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Holiday festivities shared by all



Official Kelleys Island lighting decorators for 2010 were—Front row: Mike Monnett, Bernie Koshla, Sally Hiller, Paul Hiller. Second Row: Rick Holmes, Jack Hostal, June Cambell, Linda Hostal, Bruce Korenko. Third Row: Jay Campbell, Tom McNeal, Leslie Korenko. Back Row: Lance Marchky. Not pictured: Sue Marchky, Jim Erne, Frank Yako, Chris Yako, Don Huntley and his children.

Fire Chief Jack Hostal

Kelleys Island had their annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the Village's Memorial Park on Fri., Nov. 26, 2010—the day after Thanksgiving.

The weather was cold and very windy but there was a great turnout. The children even got a chance to talk to Santa and tell him what they

wanted for Christmas. Hot chocolate and cookies were served by Santa's helpers at the park and also at the Captain's Corner.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped to decorate the park on Nov. 14. Many islanders turned out to help, had a great time, and the effects were appreciated by all.



Kelleys Village Administrator resigns

The letter below was delivered Jan. 3 to Mayor Rob Quinn and Council President Gary Finger, from Village Administrator Greg Ritchie. Greg Ritchie, a lifelong island visitor who built a home in Southaven, and moved to the island full-time after retiring from his career as a CPA, was hired as Kelleys' first Village Administrator this past summer. His first and foremost role was to take over management of the village's water department, which was plagued with desperately dwindling finances, aging infrastructure and facing near-future changes from possible county, state and federal mandates. After a tremendous amount of research, work, and thoughtful figuring, his astute business acumen came up with a plan for the department. Here's what happened -:

Dear Rob and Gary,

Please consider this letter as my official notice to resign from my position as Village Administrator of Kelleys Island. (Please see the end of this letter regarding the timing of my resignation.)

In assuming the position of administrator, I definitely underestimated the political and personal environment that currently exists on Kelleys Island. Granted, I've never held a position such as village administrator and perhaps I

should have anticipated the range of personalities, emotions and ill feelings that I have witnessed and encountered. However, now that I have a better understanding of the overall political picture, I know that my temperament is not suited to dealing with this bitter atmosphere on a continual basis.

Initially, I thought that I could make a contribution to the island by volunteering to serve on the planning committee because of the vacancies on this committee in the fall of 2009. However, over lunch in November 2009, the mayor suggested that I consider the position of administrator because of my financial experience. To me, that seemed like a good way to get involved in the community.

I got my first shock when reviewing the water department financials for 2008, 2009 and the first 6 months of 2010. The water department was hemorrhaging money and the water fund would be close to insolvent by the end of the year. I then decided to focus on 2 priorities which I communicated to the mayor: 1) bring the compensation of the EPA-licensed Class 3 and Class 1 water department operators to a level where I was comfortable they were fairly paid and could be retained over the longer

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'Twas the Season...

Carol Nelson-Burns

New Year's Eve 2010 drizzled out, melting the last patches of ice from the pre-winter blast that had shut down ferry service two weeks early. The VFW was packed; at the Winery, we started our candle-light dinner cuisine with chicken satay, lamb ribs, and smoked trout appetizers. Charlie and I had welcomed 2010 as we bid it goodbye: dining, dancing (with a little drinking) surrounded by friends new and sustaining. Crowds were bigger last year, when folks ferried over for one last island feast to hold them over until the spring thaw and the hailed Welcome Back Party heralds a new season.

The annual Christmas Party Potluck at the Town Hall is behind us, the long tables were set with holiday sprigs for families who gather and friends who find each other. The central casserole extravaganza always looks (and smells) mouth-wateringly scrumptious, thanks to behind the scene care of Donna Farmer, Pat Seeholzer and Geraldine Betzenheimer. Zion's Pastor Warren Campbell-Gaston asked us to bow our heads to the Holy One, and we readily complied in silent unison. We jostle to pull out or push in chairs, lined up, met new islanders with whom we discover much in common, hang coats over the backs of our metal chairs, as we stand, plate in hand, eager to get

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Twas the Season...

Left: Santa and his helper Claudia Brown hand a present to Sandy and Lee Tkach's grandson Michael Taylor at the Annual Christmas Potluck at the Town Hall. Michael was there with his brother Cameron and his mom Leanne. She and her husband William Taylor live with the boys in Elyria

Right: Phyllis and Phil Corothers receive their Christmas basket at the Town Hall Potluck.



Twas the Season...

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our share of the feast.

Tama Schodowski played the piano this year, while Vicki Finnegan and Jan Fox lead us in harmonious carols. Shelley and Don Stein's son and his family are here from San Francisco-an extra delight that makes her jolly cheeks even redder, her bright eyes sparkle even more. Lee and Sandy Tkach's little grandson walked bravely up those huge stage steps to shyly collect his oversized Santa present and candy, the latter compliments of Secret Santas Frank and Laura Jean Pohorence.

Baby Victoria Skeans, on the other hand, abandons her characteristic happy spirit and wails against having to get closer to that strange man with weird white fuzz. She'll accompany her mother Natasha to her native Russian winter in a few days, dad Bobby to follow.

Island children opened their gifts, purchased with funds provided by VFW Post 9908 turkey shoots and selected with discriminating selection by Donna, Pat, Geraldine, and Lisa O'Dee. Head elf Claudia Brown and elfen helper-extraordinaire Penny Kyle handed over presents as Santa greeted each child, who was called by name, while the crowd teases the teens to sit, one more year, on Santa's knee.

The elders of our community received Christmas baskets of winter-sustaining canned goods donated by the school children and fresh fruits provided as a "work of love" by Pat, Vi Feyedelem, Bernie Koshla, and Lisa O'Dee. Healthy thanks come from Barb Behlen, Lyle Bickley, Sis and Bill Bradburn, Phyllis Corothers, Ed Curilla, LaVerne Erhbar, Kay Herndon, Sis McKillips, Knut Lahrs, Walt Lennox, Lil Phinney, Frank and Laura

Jean Pohorence, and Dottie Simonds. Island life certainly must agree with folks!

A wintry chorus of Island Christmas Carolers has finished its annual pilgrimage, bringing a little night music to Phyllis & Stu, Bernie & Don, Ray & Lori, Coach & Sonia, Penny, LaVerne, Geraldine, Frank and Laura Jean, Lil, Lyle, Barb, Dottie, Sis and Kay. After a stop for those gathered at the VFW, they concluded their mission (and revelry) with a little cheer provided by Jackie and Gary Finger at the Pump, where they were joined by spouses. Thanks to Don Alexander, Fred Ausflug, Tom Behlen, Bill Bradburn, Arden Cooper, Knut Lahrs, Jim Erne, and Bob Maier, and their driver Joel Byer, for keeping the tradition alive. For Tom, it is a continuation of the tradition to which his

late father, Bob Behlen, was earlier committed when he was one of the founding voices 12 years ago.

The school Christmas Play is over, (separately covered in this edition) and the post-play pizza devoured. Christmas Eve mass has been heard, and Zion's "waiting and watching" behind us. The Advent candles are extinguished, but the poinsettias still lift their pink and red and white leaves in the sanctuary. MOST of the Christmas mail got out on time, and the Bowling League is set to start. The park lights still twinkle of an evening (thanks to the "lighters" featured in a separate story), and eagle-watching is easier in bare tree tops.

So when someone asks, "What DO you do on Kelleys in winter?" you'll know the answer...

Thanks to Hancock Wood!

Lisa O'Dee

The Kelleys Island School Wellness Committee would like to extend their most sincere thanks to Hancock Wood for a recent \$500 donation to the Committee. With that generous donation and the \$200 in proceeds from a recent Thanksgiving Pancake Breakfast, the school's Wellness Committee has the funds to continue serving the health and well being of the students.

For the past three years, the Wellness Committee has provided healthy options for our students. The volunteer

group provides fruit at lunch on a daily basis. They have also sponsored healthy snacks for field trips and provided breakfast for all students and staff during the spring administration of statewide assessment tests (fuel for the stomach being fuel for the brain). In addition, they have sponsored student/senior citizen luncheons; which not only provides a nutritional meal but also encourages valuable and educational conversation for both groups.

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Carol Nelson-Burns

On November 17, the Griffing family, owners and operators of Griffing Flying Service, Inc., hosted a pizza party evening in the Village's Town Hall. Vacant seats filled up fast, with late-comers standing along the wall. Reports of the party and a first-time ever offering of reduced air rates for islanders brought just about everyone out. (Village Pump Pizza was an added enticement!)

Those attending the meeting-and I guess others if they called Griffing-filled out a registration card giving name, island address, and similar details. In return, a laminated card with a number was given out, which could be used for a discounted winter rate on Griffing flights to Kelleys Island. The cards are non-transferable, but each signee was asked to list the members of their families. The overwhelming response attested to the importance of this specially offered service. When the ferry boats stop running, Griffing flights are the daily life line for islanders' medicine, some groceries-though Kim and Rob Watkins at the Island Market are happy to order anything anyone requests, L. L. Bean packages, and all sorts of supplies large and small, necessities and perceived needs, winter fun items and last minute splurges bought online or by phone order. (When I tell the agent at the other end of the line that I live on an island where we do NOT receive packages or mail via house delivery, they ignore my wisdom, assured that MY package will get here by the UPS service that supplies their other customers. I've learned not to waste my breath explaining that UPS delivery trucks do not make scheduled stops on Kelleys even when the boat is running, so there is NO chance they will



descend during the frozen-lake winter season.)

The buzz at the post office or senior lunch for the next few weeks was, "Did you get your card yet?" It's neatly tucked into my wallet, with other precious cards. How easy the Griffing family managed to make this incredible service available to us, a service that makes island living less anxious in winter. Their guidelines-straight-forward and clear-ask for simple courtesy on our part: label perishables as such, graduated rates apply to children by age, pets who occupy a "human" seat need to pay an animal charge, excess baggage garners an extra charge, and special physical needs requires upfront communication to ensure they can be accommodated.

It provides a much valued convenience-and uncommon service-for people who accept the limitations of island wintering in exchange for a rapturous winter community. But it comes with limitations, restrictions, concerns-and increased financial costs as well. To preserve this wonderful gift, we must all honor the simple requests that Tom and family make of us, and not attempt to skirt or abuse the very clear and reasonable limitations on it. For specific questions or more information, call Griffing Airlines directly, at 419-734-5400, or 419-626-5161.

Editors note: Thank you, Griffing family (Tom, Kelly, Aubrey, Thomas & Lee) Reservations (Colleen, Barbara & Mary) Pilots (Dan, Nate, Tom, Greg), and don't forget the aircraft mechanics (Mark & Keith), for sterling community service, and neighborly relations. We appreciate all you do for us!

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Residents of and Visitors to Kelleys Island,

On one of those stunningly beautiful autumn days in mid-November, I suggested to friends visiting from the shores of Lake Huron that we walk along the North Pond trail. Understanding their respect for the natural world and its creatures wild or domestic, that walk, seemed ideal.

Our pleasant walk was abruptly disrupted when we came upon a discarded animal body tossed with disregard or defiance at the base of an information sign posted about half way to the boardwalk. The abandoned carcass was unavoidable, inescapable. The sight of blood raw organs held loosely by a thin membrane of a little creature curled in a fetal position with open eyes staring as if in horror shook and horrified us. Disgust and nausea flooded over us, along with sorrow and pain that someone intent on collecting an animal skin had left this body to rot or be violated, or to haunt a human innocently strolling along a public nature path. We hastened away from the sight, walking on, only to find yet another animal's remains tossed to the side of the path a little ways along.

I called the police, and an officer came, though I sensed he was uncomfortable because he really didn't know what he could do about this sort of crime. The perpetrator was not likely to be found, and in the larger scale of uncivil actions in our violence-ridden society this little creature's inhumane death may have seemed insignificant,

even silly to use up the clock time of a publicly paid police officer.

The impact and image of the sad demise of those two little creatures stayed with us, as if imprinted as a decidedly NON-Kodak moment. We didn't finish that walk, and are not interested in attempting others.

Of course creatures large and small die all the time, all around us, and it may seem foolish to even bother to take the time to write down on paper an account of what my friends and I witnessed that day. But it was not so much that these two little insignificant animals died-were killed-as what their remains revealed about the killer: a complete disregard for the impact of his (or her) actions on anyone other than himself/herself-the person who wanted that pelt. Exactly how these animals died isn't known, nor will it be worthy of investigation. Was it natural? I doubt that! Was it humane? The way the body was stripped and abandoned-flung along a public nature trail walking path for others to come upon-revealed selfish indifference to live both animal AND human. And THAT is a crime, moral if not legal.

I thank Mike Monnet for removing the animals' remains, and for taking the time to call and tell me he had done so. THAT act was a moral kindness. May we all learn a little from this sad encounter about how our isolated actions have ripple effects on others we may never meet along the way.

Carol Nelson-Burns

Happy Birthday

January

- 8- Collin Nunn-Strassner
- 13- Erin Elfers
- 14- Jim O'Dee
- 16- Cathy Coffman
- 19- Wayne Neumann
- 20- Jean Boyd
- 24- Adam Elfers
- 24- Brad Newcomb
- 28- Frank Yako
- 1- Jeremy Gonzalez

February

- 2-Katie Joyce
- 3- Jay Campbell
- 4- Dianne (Elfers) Chonko
- 4- Mary Gen McCafferty
- 4- Sharon Schafer
- 7- Wes Martin Elfers
- 9- Carla Cordaro Benvenuto
- 14- Dean Mahar
- 12- Sean Allan
- 17- Park Schafer
- 21- Marty McCafferty
- 22- Toni Mullins
- 22- Katie Joyce
- 28- Leonard Elfers
- 28- Heidi Smith

If anyone would like their name added to our birthday list, please submit it to the paper to JacquieKranzyak@yahoo.com. If your birthday has dropped off, we're sorry and please resend it to us. Thanks.

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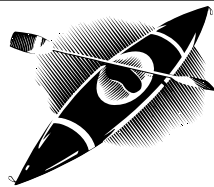
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Jacquie Kranzyak

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Final note: I have two photographs of a lovely group of people named the Twarek's getting a plaque of some kind but I have lost, or didn't receive the accompanying information on the photos. As soon as someone lets me know who these handsome people are and what they are receiving, I'll use the photo.



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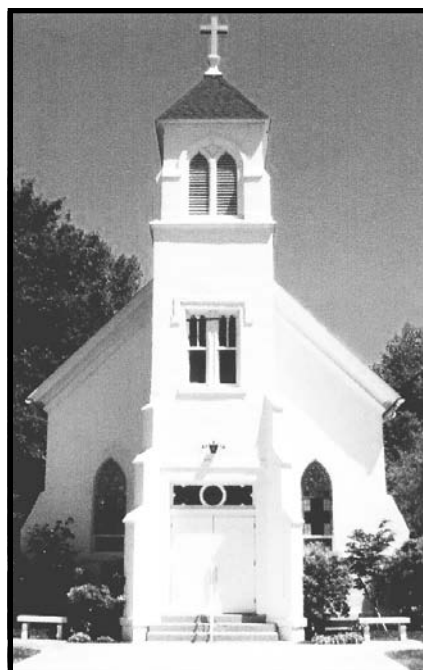
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OOPS!!



On November 18, Knut Lahrs turned 80! He flew to Florida to visit with his daughter Diane Lahrs Evans and her husband Richard at their new weekend cottage in Mount Dora. Friends visited, they went boating on a pontoon boat on the inland lakes and canals there, took in a show at a regional theater and enjoyed the warmer weather while driving around town in our friends personal trolley car. Knut is in the back seat with islander Jean Boyd.

Due to several editorial changes in the past couple of years and the shifting of our birthday list from computer, to computer, to computer, we lost a few of our listed birthday dates. We're really sorry.

One of the most important, however, was this year's Nov. 18 birthday celebration for Knut Lahrs, who happened to be celebrating his 80th! Congratulations Knut! You sure make 80 look great!

Kevin Holmes prepares for Pan Am Jiu Jitsu Tournament

Currently, I am an Athletic Training Student preparing for cum laude graduation in May and applying for Physical Therapy Graduate School in November. While my academic career is prospering, that is not the only side of health I pursue. I am also a Certified Personal Fitness Trainer and a national level competitor in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu wrestling. Growing up on Kelleys Island, Green Devil Wrestling, and even bar backing at the Caddy Shack over the last several summers have all helped form my drive to succeed.

As a high level competitor in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, I have been asked by my competition team to join them for the Pan American Jiu Jitsu Tournament. This tournament, also known as the Pan Ams, is one of two high level national competitions. I was asked after placing second in the Middle Weight Purple Belt division in the Arnold in Columbus this past spring. After a break in competition due to monetary concerns, I came back to submit all of my opponents in the Absolute Advanced Division in the Wolverine Classic, in Ann Arbor,

Michigan this November. With this win, it reinforced the Saulo Ribeiro Jiu Jitsu Association Midwest Competition Team to dominate the tournament and walk away with the most medals. These wins were necessary steps for me to compete nationally in the Pan Ams.

The Pan Ams will be held in Los Angeles, California this year; however, the funds at my disposal are going towards my academic career. With the GRE and PT school applications being on the expensive side, I find myself at an impasse where I need some help. I am currently seeking sponsorship and donations of any size to help fulfill my dream of competing nationally in my chosen sport of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu wrestling.

The Pan American Jiu Jitsu Tournament dates are April 8-11 in Irvine, CA, outside LA. The schedule can be seen at: <http://www.ibjjf.org/calendar2010>. Donations can be sent to Kevin Holmes, P.O. Box 766, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

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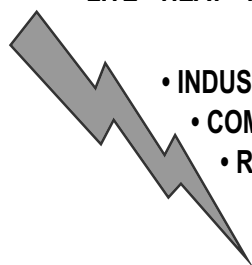


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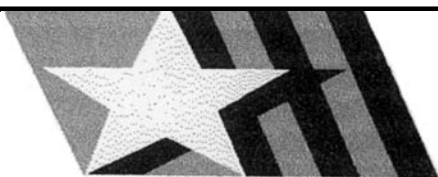
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Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent

"The Reindeer Trial"

As usual our students gave an excellent performance at the annual Kelleys Island School's Christmas program. "The Reindeer Trial" was a comedy presentation of the trial of "who" ran over grandma from the famous Christmas song we have all heard for many years. The audience served as the jury for the trial deciding whether the reindeers were innocent or guilty. Don't worry, Santa Claus will not have to train two new reindeer for his sleigh. The jury found the reindeer not guilty! Under the direction of Mrs. Erin Sandvick, the students did an outstanding job as usual. The school's program is a fitting way to begin the holiday season on Kelleys Island.



Entire cast and crew of Kelleys Island School's performance of "The Reindeer Trial"

Wind turbine update

The wind turbine project scheduled to be erected on Kelleys Island School property is still being formulated. Surenergy, the wind turbine company in Sandusky, is handling all the legal documents, logistics, and grants for the school.

Kelleys Island School would receive the benefit of the wind turbine at no cost to the district or taxpayer. The estimated cost of the wind turbine, approximately \$300,000, would be financed through federal grants and a private funding.

Kelleys Island School would lease a 20' by 20' square pad behind the school for six years. After the sixth year, the wind turbine would be transferred over to Kelleys Island School as

a gifted donation.

If you are ever on Route 2 East by Huron, Ohio, at the Rye Beach exit, an example of the type of wind turbine we are considering has already been erected. Margaretta Local Schools and Oak Harbor School District also have wind turbines operating through Surenergy.

Evening open gym

Evening open gym for the community is on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM. Some sort of organized sport will be played during this time. You may also choose

to work out on your own using any of the exercise equipment. Come as often as possible, since the more people participating will make it more fun for everyone involved.

Adult art classes

Mrs. Bonnie Shoff is offering once again this winter FREE art classes for any adult. Art classes will begin at 2:45 to 4:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of January, February, and March. Talent not a requirement!

OPEN GYM FOR THE COMMUNITY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS DAYTIME HOURS (SCHEDULED SCHOOL DAYS)

Monday through Friday Mornings)
8 AM to 11 AM
*EVENING HOURS (January through March)
Mondays & Thursdays
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

*Students under seventh grade must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Street shoes or shoes with marking soles are not permitted. During the winter months, a dry pair of tennis shoes is recommended.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday, January 13 - 1 ½ Hour Delay - School starts at 9:30 AM

Friday, January 14 - End of 2nd Grading Period

Friday, February 18 - Early Dismissal - 1 PM

Monday, February 21 - No school/President's Day

Thursday, February 24 - School Board Meeting - 8:30 AM - Library

Monday, February 28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-6 PM)

Thursday, March 3 - 1 ½ Hour Delay - School Starts at 9:30 AM

Thursday, March 17 - School Board Meeting - 9:45 AM - Library

Friday, March 18 - End of Third Grading Period

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Kelleys Island Audubon happenings

Judy DuShane

Here is your annual "hold the dates" for Kelleys Island Audubon events for 2011. We kick off the year with "Bird Kelleys Island," our new theme for Nest With the Birds from May 19-21. The first regular meeting will be that Thurs. May 19 with the program to be held in the afternoon as part of the festival. Bird banding at Long Point will be held on Sat. May 21. Note that this is a change from our usual starting time (it's a week later).

The monthly meetings are on Thurs. at 6:00 for the potluck and 7:00 for the program and usually are held at the Pavilion during the summer and St. Michael's Hall during the spring and fall. Those dates are: May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, Aug. 18th, Sept. 15th, and Oct. 20th. The "End of the Year" party will be held on Sat. Nov. 5th at the Inn.

Other events include the Nature Month of September with Glacial Glimpses on Sun. Sept. 4th, the Butterfly Festival on Sept. 10th, the Kayak Poker Paddle on Sept. 17th and ending with the Feathers and Foliage Festival on Sept. 24th.

Members watch the mail for your renewal letter in March and everyone is welcome to join by sending mailing information to Post Office Box 42, Kelleys Island OH 43438 and a check for \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. Watch *Kelleys Life* for more details on the above activities in later issues.



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With age comes a higher sense of your mortality and a greater appreciation for your health. So, what can you do in 2011 to maintain or improve your health in later life? Begin by learning what your Erie County Health Department has to offer to help you -- in your own community!

In 2011 the Erie County Health Department will continue to hold its Public Health Outreach Clinics. "Outreach" means they come to your community... You don't have to come to Sandusky. At the clinic, services of interest to mature adults are:

- Travel Vaccines - If you travel out of the USA you can get vaccines for Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Japanese Encephalitis, and Rabies. Vermilion location call the Health Department in advance, so they are certain to have the

travel vaccines you need. (Paula Hoffman, 419-626-5623 ext. 109)

- Shingles Vaccine. As of today, this vaccine is on back order. You should call the Erie County Health Department now to reserve your dose (Paula Hoffman, 419-626-5623 ext. 109)

- Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines
Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances and cash are accepted for payment.

Best of all is the Outreach Clinic is there to check your blood pressure, run a lipid profile, blood glucose, hemoglobin A1C, and perform an individual health assessment. During an individual health assessment the nurse will check your height and weight, then calculate your basal metabolic rate (BMI). She will take a finger stick blood sample and check cholesterol, blood glu-

cose, triglycerides. Test results are available within minutes. At that time the nurse will discuss all of your results and perhaps suggest some lifestyle changes to help improve your health or a visit to your own doctor. Remember that 9-12 hours of fasting is required for the individual health assessment to be conducted.

You do not have to have a family doctor before you can use this service. No doctor's order is required. The cost is \$50.00 with an A1C blood test. It's \$40.00 without the A1C blood test. A sliding fee scale will be applied when appropriate.

Healthy Lifestyle Education is also available. If you want to know about dental care on a sliding fee scale, you can get it by asking for Healthy Lifestyle Education. If you want to

know about vaccines recommended for adults that is also available through Healthy Lifestyle Education. And if you want to know more about nutrition and healthy eating that is also part of the Healthy Lifestyle Education.

The Outreach Clinics take place on Kelleys Island at the Kelleys Island Library. All the dates are Fridays:

- Feb 11, 9am - 3pm
- March 11, 9 am - 3pm
- April 8 9 am - 3pm
- May 13 & 27-- 9am - 3pm
- June 10 & 24-- 9am - 3pm

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Obituaries

**Scott J. Williams
(Dec. 31, 1963-
Dec. 11, 2010)**



Scott, who relocated to Kelleys Island in 2009, died unexpectedly there during an early cold snap. No foul play is suspected. He was 46 years old. Scott came to Ohio from Brighton, Michigan, where he and Terry Kranyak worked together at Scott's company, Electrical Surveyors. Scott was a regular island visitor for many years before moving here full-time. He became acquainted with and befriended many islanders. Beloved cats and his rescued "constant companion" Blitzen were a special part of Scott's life. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, Scott graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, and worked in New Hampshire and Vermont before

moving to Michigan.

His love of outdoor sports and music were evident here on Kelleys where he was a welcomed addition to the Christmas Carolers who visited elderly islanders and others. A chance to fish with Frank and Tom was a happy day for Scott, when he wasn't occupied consulting with Kirt on an electrical matter, re-arranging ceiling fans and outdoor lighting fixtures for the Burns, repairing Penny's steps, and doing other work Islanders called on him to do. Sandy and Don were special companions, who took their new friend into their lives with affection and support. Chicago's eyes well up just remembering his friend.

A moment of silence was offered for Scott's passing at Zion UMC by Rev. Warren Campbell-Gaston, and Kim Watkins dedicated a Christmas poinsettia to his memory-a visual reminder to all who enjoyed its beauty.

Scott was beloved by nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and three sisters Sandi Gardner (Westminster, MA), Midge Smith (Merrimack, NH), and Lindas Dillon (Saybrook, CT). Parents Alfred and Shirley Williams preceded Scott in death. Midge describes her brother as having "a heart of gold, [who] gave the best hugs, and will be missed so much by his family and friends." His family plans a memorial service in spring, and has identified Fender Music Company to receive donations in his name, honoring another love of Scott's shortened life. Visit www.fendermusicfoundation.org/donate.

None of us knows when, how, or in what circumstances we will leave this life. Thus, we honor the departure of every one of our little community, blessing them for whatever contributions they have made in our lives, in our village.

Violand Rita M.



(nee Meyers), age 87, of Westlake, passed away, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, 35 minutes short of her 88th birthday. Rita was a loving wife to her husband Edward Violand.

She was born in Elyria and graduated from Elyria High School in 1940. During World War II she saw service in the Civil Air Patrol and was employed by the National Aeronautics Administration where her department reviewed captured Nazi files on the V2 rocket. After a twenty-year career as a well-loved teacher, she and her husband moved to Bay Village where she became a portrait and landscape artist of some local renown.

She spent most of her summers with her family on her beloved Kelleys

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Island. She enjoyed opera, bridge, was a member of St. Raphael's parish and a fifty-five year cancer survivor.

She is survived by her husband, sons Gregory M. Violand (Maryann) of Westlake and James P. Violand (Anne Marie) of Avon, grandchildren Jennifer Bugara of Alliance, Maj. David Violand, U.S. Army, of Newport, RI, Mark Violand of Elyria, Kevin Violand of Elyria, Claire Violand of Westlake, Connor Violand and Nathan Violand (both of Avon) and nine great-grandchildren; a sister JoAnn Meschke, and a

beloved niece Gail Wilhardt Graham. She was preceded in death by her sisters Bonnie Marsh and Harriett Wilhardt.

Memorial contributions in Rita's memory may be made out to St. Michael parish, Kelleys Island, OH.

Published in The Plain Dealer from November 18 to November 19, 2010

Nick Bianchi Jan. 10, 1936-Nov. 29, 2010. Nick Bianchi, 74, of Kelleys Island died unexpectedly Monday, Nov. 29, 2010. He was born Jan. 10, 1936, son of Adam and Josephine (Poggiali) Bianchi. Nick graduated from Kelleys

Island High School and served his country in the United States Army. He retired from Hancock-Wood Electric Co. in 1999.

He was a lifelong member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and was also a member of the VFW Post 9908. He was an avid Cleveland sports fan, and loved spending time with his daughters and his grandchildren.

His daughters, Teri (Michael) Beatty of Avon, Ohio, and Peggy (Joel) Hassinger of Huron; his grandchildren, Noah and Rory Hassinger and Ryley

Beatty; numerous nieces and nephews; and a lifelong friend, Geraldine Betzenheimer, survive him.

In addition to his parents, Nick was preceded in by Dena Gennari, and his brother, Nello Bianchi. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial was in the Kelleys Island Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Nick's name may be made to the church.

Chris Weitzel, Kelleys Island-our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

The Gift of Life: Cecilia Ann Riedy Brown (July 17, 1920-November 4, 2010)

The life of Cecilia Ann Riedy Brown was celebrated on Sat., Nov. 20 in Zion UMC Church. Those who knew Ann, as she was fondly and widely known, pressed together and filled the church with their respect, affection, devotion, and gratitude for her presence in their lives.

Rev. Beth McKee led those gathered in recalling important events of the year and day when Ann was born, the seventh child of Henry and Anna Mary (Feddersen) Riedy, which framed recollection and reflection of personal memories and private moments of the way her birth had touched our lives in unexpected and significant ways.

Ann's ancestors who came to Kelleys from Germany 160 years earlier, her parents, her six siblings, her husband Charles, and most of her island school friends all had passed on. Her only child, Claudia, remained to care lovingly and faithfully for her mother to the end of their time together. Surrounded and comforted by cousins, Claudia had kept a loyal vigil as Ann's increasingly frail health could no longer recover to sustain her. In July, Claudia had hosted a 90th birthday dinner for 18 members of her mother's

nieces and nephews and their families, and invited members of the island community to share birthday cake in the little house on the Brown/Dischinger homestead property on Woodford.

Raised by her sister Mae and brother-in-law Jay Norris after her parents died, Ann attended first Marquette and then Estes schools on the island, graduating in 1936 at age 16 because she had skipped 6th grade, having been put ahead on the recommendation of her teachers. After graduation (with a class of seven), Ann moved to Sandusky where she lived with her cousin Lydia Bechtel while completing training at Sandusky Business College. She worked as a secretary in a church and several industries in Sandusky and at the Music Department of what is today Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Six years later, she married fellow islander Charles Brown,

three years her senior, at the parsonage of St. Michael's. They lived most of their married life in Cleveland, where

Claudia was born, while Charlie worked as a tool and die maker, maintaining their connection to the island through frequent visits. Ann and Charlie accompanied Claudia to New York when she was employed there, returning to family property on the island permanently in 1989 after Charlie retired. When Charlie died three years later, Claudia left her position at the University of



Chihuahua (Mexico) to live with and care for her mother, where she has remained ever since.

Ann shared her wit, her wisdom, her dedication, and her candor in service as Secretary of the Zion Church Council and Secretary/Treasurer of the Zion United Methodist Women's Group. She was also a charter member of the Kelleys Island Historical

Association and was a volunteer for the Association. Ann's interests were lifelong and centered on humanitarian issues, religious ecumenicalism and national and international politics. Her friendships were inclusive. She loved her family and her home. Ann served at the polls everywhere she lived. She was an avid reader and read constantly, periodicals and especially historical novels, biographies and autobiographies of political leaders, and on art. She also had a lifelong interest in different cultures and people. She was always a lady, never above, and gracious to everyone. Her life has left a lasting impression on neighbors and friends young and old.

The enduring image of mother and daughter is of Claudia and Ann holding hands in the dim light of a dark night as autumn rain washed against the windows, comforting each other, as life passed away in ever fainter breaths on November 4, 2010.

The staff of Kelleys Life joins the community in expressing sympathy to Claudia, and gratitude for the enduring contributions of Ann Brown to her beloved community and extended island family.

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Kelleys Village Administrator resigns

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term, and 2) increase the water rates sufficiently to stop the financial bleeding and begin to increase the water fund.

Salary Increase

The executive session after the August council meeting was an eye-opener. I had never before heard such a litany of excuses as to why Tony Joyce should not get paid a market-based salary for the work he was performing. As you know, the excuses included "that's such a large increase", "what will the residents think", "no one has ever earned that much money before", "Tony won't leave if we pay him less", etc, etc.

At this August meeting, the entire concept of "let's be fair to Tony, he's a valuable and loyal employee whom we want to keep" was barely mentioned. To be honest, I've never in my life been associated with any organization that viewed its key employee with such contempt and disregard. It's amazing to think that all of this uproar and attendant bitterness was over a pay difference of a few thousand dollars.

I don't know if Tony will look for employment elsewhere. Finding another job in this economic environment may prove difficult. But if Tony does leave, the incremental cost of finding and attracting a Class 3 EPA-licensed operator will be substantial. And council knows this, as I've reminded them on multiple occasions.

I've received feedback from a few islanders that I haven't 'compromised' enough with council on the subject of Tony's compensation. But let's look at the facts:

1) I initially requested a \$54,000 salary for Tony, retroactive to June 1, 2010. This was at the low end of Class 3 operator salaries in Marblehead and Put-in-Bay.

2) All discussion of a salary increase was delayed to November because council feared that voters might not approve the renewal levies on the November ballot if they knew that Tony could receive such a large salary increase.

3) My salary request for Tony was then reduced to \$50,000, retroactive to Sep 1.

4) Tony removed his 'personal' property from village property at the request of one council member. Of course, this will cost the village money as the water department will now have to buy the tools that Tony had been lending to the village in performing his job.

5) Council finally approved a punitive \$50,000 salary (see below) with no retroactivity. Over a 5-year period of time (November 2005 to November 2010), Tony's salary has increased by 19%, from \$42,000 to \$50,000. Over this same period, the CPI index has increased by 11%. This 8% differential is certainly not an exorbitant increase when you consider three issues:

a) the income foregone over the 3 years from 2005 through 2008 when Tony received no salary increase at all (Tony did receive a CPI-related increase to \$43,540 in 2009).

b) his attainment of Class 3 EPA license in June 2010, and

c) at \$50,000, he is still underpaid relative to his peers in nearby communities.

6) At the December 11 council meeting, when Tony's new salary was approved, three council members voted 'NO' for the salary increase but the legislation passed when the mayor broke the tie vote. I believe that a unanimous 'YES' vote would have been given if Tony's new salary had been limited to \$46,000, but that lower salary would be evidence of my capitulation, not compromise.

The facts clearly do not support the contention that my lack of compromise is the real issue.

In my opinion, the real issue is that three council members have let their personal feelings and emotions interfere with a fair and objective assessment of Tony's value to this community and the water department. Instead, they have made every effort to deny Tony a fair salary. For whatever reasons, I believe they harbor a deep-seated resentment towards Tony that I do not understand. Perhaps it's his prior association with the Board of Public Affairs. Perhaps there are other reasons. I simply don't know. However, despite any efforts that Tony makes to improve their overall perception of his value to this island and its water department, I doubt that he will meet with any success. In my opinion, this resentment of Tony is simply too ingrained to be overcome. The following two paragraphs illustrate my point.

The evening before the December 11 council meeting, 2 council members requested of the mayor that the proposed salary legislation include the stipulation that Tony would have to work an average 46-hour work week. The salary legislation for Tony that was passed in 2005 (which set his salary at \$42,000) included a provision for an average 40-hour work week. Tony has met this requirement. For example, his average work week for the first 11 months of 2010 has been 40.67 hours.

To reflect this 46-hour work week, the actual legislation was modified at 8:30 am on the morning of December 11, less than 2 hours prior to that day's council meeting. Although I am village administrator, and Tony is my direct employee, I was not aware or notified of this provision until after the legislation was approved. The net result is that Tony's salary increase was given with one hand (\$50,000 salary, a 14.8%

increase over his current \$43,540) and taken away with the other hand (46 hour work requirement, a 15% salary decrease). Tony's effective salary increase is ZERO!

I strongly recommend that new legislation be passed to restore the 40 hour work week that has been in effect since 2005. If the 46 hour work requirement remains in effect, then I believe that the probability of Tony looking for another job increases substantially. In addition, if this 46 hour requirement remains, then Tony should not be told that it doesn't matter and that he can work fewer hours. Tony would then be placing himself in a position of breaking the law and no employee should receive this type of advice.



Right up until the December 11 council meeting, I had considered resigning but had not made any final decision. Some island residents had thanked me for assuming the responsibilities of administrator and encouraged me to stay on the job. But this 46 hour work issue showed me the true colors of some council members.

I believe that half the council members want nothing more than an obedient and passive servant who will acquiesce to their demands.

These same individuals do not want an independent-minded administrator who will analyze and possibly challenge 'the way things have always been done'. Accepting decisions that are based primarily on emotions and prejudice has never been easy for me. The ideal situation would be working with council members who demonstrate integrity, act honorably, and have the professional capacity to separate their personal feelings from the business of managing the fiscal affairs of the village. But the current council plainly does not have enough members who possess these qualities. I am not the right person for the job.

Water Rate Increase

Council passed my proposed water rate structure at the December 11 council meeting (the mayor once again had to break a 3-3 tie council vote). However, the legislation did not include a retroactive effective date of October 1st which I had specifically requested at the November 13th council meeting and was also noted in the "Proposed Water Rates and Year 2011 Budget" material that council members had received as early as October 13th.

This lack of retroactivity to October 1st will have a negative impact of about \$15,000 on the year 2011 revenue projection.

There are 2 other issues that I'd like to bring to council's attention at this time: water tap fees for new commercial accounts, and the Water Fund balance during 2011.

Commercial Water Tap Fees

At the November 6 council work session, there was brief discussion of changes to residential and commercial water tap fees. On the commercial side, there was a general feeling that the existing tap fees for multi-unit properties (e.g. a hotel) was much too low when compared to Put-in-Bay.

In the material (page 2) presented by me at this November 6th meeting, I said that I would like to see the water tap fee for commercial accounts stated as "to be determined, based on projected water use and consistent with the commercial water tap fee of other nearby communities".

To my knowledge, council has had no further discussion of this topic and appropriate legislation has not been introduced. With the recent submittal of plans to develop the property on Cameron Road (behind the Brew Pub), I trust that council will address this issue in a timely manner to ensure that the water tap fee for this project is not based on the current fee structure.

Water Fund Balance during 2011

The revenue received by the water department in the first half of 2011 will be based on water billings for the 4th quarter of 2010 and the 1st quarter of 2011. As you know, these are the 2 quarters of lowest water usage. However, many of the water department expenses (e.g. salaries, benefits, most supplies, and loan payments) must be paid evenly during the year.

At the end of 2010, the Water Fund balance will probably be around \$35,000. This may not be sufficient to cover the imbalance of revenue and expense for the first 6 months of 2011. Therefore, the Water Fund may turn 'negative' during the first 6 months of 2011, but then become positive and stay positive during the last 6 months of 2011.

If the Water Fund goes 'negative', the mayor has said that a temporary loan can be made from the General Fund to the Water Fund. This loan can then be repaid in the last half of 2011. I bring this issue to your attention now so there are no surprises in the near future.

Resignation Effective Date

The effective date of my resignation is January 31, 2011. However, should you wish that I resign before that date, please let me know and I will tender my official resignation effective on a date that is agreeable to the Mayor and Council.

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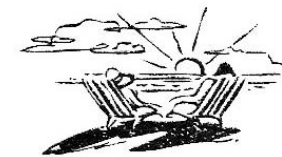
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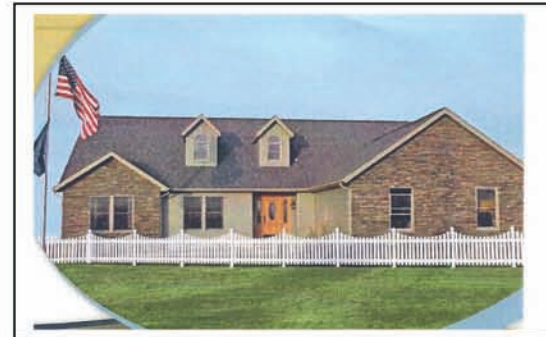


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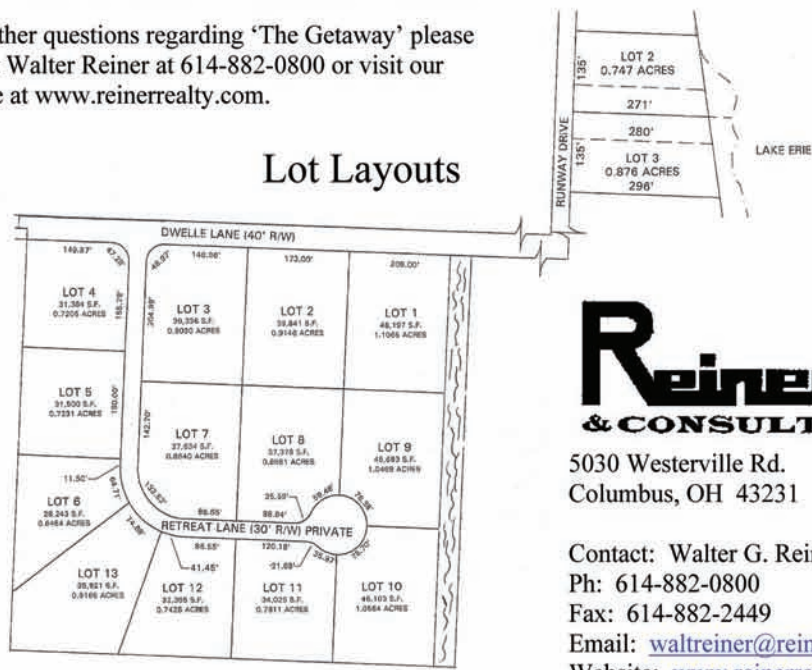
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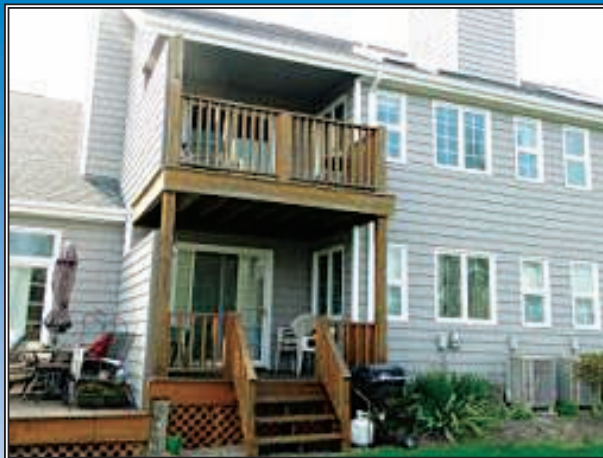


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