could cause you to trip.

- Basement/garage/workshop: Make sure all power tools bear the UL mark. Check fuse and breaker boxes for possible malfunction and shock and fire hazards. Inspect extension cords and cords on tools and lawn and garden supplies. Check for proper ventilation and make sure flammable liquids are stored properly.

- Stairs: Make sure there's proper lighting on and around stairways. Examine handrails and steps for possible defects or weaknesses, and test stair coverings for possible tripping hazards.

# The Winery

Carol Nelson-Burns

Kirt and Robby Zettler introduce The Winery's new chef, John Hagerty, who trained at Chesterland's ICASI (International Culinary Arts & Science School) six years ago. John followed his love of cooking, after he first completed an associate's degree in computer science that he found uninspiring. Previous culinary experience includes the Flying Fig, The ABC Tavern, Reddstone, and Touchstone Super Club in the Ohio City area.

His interview with the Zettlers in May was John's first time on Kelleys Island, and he hasn't left since. His staff includes other 'new-comers' to Kelleys, all foreign exchange students, who had never worked in a kitchen. So in addition to designing and preparing The Winery's new menu, John has been active in training Ruth, Kalyn, and Vasily.

Chef John's influence is evident in the new soups, appetizers, salads, entrees, and dessert. His philosophy is simple: all meals should be planned and prepared to enhance or center on the main item. He explains: "If you have walleye, you want to taste walleye, and not twenty different sauces."

A daily soup might be chicken paprikosh, tomato bisque, or fisherman's chowder. Mussels, duck quesadillas, Asian potstickers, grilled pro-suitto wrapped watermelon and

bruschetta are among the appetizers. A favorite is "crispy pork belly," which John describes as a house-cured salted pork, somewhat like bacon but not smoked. The flavor and composition resembles sweet-and-sour pork.

Main dish features are grilled scallops, ribeye, and walleye along with chicken roulade (rolled with vegetables, then pan seared), and a black pepper fettucine topped with an egg yolk. John explains that the yolk is meant to be stirred into the hot pasta, which then cooks the egg (hence, the egg is not intended to be eaten raw). Custard topped with bourbon apple fosters and whipped cream complete the dining experience.

The décor, weekend entertainment, wine samples and new variations of familiar and favorite wines remain signature features of the family-friendly restaurant on Woodford, along with leisure activities and quiet family-based fun on the large lawn. Chef John contributes his unique flavors and skill to the distinctive features that Kirt and Robby have sustaining The Winery's as a comfortable gathering place for sipping a glass of red or white, or sharing a pitcher of Winery sangria, cheese platters, or a table with friends for mid-afternoon or evening dining.




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**August**  
 6, Sat.-Art Show-KI Historical Assoc.  
 6, Sat.-Make-A-Wish Poker Run  
 -Dockers  
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 Steak Fry-VFW  
 7, Sun.-Make-A-Wish Benefit Swim  
 -Dockers  
 8-9, Mon./Tues.-Kelly Miller Circus  
 -Chamber of Commerce  
 12, Fri.-Justin Horseshoe  
 Tournament at the Winery  
 -3 p.m. Fundraiser, all welcome  
 12-13, Fri./Sat.-Outdoor Film  
 Festival-Various Sponsors  
 20, Sat.-Homecoming  
 -KI Landowners Assoc. (KILA)  
 20, Sat.-KI Daze/Reunion  
 -KI Brewery  
 27, Sat.-EMS Poker Run  
 -Bag the Moon  
 27, Sat-1/2 Way to Mardi Gras  
 -All taverns  
 28, Sat.-7-10 p.m. KILA Square  
 Dance - Town Hall

**September**  
 3, Sat.-Island Singers-Shows  
 at 6:30 & 7:30 -Town Hall  
 4, Sun.-Glacial Glimpses-KIAC  
 10, Sat.-Butterfly Fest and Tagging  
 -Old Stone Church-KIAC  
 10, Sat.-10 a.m. - 4 p.m.-Treasure  
 Island Day-KI Chamber of  
 Commerce  
 12, Mon.-Perch Derby-The Casino  
 17, Sat.-Kayak Poker Paddle-KIAC  
 17, Sat.-Wine Fest-KI Winery  
 18, Sun.-Doggie Brunch-KI Brewery  
 24, Sat.-Lobster Fest-Village Pump

**October**  
 1, Sat.-Oktoberfest-KI Brewery  
 8, Sat.-Chili Cook-Off-KI Brewery  
 8, Sat.-Annual Clambake-Casino  
 15, Sat.-20th Annual Thanksgiving  
 Dinner -Bag the Moon  
 15-16, Sat./Sun.-Murder Mystery  
 Weekend -KI Venture Resort  
 22, Sat.-Adult Halloween  
 -All taverns

22, Sat.-Family Hayride-KILA  
 (note: FunFinder date is incorrect)  
 29, Sat.-Octogaween-All taverns  
 29, Sat.-Pumpkin Carving  
 -Bag the Moon  
 29, Sat.-Kids Costume Party  
 -KI Brewery  
 29, Sat.-Kids Trick or Treat  
 -Village of Kelleys Island

**November**  
 25, Fri.-Christmas at the Corner  
 -Captain's Corner  
 25, Fri.-Potluck Dinner  
 -The Village Pump  
 26, Sat.-Ohio State-Mich.  
 Tail Gate Party  
 -The Village Pump  
 26, Sat.-Holiday Open House  
 -KI Winery

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3- Samantha Elfers  
 4- Trisha Kranyak  
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*Editor's Note: I lost an e-mail from someone who I believe had the first name of Michelle or that started with an "M" and it had a list of birthday names to add. The last name might have started with an "A." Whoever it was, if you sent me a list of names to add to the birthday list in the last two months, please resend it.*

Sorry, Jacquie

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## Letters to Editor

Editor,

In response to the article from Jackie Finger concerning parking in front of The Village Pump, several things must be addressed.

First, Lakeshore is a public road, not a private parking lot, and therefore it is available to anyone. Also, senior lunches (which by the way have not been held at the Pump for several years) are finished by noon or shortly after, leaving the rest of the day for other customers to park along Lakeshore to visit the several businesses along that street.

Most of our seniors have health conditions or mobility challenges and are unable to walk long distances without unnecessary stress. Have a heart, Jackie!

Some seniors do "carpool" as you say, often in order to help their neighbors, but not everyone can "carpool." We usually have several different errands to run and try to get them all taken care of in one trip.

The seniors of Kelleys Island have patronized the Pump for years, so show a little consideration, thoughtfulness, and respect, Jackie, because you, too, will be a senior someday who deserves some understanding and respect, too. And maybe a parking spot nearest the public restaurant they are visiting.

Lori Arnold

*Editor's note: Knowing how much Jackie and Gary do to help our community, I asked Jackie to respond. She said, "I'm sorry anyone was offended by my comments. Gary and I have always worked hard to maintain our restaurant as accessible and welcoming to everyone. I merely meant that it would be helpful if islanders could consider a 'greener approach' to visits downtown, by car-pooling whenever possible, freeing up additional spots for the handicapped and visitors."*

To the Editor,

I read online, in a piece promoting wind turbines, that our survival as a species depends on finding and developing renewable energies. I hope no one believes this, for humans populated this planet without "renewable energy" until about one hundred and fifty years ago. No cars, no electricity, no frozen food, etc. It would be stupid to give up and die when all we have to do to stay alive is return to an older way of life - the "good old days."

Kelleys Island now has an opportunity to get a wind turbine, and it would be free. It would be set up near the school and would give schoolchildren the opportunity to study it and its workings. (Why they can't just study it online, like so much else they study, I don't know. But hands-on observation has much to offer.)

Except, in this case it would come at the expense of others. And it's a big expense: if you live near a wind turbine, a shadow falls over the house regularly. A whoosh-whoosh-whoosh sound comes regularly, day and night.

You want to pay no attention, to learn to pay no attention, but the harder you try, the more attention you pay. It is worse than a dripping faucet, for that will in time be fixed. The shadow, and the sound, will never be fixed.

The wind towers, says a man living near a wind farm in upstate New York, have "taken away my peacefulness, my serenity, my ability to walk outside on my property and enjoy the quietness of the morning sun, the quietness of the setting sun."

An educational object that might disturb the peace of others should at least be essential. This is not. In fact, the most valuable lesson our children could learn from it would be this: we wanted to give you a wind turbine, so that you might study it and learn how it works. But we decided not to give it to you, because the operation of this wind turbine might cause great distress to other people. And we want you students to learn that consideration for others is far more important than the study of this object.

Sincerely, Anne Sennish

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From June 26 to July 7, I embarked on a Taglit Birthright trip to Israel. The state of Israel gives every person of Jewish descent the chance to visit the birthplace of their heritage at no charge. Forty people from Cleveland, ages 22-26 accompanied me on my journey. Most of us had never met before but in no time we were close friends. Our trip began in the Golan Heights, hiking the canyons and rafting down the Jordan River. We also visited an olive press factory and Mount Bental- a former Syrian bunker/observation point. Next it was off to Beit Shean and the Sea of Galilee. In Beit Shean, our group visited the tent of the Shalit family, located across from the office of the Prime Minister. Hamas had taken the Shalit's son Gilad, an Israeli soldier, captive five years ago in a cross-border raid. Currently, Hamas is willing to give Gilad back in return for the release of 1200 terrorists being held captive in Israel. This was the first time I had been so close to an Israeli politics issue (literally) and felt I was educated on it enough to formulate my own personal opinions. Yellow ribbons were distributed in Gilad's honor and to hold faith in our hearts that he is still alive. He was last seen alive in a video sent by Hamas 6 months ago. The following afternoon, we arrived in Jerusalem. At the Haas

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Promenade (Panoramic view of Jerusalem) we said the Kiddush, the prayer over the wine and the Shehecheyanu, a prayer to mark special occasions. In the morning, 8 Israeli soldiers joined our group. There were 4 male and 4 female, ranging from intelligence officers to combat soldiers. They immediately became part of our close family.

In Jerusalem, we visited a temple in the Jewish Quarter, placed prayers in the cracks of the Western Wall and celebrated Shabbat. Celebrating Shabbat in the homeland of my religion was a truly moving experience. As we made our way south, we stopped at one of the most incredible Holocaust Memorial Museums in the world, Yad Vashem. The artifacts, pictures and videos in this museum give the 6 million victims of the Holocaust an identity, not just a number. At the end of our tour, our guide made a remark that stuck out in my brain. He reminded us that we are the last generation to share earth with actual Holocaust survivors. Our children and their children will live in a world with no survivors left alive to share their story. It is important that my generation pass on the memories. After the museum, we visited the burial site of all of the fallen soldiers of the Israeli army-Mount Herzl. There we paid respects to a number of soldiers, including one who especially touched my soul. His name is Michael Levin. Like me, Michael embarked on a life changing birthright trip. Shortly after, the Philadelphia native, so moved by his experience decided to make aliyah (to move to Israel) and serve in the honorable Israeli Defense Forces as a paratrooper. Unfortunately, in 2006, at age 22, Michael was shot in battle in Lebanon. Michael's story affected me a great deal because a friend of mine from Cleveland, Matthew Cohen, had made the same decision. Matthew joined the army 3 years ago, also as a paratrooper. As of now, he is in the reserves, but I could not help but think how he could have suffered a similar fate. As Matthew walked up to my hotel in Jerusalem for a visit, I embraced him with

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**Jason Smith**



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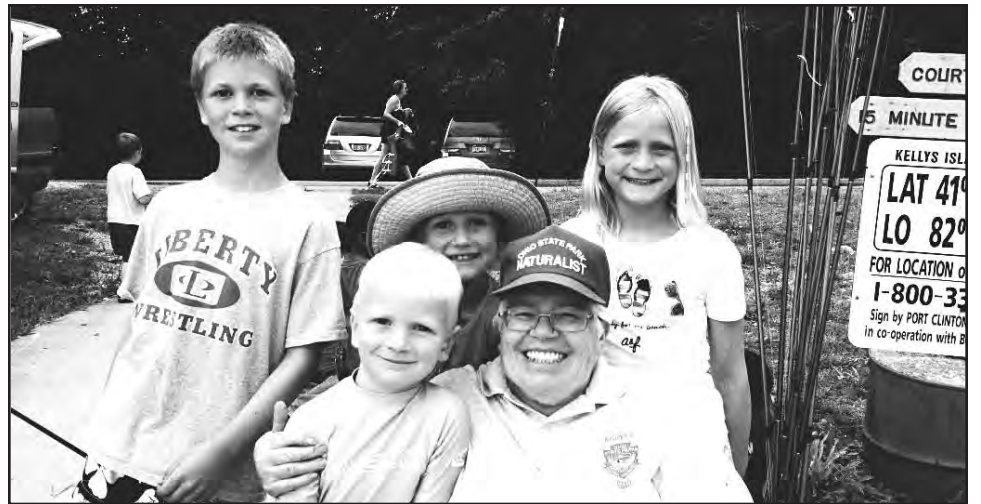
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Do the fish have a fighting chance?



Kolby, Carlie, Maggie and Brady Quillin are shown above with Sandy Tkach, who is teaching the children how to fish at the KI State Park. Michelle Quillin, their mom, said she thinks Sandy is a real island gem. "She's so knowledgeable and good with the kids. You can tell that she loves what she does!" Michelle and husband Andrew love to spread the word on Sandy, who offers different activities for kids throughout the summer and they are all free! Sandy says she has nature programs Wed. through Sat. from 9 a.m. to Noon in the park at the picnic pavilion. Nature study and walks and a nature craft are in the mornings. The last week of July she made terrariums with the kids and recycled plastic sail boats. She said, "Wish this heat we are going to do solar tube flights and hot air balloons." From 4-5 p.m. on Wed., Fri., and Sat. she shows kids how to fish at the courtesy dock at the State Park. On Thursday afternoons she does cast iron cooking. All of the programs are open to all children on the island and parents enjoy themselves, too. Check with the State Park office for details.

Olivia Killam visits Israel - continued from page 10

tears streaming down my face. I am so proud of him.

Bright and early the next morning at 4 am, we ascended Masada and watched the sunrise from the summit. To cool off, we took a float in the Dead Sea. After rinsing off the salt, we traveled to the Negev Desert to ride camels and sleep in a Bedouin tent. This was where we celebrated the 4th of July, sharing American traditions with our Israeli soldiers such as s'mores and root beer floats. Finally, we arrived in Tel Aviv, our final destination. There we visited the assassination site and tomb

of Yitzhak Rabin and Independence Hall where Israel was declared an independent state.

I had been to Israel once before with my family, but not like this. The stories, facts and monuments hit home on such a more personal level this time. Not once did I feel unsafe or in danger. I think the media makes Israel out to be this war zone that people are afraid to experience firsthand. This is not the case. After visiting Israel, I felt even more connected to my Jewish faith and that Israel is my homeland and a place I can return to and truly call my home.

Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent

Three going across this school year

Kelleys Island School will be having 3 of our students attending classes at EHOVE this fall.

Crystal Krzynowek, our one senior

at Kelleys Island School, will be attending EHOVE Career Center this fall for her second year. She is in the cosmetology program. Cystal was on the honor roll all four quarters at EHOVE during her junior year.

Ben Krzynowek and Bobby Coulon, our two juniors, have been selected for the carpentry program at EHOVE. This is also a two year program offered for those selected students from the three counties of Erie, Huron, and Ottawa.

Their day starts with the 7:30 am ferry to Marblehead where they are transported to EHOVE for classes until 3 pm. At the end of the day they are brought back to Marblehead, arriving back on Kelleys Island at 4:30 pm. When these students choose to attend EHOVE, they are not only making a commitment to their program but also putting in a 9 hour school day. Best of luck to our three island students as they persue their educational careers.

Check out our newly revised website

If you have the time, please lookover our newly revised website for Kelleys Island School [www.kelleys.k12.oh.us](http://www.kelleys.k12.oh.us). It contains information concerning our open enrollment policy, a history of our school, pictures, slideshow of our Washington, D.C. trip this May, and a list of KI alumni.

Concerning our alumni list, if you see any spelling, omission, or year of graduation mistakes, please either email me with the update information to [pthiede@kelleys.k12.oh.us](mailto:pthiede@kelleys.k12.oh.us) or leave a message at the school at 419-746-2730.

Open gym hours

Kelleys Island Gym will still be open for public use on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon until August 26th. Beginning on August 29th the gym will be open for the public from 8 a.m. til 11 a.m. every school day.

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## Major windstorm on north shore



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*Mystic Rhythms* in not so great harmony with the ground and the gorgeous sunrise.



Photo by Kim Bolden

The *See Ya* just after being freed from the sand and on its way back home.



Photo by Kim Bolden

The *Trajan* from Vermilion was one of three ships run aground on Sat., July 2, on Kelleys North Bay

It's hard to believe that a small place like Kelleys could have two very different weather scenarios within it, but that is actually a rather common occurrence. The most recent was on Sat., July 2 about 10:30 p.m., when a major storm blew onto the North Bay sand beach area, while people on the south and western shore were sitting outside watching an incredible lightening show that seemed to surround the island, but not come ashore. The northern shore was pummeled with a wind so strong that it blew evening campfires all askew, scattered lawn furniture and played havoc with the very full island campground.

Kim Bolden, who lives on Kaempfe on the North Bay, said that she and her

family were sitting and watching the fireworks on Pelee and then noticed lightening on either side of our Canadian sister island, when suddenly the wind shifted on Kelleys and the storm blew in. After gathering up all of her tossed about lawn furniture and safely stowing it in her backyard, her group watched as three sailboats were run aground in the bay. There was nothing anyone could do to help, said Kim, because the shore was completely awash in high waves. In 40 years at her family's home, Kim doesn't remember ever seeing three boats run aground like that. She said, "It was a very serious wind storm. It was almost four boats but the one apparently got their anchor to hold and remained in

about 6 foot of water. Two power boats were able to escape the bay." She thought the sailboats had tried to start their engines and turn into the wind, but weren't successful against the raging onslaught.

The ships were the *Mystic Rhythms* from Lorain, the *See Ya* from Sandusky, and the *Trajan* from Vermilion.

Her photos above show the marooned vessels. Two of the boats were towed out the next day at a cost of \$3500-\$4500. Grounded vessels are considered salvage and towing companies charge extra for the recovery. The *See Ya's* owners tried to pull themselves out. Several onlookers helped them and the boat was finally released.

*See Ya's* owners Maria Covelli and Bob Gayler were very pleased and wrote into *Kelleys Life* to express their "BIG thank you's for the guys that helped us get our boat free." She remembered their names as "Tim," "Wojo," and "Brian," who all have Kaempfe Allotment connections. Tim was Kim's cousin's husband and Brian was Brian Watson. Wojo is a friend of Brian's. The assist took over three hours, but the ship was freed with no damage. "The kindness of strangers in the boating community has always been a wonderful thing!" closed Covelli. She said they spend a lot of time anchored off Kelleys, love the island and are looking forward to coming back.

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## Start Saving Now

Start saving as much as you can, as soon as you can. The earlier you start, the longer compounding can work for you. For example, a 20 year old who saves \$200 a month until age 65 and earns exactly 6% on saved funds annually would have accumulated around \$550,000. But a 40 year old contributing the same amount each month at the same earnings rate would have accumulated only \$138,600 by age 65. **See Chart**

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plan may also allow you to make Roth contributions. There's no immediate tax benefit (contributions are made with after-tax dollars), but qualified distributions are entirely free from federal (and most states') income tax.

Even if you can't contribute the maximum allowed, you should at least try to contribute as much as necessary to get any matching contributions that your employer offers. This is essentially "free money." However, you may need to work up to six years before you're fully vested (that is, before you fully own) any employer matching contributions.

## Don't Forget IRAs

You can contribute up to \$5,000 to an IRA in 2011. You can also make catch-up contributions to an IRA if you're 50 or older - up to an additional \$1,000 in 2011.

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But even if you can't make deductible contributions to a tradi-

tional IRA, you can generally make nondeductible (after-tax) contributions. There are no upfront tax benefits, but your contributions will be tax free when withdrawn, and any earnings will grow tax deferred until distributed.

If your income is within prescribed limits, you can also make after-tax contributions to a Roth IRA. In this case, even the earnings are tax-free if your distribution is "qualified." Distributions are qualified if you satisfy a five-year holding requirement and the distribution is made after you reach age 59 1/2, become disabled, or die, or the funds are used to purchase your first home (up to \$10,000 lifetime).

## Make Saving a Priority

Saving even a little money can really add up if you do it consistently. Consider ways to free up more money to save for retirement - by reducing discretionary spending, for example. And, put retirement ahead of competing goals, even important goals like saving for your child's education.

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# Reflections....

Virginia M Park, Pastor Zion United Methodist Church

It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church for pastors appointed to serve a new church to begin their work on July 1. I've just been appointed to the Zion Church here on Kelleys Island. So, beginning in July, I've been on the island on weekends - and some other days, too - and I'm truly enjoying this summer experience.

The first weekend of July, the Independence Day Holiday, was exciting! On my first day I arrived at the church on Friday morning - just in time to see the concluding classes of a wonderful week-long Vacation Bible School (VBS). It was amazing to view the church sanctuary transformed into "The Big Apple" (New York City), to carry out this year's theme. The last event of VBS was a great program of songs, scripture, and age-appropriate life lessons presented by the youth. Then the kids and all of the guests present were treated to lunch, complete with "make-your-own" ice cream sundaes for dessert. Director Vicki Finnegan managed the music for the group; teachers were Jan Ransom, Laura VonBenken, and Sari Kelly; crafts were run by Sandy Kilko; and Abby and Issa Zettler managed the games.

On Sunday, July 3, I attended Mass at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and met Chaplain and Moderator, Rev Chris Bazar. Bernie Koshla, an island nurse and volunteer EMT, welcomed me there. And she provided some important information about reaching her in case anyone needs assistance. She also provided emergency information.

The "Island Singers", under the direction of Jennifer Koba, participated in the liturgy of the Mass at St Michaels, singing the prelude, the offertory, a Communion hymn and a postlude. Then these same singers came over to the Zion Church and sang a repertoire of Christian music as the major part of the morning message, concluding the impressive service with a choral benediction. This was an inspiring and inspirational day.

There is great interaction between the two island churches. Two regularly scheduled activities are shared by members of both churches (and anyone else who wants to participate).

First, there is a Bible Study at St Michaels at 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings. Then on Wednesday afternoons, the Christian Crafters group meets from 3-5 p.m. at Zion Church to make items for hospitals and nursing homes. The "Crafters" have been meeting for five years and have contributed more than 7000 items used in medical care facilities. What an accomplishment! For information about the Crafters group call leader Barb Behlen at 419-746-2552. Barb is always looking for yarn of any type or color and the Crafters also accept monetary donations to purchase yarn and other supplies.

All people are welcome at an adult study class led by Bill Vetovitz at 9:30 on Sunday mornings at Zion Church. This year's theme is, "The Many Names of Jesus." It's very interesting and Bill is a good teacher. Come join us and enjoy it.

Just one more item of interest: If you happen to receive this newspaper before July 30-31, two important events will be taking place in the island churches on that weekend.

- At St Michaels Church Bishop Leonard P Blair of the Diocese of Toledo will celebrate the liturgies (4 p.m. Saturday) and (9 a.m. Sunday); both services will be followed by a reception.

- At Zion Church a handmade cross will be behind the altar in the sanctuary and a very special service of dedication will take place during 10:30 a.m. worship on July 31. The beautiful cross is a true work of fine craftsmanship from islanders Byron Crabill and Paul Finnegan. We are hopeful that many of you will attend this dedication with us.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of these services.

I look forward to meeting Kelleys Island residents and visitors in social settings and Christian ministry in the days ahead. To contact me use this email address: ginny@nwonline.net or phone or fax 419-734-2753. (If necessary, leave a message. I'll call you back.) The church phone number is 419-746-2514. Messages left at that number are accessed on weekends.

May God's rich blessings continue to be showered upon this island and its wonderful people!

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**Sisters: The Endurance of Family, Interviews with Caroline Cleary DeBoard**

Carol Nelson-Burns (edited by Anne Sennish)

Two sisters share their story, tracing their family roots to the men, six generations back, who are credited with establishing the community bearing their surname, "Kelleys Island." Caroline Cleary DeBoard and Anne Cleary Sennish learned from infancy about their heritage from their grandmother Fredrena Kelley Hamilton, back to Datus Kelley who with his younger brother Irad claimed this land by purchase and perseverance and built a community. Indian tribes had visited and used the island, and a few white squatters came to what was earlier called "Cunningham's Island," but it was Datus and Irad who bought up land, and Datus who is credited with marrying and raising his family, erecting buildings and businesses that "settled" this speck of land in the lake.



Anne Cleary Sennish

The wind is churning up white caps on a strong summer lake as Caroline Cleary DeBoard talks about her life, and her family's life, on Kelleys Island. We count back through the generations of Kelleys before her to trace

the route from these two great, great, great island grand-daughters to Datus Kelley, whose family moved from Connecticut to New York State in the 1790's and who walked to Cleveland in 1811. His brother Irad became interested in Cunningham's Island, north of Sandusky, and persuaded Datus to join him in acquiring it. They bought parcels of land until they owned the island, which was eventually renamed "Kelleys Island."

Caroline and her older sister Anne Cleary Sennish are the only children of Jeannette Hamilton Cleary, daughter of Fredrena Kelley Hamilton, daughter of Frederick Kelley who was the son of Addison Kelley, who was Datus' son. (No wonder trees are most often used to visually represent the generations!)

From the parallel yet separate lives of Caroline and Anne, a story emerges of the impact of historical events,

world economies, social concerns, and resulting family decisions that shape legacies and define "heritage." Like their mother Jeannette (Hamilton) Cleary, Anne and Caroline lived off island where their husbands worked and the children attended school during the family-building years. But "the island" was never far away, their holiday, weekend and summer retreat ("every summer, all summer" says Caroline with a soft smile), and always their only perpetual home. Like aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents and the series of greats, great-greats, etc., Kelleys Island is both home and haven for these sisters. Always and forever "home."

Caroline remembers the only winter she ever spent on Kelleys, when their mother Jeannette brought her daughters along while she looked after her ailing mother. At age 4, Caroline was able to spend almost all her time with her grandmother while sister Anne went off to Estes School.

Anne, settled on her breezy summer porch where tall trees whisper in the hottest sun, described how their grandmother Fredrena had moved to Cleveland after the death of her husband, Titus Hamilton, in 1913. There she enrolled Jeannette in Hathaway Brown School, which Jeannette did NOT like, says Anne. Mother and daughter then moved to Sandusky, where Jeannette graduated from Sandusky High School. Later, she attended Western Reserve College. In the 1920's, she met her future husband, George Cleary, at a costume party, dressed as Little Orphan Annie.

Their two daughters were born in Cleveland, Anne in 1930, and Caroline in 1933, just as "the Depression was getting much worse," says Anne. Anne recalls moving to the island in 1937 "as a family" and staying with grandmother Fredrena. Later, George secured work selling lithography in Detroit, where Anne, Caroline and their mother Jeannette followed in 1938. Thereafter, the sisters and their mother spent summers on Kelleys while their father commuted to join his family on weekends. Anne recalls their being invited to Ballast Island and arriving only to find their hostess had never shown up! So, they slept in houses to which they had no invitation—a very strange arrangement that she can, characteristically, laugh about now.

Anne entered Kelleys Island School in 1937, leaving in late October 1938. She recalls that her mother and the principal's wife, Twyla Niederhauser, made hot lunches for Grade 2 at the school. She recalls being teased by older girls at the school, girls she will not name, and qualifies that these girls were not physical bullies, just spiteful. She also recalls what she calls a "spanking machine," which it is hard to imagine ever needing to be employed on either Anne or her sister Caroline. Anne chuckles, as she remembers the music teacher, Mrs. Albrecht sending her to the cloakroom, as a gentler disciplinary action, which was largely thought to be a big joke. But the image of all those hangers lingers still, and she surprised herself that she stayed put.

Their grandmother Fredrena owned the house on Addison, where Anne now lives, and she had acquired the lakeshore property known as "The Inn," which went to Jeannette's only sibling, Frank Hamilton. "Uncle Frank" was captain of the steamer Put-in-Bay which carried passengers from Detroit to South Bass and on to Cedar Point, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Caroline remembers riding that steamship, sometimes alone, tagging along after her uncle/captain - a special honor. Anne wore high heels for the first time aboard that ship, reminisces Caroline. Caroline also remembers the people of Kelleys lining the lakeshore, waving their handkerchiefs, as the steamer made its last run of the season

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**and Anne Cleary Sennish**



Caroline Cleary DeBoard in front of photos of Datus and Sara Kelley

home to Detroit from Cedar Point. She imagined that the island was 'tipping' from the collection of people along the shore, as her uncle drove the steamer in close to shore for the farewell ceremony.

Caroline says that it was "wonderful being a teenager on Kelleys Island." There was a juke box and piano at the back of Martin's Ice Cream Parlor, where the kids could get together, dance, and have fun. They also swam off Koster's dock all the time and no one objected. They rode their bikes all over the island, but had chores to be done, "under duress," says Caroline. For example, the family might be invited out to dinner at a neighbor's, and her mother would say, "Oh, the girls will be happy to do the dishes," and Caroline wondered, what girls is she talking about?

There was no electricity at their home on the island then, and only an outhouse rather than 'indoor plumbing.' Pitches of water had to be filled to carry to washstands. They sat out on summer nights, and there were so few cars on the island that when they heard a car drive by in the darkness, everyone knew whose car it was.

They did fly to the island for Christmas one year, and then had to wait day after day for the fog to clear so the plane could fly them off the island. Caroline wanted to walk down the street to the lake and her parents allowed her, with admonitions not to go out on the ice, only to the corner. Of course that tempted her and she just had to step onto the ice - not very far, but enough to do it. She felt very daring!

After she married Richard DeBoard in Detroit, Caroline followed her mother's connectedness to this island of her ancestors by bringing her own children here for summers. Like Caroline and Anne, her children retain their island heritage. Lori (Hayes) operates the Inn; Stacey manages Sun & Surf B & B, which Caroline's third daughter Beth Kranyak owns along with three Detroit-based boutiques. Beth is also a co-owner of the Island House. Caroline's son Richie passed away more than a year ago.

After high school, Anne went off to college at Middlebury, in New England, where she studied humanities, and had completed a year and a half when she met Jim Sennish [omit: through Kenny Haig] while working at a hamburger stand across from Martin's. She had heard that name, she remembers with a wide smile, when she attended Kelleys Island School that one year. His grandfather had been superintendent of the quarry at one time. By now, Jim had served in the Army Air Corps and had completed college at Baldwin Wallace. Anne did not finish college: she left to marry Jim, a marriage that began at Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, on August 21, 1950 - the same date as her ancestors Datus and Sara Kelley. Anne and Jim raised Mary, John, Jane, Joe, and Frank and their marriage lasted until his death this past year, 60 years.

In 1990, Jeannette Hamilton Cleary died, and her house, which had passed from her mother to her, then passed to

Anne Cleary Sennish. Caroline and her husband had purchased their own Lakeshore property in 1968, which Caroline expanded when her husband Richard died in 1994. Since 1996, she has operated it as a bed and breakfast known as "Lakeshore Landing." In 1987, seven years before Richard died, Caroline had been stricken with pancreatic cancer. After what seems a miraculous recovery, she wrote a book entitled, "Beyond the Brink," detailing her struggle against almost insurmountable odds, hoping it might prove helpful to others facing a similar crisis.

Anne is the researcher of family history, she says, laughing that people give her things because they think she'll keep them. And she has, both the tangible artifacts of her family's heritage and the island's historical attributes, as well as the details in her notes and stored preciously in her memory. She describes her mother Jeannette as "pushy," she says light-hearted and affectionately, explaining, "She got me into Middlebury." Jeannette was sociable, and enjoyed, --loved-company.

Anne loves the old house that is hers now, and she loves the island. She describes it by saying there is "no place like it." But it is becoming "too overgrown" she says, as "more and more people with money" come to it. "When we were young," she says, "nobody knew about Kelleys Island -not even [the people] from Sandusky." Anne watches, loves, it all: the many trees, the water, "the prettiness"-the birds, the natural world and all those aspects of the natural world here. She fears and mourns its loss, working to protect it and salvage what made Kelleys Island so special to her ancestors who also saw something here that was special, something to hold, something to build on, and something to pass along.

Anne's one important wish is "that my children can be happy here-can afford to be here." She knows that it is hard now to make a living on the island, and that plays a large part in the fact that only her daughters Mary and Jane make Kelleys Island their homes. Although her sons had the same upbringing on the Island - the oldest even being "President" of Kelleys Island - they now live in Michigan, California and Florida.

Yes, there are changes that Caroline has seen, but she realizes, practically, that we "might as well accept change and learn to live with it." A sensible philosophy that underscores why and how Caroline DeBoard and her children can sustain their strong connections to Kelleys Island, despite the changes, despite the challenges.

Kelleys Island will always be home to these sisters (except in winter, notes Caroline), as it has been for the generations of ancestors before them. Each generation has adapted to changes imposed by, among other things, the opportunities for making a sustainable living that determines whether a couple can raise a family here. Against those odds, children and grandchildren and even great, great, great grandchildren find creative ways to stay on this island their forefathers settled.

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**Many thanks for 2011 Islandfest**

Spectacular fireworks weren't dampened by the heat and earlier in the day rain at 2011 Islandfest.



Photo by Theresa Trumpower.



KI Volunteer Firefighters rode the village's antique fire truck in the Islandfest parade.

Photo by Kim Bolden.

**Debbie Herwick**

Rain couldn't dampen spirits or stop the flow of visitors and merry makers that filled the island for the 2011 Islandfest Weekend. It didn't rain on our parade. The fireworks went off

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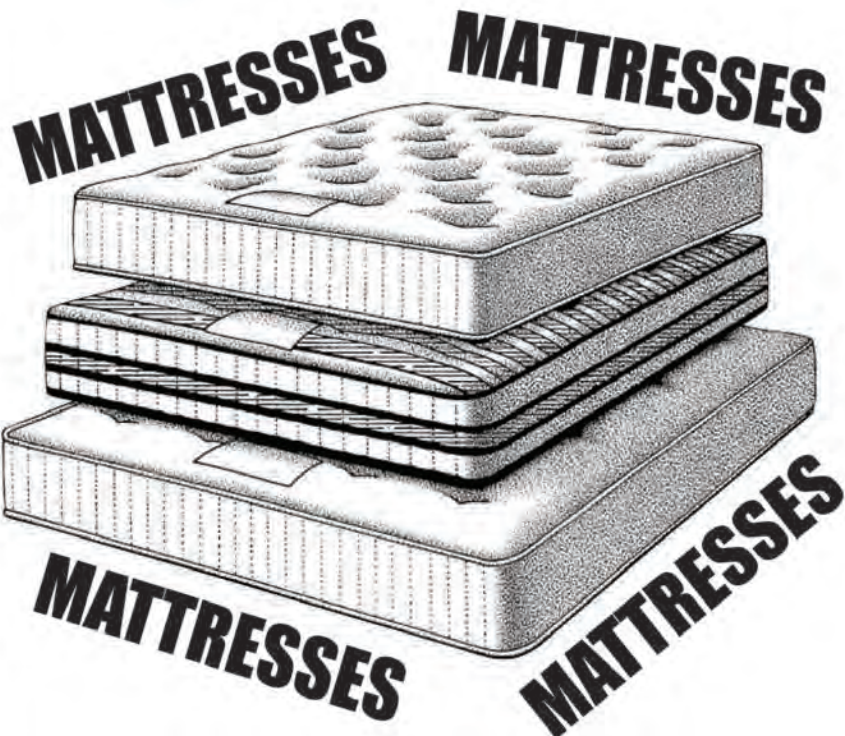
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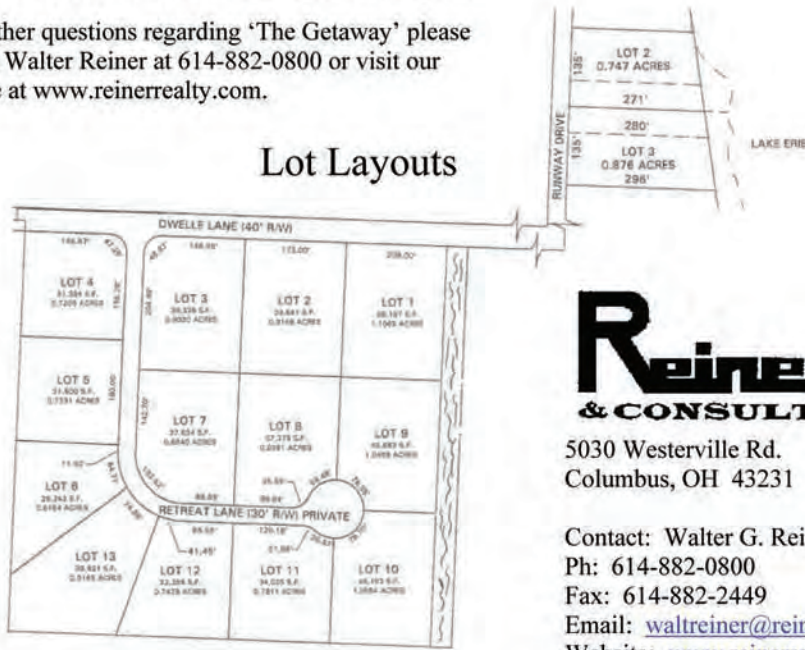
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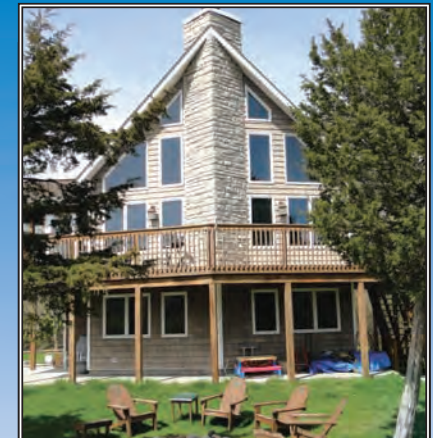
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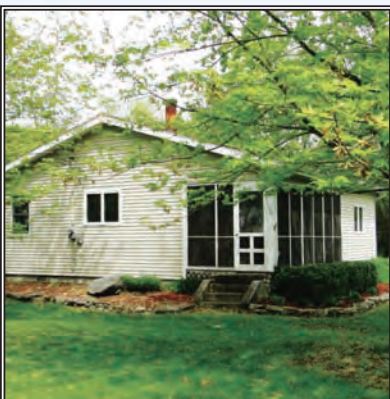
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