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## KI Park Board in full swing- new park lands



The Wilcox and Becketts from Portsmouth, OH, who were camping on the island, were the first official family of tennis players at the newly renovated duo-purpose basketball court at the village park on Addison.

### Jacquie Kranyak

After a few years of focusing mostly on the ball diamond and the downtown park, the Kelleys Island Park Board has been re-appointed and they are working on a number of projects. By design the board is made up of two members appointed by the school board, and three by the mayor. Recently the village was approached by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy regarding their interest in donating some land parcels to the village for recreational use. One of the components of this offer was that we have an active PARK BOARD in place to manage the property for the Village. At Mayor Rob Quinn's request, the Kelleys Island School Board appointed Don Huntley and Jim Ernie. Mayor Quinn appointed Wayne Neumann, Charlie Burns and Pat Cooney. The board has met several times and is in the process of taking ownership of the land parcels, which consist of the

property islanders have always called "The Cut" and the 18 acres of woods on the NE corner of Monaghan and Woodford. Once the parcels are secured, they will have development restrictions, and will be made available for public use at the direction of the village's Park Board.

Additionally, the Park Board has recently had the old basketball court refinished, sealed, and fenced. The new court will be striped as a multi-use court for both basketball and tennis. As you can see in the photo, an entire family from southern Ohio was able to get creative and started playing tennis before the court was even completed. It should also be noted that the first official tennis player ever on the court was council member Mary Sennish. There is a rumor that Mayor Quinn has challenged Administrator Scott Stevenson to a tennis match once the court is complete.

## EHOVE Salon open to the public

EHOVE Career Center's Cosmetology Salon will be open for business on September 27. No appointments needed. Walk-ins are accepted Tuesdays-Thursdays in a 15 minute time-frame of 11:45 am-Noon. Senior students will offer the latest techniques, supervised by the Cosmetology Instructor. Please feel free to stop in for your next haircut, hair color, facial, manicure and pedicure. You can't beat our prices! For more information on services and prices, please go to the Community Services section of [www.EHOVE.net](http://www.EHOVE.net) or call 419-499-4663 x245. EHOVE Career Center is a leading career tech



school in Milan Township. This high school and adult education facility draws students from a variety of locales, and serves multiple school districts as well in Erie, Huron and Ottawa Counties. Students are given the opportunity to take challenging academic classes in a customized and relevant curriculum to prepare them for a specific career or college, and learn skills to advance in the trade of their choice, for now or the future. A wide variety of career paths and training opportunities are available for many professions. More information is available at [www.EHOVE.net](http://www.EHOVE.net).

## Island election results

### Jacquie Kranyak

The 2011 election results from the 246 islanders who voted, brought a few surprises. Kyle Paine won the Mayoral slot over incumbent Rob Quinn by 13 votes. The top two vote getters for the two council seats were incumbent Mike Feyedelem (167) and Greg Ritchie (109). Jack Hostal (98), Mary Sennish, incumbent (49) and Carol Nelson Burns (39), were the other three candidates. Greg Ritchie had served several months of 2010 as the island's first Village Administrator.

Other island election results were to resoundingly support incumbent and unopposed KI Village Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Brown, and re-electing KI School Board members Charlie Burns and Kim McNeal. The village operating levy of 1.75 mills was renewed 175-71.

Kyle states that he is "very pleased to be chosen as the new mayor of Kelleys Island," and he is already at work "reviewing the budget and other critical issues." He adds, "I am grateful for the support given to me and will work hard for the village."

Overall the majority of Kelleys Island and Erie County voters, like most of Ohio, opted to not go along with raising the age for Ohio Judges, defeated Issue 2 the Referendum on Senate Bill 5, and voted against Obama Care by voting Yes for Issue 3.

There are 322 registered voters on Kelleys and the 246 who voted represented a remarkable 76% voter turnout! Kelleys Island Landowners Association sponsored a well attended Candidates Forum on September 24, at which all candidates presented their views and platforms, answered questions from the audience, and mingled with islanders to get to know and be known more directly.

All newly elected candidates will take their offices on January 1.

## From the Mayor's desk

### Jacquie Kranyak

Following the election, Mayor Quinn phoned Kyle to discuss the smooth transition into office after the first of the year. He has scheduled to meet with Kyle after returning from Washington DC on December 2. "There are a number of very important projects that I have

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For all of the goodwill you've shown us we are deeply grateful.  
Kelleys Life Staff

### Inside this Edition...

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# Campbell's celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Judy DuShane

On a beautiful August evening June and Bill Campbell celebrated an early 50th Wedding Anniversary. Hosted by their sons, Bill Jr. and Jay, close to 50 people gathered to help mark the occasion. (The couple's anniversary is actually in Nov., so you can still send good wishes; but they wanted to include their Kelleys Island friends, some of whom begin to leave in Sept.)

The tables were set under a tent in the front yard of Campbell Cottage with lovely dishes and flower arrangements on each. The guests ranged from Kelleys Island friends to relatives and

even some friends from their previous lives. The Mark Gridley Trio played on the porch and The Village Pump catered the scrumptious dinner.

Peggy Bradburn presided over the hors d'oeuvres table and kept guests' beverage requests filled. The beautiful and tasty cake came from our new bakery, "Rock, Sippers and Bakers."

The weather cooperated for a gorgeous Kelleys Island sunset and a fire pit drew guests to continue their conversations as the evening drew to a close. What a wonderful event to mark a wonderful couples' milestone!

Right: Bill Campbell Jr., with his parents June and Bill Sr. in the center and his brother Jay.



Left: The tables were beautiful as anyone would expect at any Campbell Cottage affair.

## Bonanza from the School Board

Jacque Kranyak

The Kelleys Island School Board has just sent out notices to all island property owners that they will not be collecting 5 MILLS of their awarded levies. Over the past several years the board has voted to not have either 1 or 2 mills of their awarded levies collected each year. The result has been a savings of many thousands of dollars for island property owners. Not collecting

the 5 mills this year will increase that benefit more than two-and-a-half times!

In addition the board is working on exciting new plans for proposed programs at the school, including a possible summer school program—the Kelleys Island Academy—that would focus on the science of the island and the lake, where teachers, who would be

subject matter experts, would teach special classes to students, who could be related to any island property owner/tax payer. Courses would also be available to visitors at a fee. In addition, other summer school subjects could be offered. All classes would qualify for State of Ohio Flex Credits, which most school systems accept.

This is the board's attempt to make

full use of the school during the months that more island property owners are able to be on the island. A survey related to the proposed summer school was included with the mailing on the 5 mills. Property owners are asked to respond with completed surveys by early December. Depending upon the result of the survey, follow-ups will be sent in December/January.

## From the Mayor's desk

been working on regarding Village finances, property tax issues, school issues, capital improvement projects, safety services and the airport to name a few," said Mayor Quinn. He indicated he plans on meeting with Kyle on several occasions during the month of December to discuss the various projects.

"To me the future of the school is on the top of the pile." State laws require school levy funding to revert to the county seat school district in the event

of a school closing, our school is at a very critical. Presently the school can collect around 11 mills from taxpayers for funding (see adjoining story on KI School Board opting to "not collect" 5 mills this year), but if the school closed and the county seat system were to take over, they would be entitled to 44 mills. The net effect would mean Kelleys Island would be sending four million dollars a year to Sandusky essentially causing our property taxes to almost triple. "My top priority will

be to bring Kyle up to speed on my thoughts and strategies regarding this and who I have been working with to prevent this from ever happening.

"In addition to that, there are a number of priority projects we have been working on with the safety committee to enhance our safety services. I would expect to have Kyle fully briefed on the state of the village by the end of December and suspect with the help of the Administrator Scott Stevenson and the Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Brown, the

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transition will be smooth.

"I'm a bit saddened that I have to quit mid stream on several of these projects, however, my vision to have created the position of Administrator seemed to work well, although a bit sooner than I had expected. As my kids are reaching a very involved age with respect to activities, I will no longer have to juggle the responsibilities of the mayor's job with the demands of the family, that's the silver lining for me."

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# Marblehead Bank announces new President

The Marblehead Bank, the Peninsula's only community bank with local headquarters, has announced the appointment of William M. Tuttamore as their next President. Following a well-designed succession plan, the bank has promoted Tuttamore to succeed retiring David B. King.

Tuttamore has been with The Marblehead Bank since 1992 as Vice President of Lending and a Director. He has nearly 29 years experience in banking. Under Tuttamore, the bank's loan portfolio has grown 300% and Marblehead Bank has established the reputation as a leader in local funding and maintaining a strong commitment to local communities.

Mr. Tuttamore replaces longtime President David King, who retired from the bank after 23 years of service at Marblehead Bank and 42 years in banking. King noted, "Our staff is some of the best professionals in the business and I will miss them and our customers that I have interacted with on a daily basis." As part of the succession plan, King will remain in an advisory role during the transition and remain as a Board member. "I wish to thank David for his many years of dedicated service to the bank, the board, the staff and most importantly, our customers. I know that his retirement from the bank creates new opportunities to be with his family," said William Tuttamore.

"The Marblehead Bank is stronger than ever as we have just completed our 104th year in business and our current management team is very strong and averages 25 years of experience with Marblehead Bank. Our transition will be seamless and position us for a continued local focus as the Peninsula's community bank," said Thomas Lane, Chairman of the Marblehead Bank Board of Directors.

### About The Marblehead Bank

*The Marblehead Bank is an FDIC Insured community bank that has served the Marblehead Peninsula and greater Ottawa County since 1907. Being a locally owned and operated financial institution, The Marblehead Bank contributes to the economic well-being of the area and serves the banking needs of both consumers and businesses. The Marblehead Bank is committed to serving the local community and remaining a strong, independent community bank.*



The Management staff, led by President William Tuttamore includes: (l-r): Deborah Stephens (AVP Cashier), Lori Fletcher (AVP Manager), William Tuttamore, Patricia Pepa (AVP Customer Service) and Peter Schwagger (AVP Loans).

# Algae solutions?

Jacquie Kranyak

The late summer and fall algal blooms that plagued Lake Erie and pretty much surrounded our island were noticed and noted by many groups, though as of this writing no concrete plans are in the works by governmental powers to fix. Between battling over who's at fault for the high concentrations of phosphates that cause the algae--some reports blame the Maumee River solely, some blame Detroit (but it was recently reported at the Health of Lake Erie Conference, put on by Lake Erie Charter Boat Captains, that the Detroit water mostly flows toward Canadian shores), many blame Ohio farmers-and trying to figure out who will pay for any attempted fixes, there is nothing of significance to report on what solutions will be tried.

Our own Kelleys Island Audubon has drafted a resolution for council member Mary Sennish, who attended the Health of Lake Erie conference, to

bring to KI Village Council to adopt requesting that the governor and the State of Ohio do all in their power to prevent another such bloom next year, and recognizes the dangers to both human and aquatic life. The Lake Erie Water Keeper organization --

LakeErieWaterKeeper.org, which began as the Maumee Bay Association, has been working since 1999 to correct the problems. The next conference, open to



Algal blooms landing on Kelleys North Shore State Park area in late September.

the public is on Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m., at the Lake Erie Visitors Center in Port Clinton. For further information, visit Water Keepers website.

They do offer some aids that we can all adopt in our daily lives to reduce phosphorous in run-offs-from the Lake Erie Water Keeper

Website: Lake Erie is getting greener every year - the lake waters have too many nutrients (like calories too many is bad). The most growing nutrient prob-

lem is phosphorous. Phosphorous is in sewage, animal manure, fertilizers and some products. Here is how you can help:

1. If you fertilize your lawn, make sure the middle number is 0 for phosphorous (if you have someone do it ask for a phosphorous free application)
2. Catch your storm water in a rain barrel and use that water to water your lawn, flowers etc. The rush of water after rain puts too much phosphorous in the water which the algae thrives on
3. Have the water running off your roof, driveway, etc. go into a rain garden which is like a mini wetland area
4. Ask elected officials to require large buildings with pigs, dairy and poultry to treat the manure produced. The industrial type of operations can do what no residential development can do - put the waste in a lagoon and liquid apply it to fields.

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## 2011 Fishing Derby gives back

The Kelleys Island Fishing Derby, sponsored by the KI Casino on September 12, had 27 boats participate. First place went to "Bacca La" captained by Jack Bacci and his crew. Crew members were Todd Bloam, Chuck Coletti, Susie Smith, Randy Wilson and Riz. The winning prize of \$500 was donated back to the Don Dunn Benefit. In total, the benefit raised over \$8,000.



## Kayak poker paddle newbie

Vicki Finnegan, who just recently started kayaking, joined the KI Audubon's and KI State Park's 2011 Kayak Poker Paddle this September, after only a few weeks of practice. She managed to complete the course, which this year went about half way around the island, and then back, due to waves. Kudos Vicki!

Photo by Kim Bolden.

## Hurricane Irene deposits two on shores of Kelleys

Caroline Jorski

On August 26, 2011 Hurricane Irene paid Kelleys Island a surprise visit by sending two Brooklyn, New York residents seeking shelter from the hurricane to the Cameron House Bed and Breakfast. A late night call from documentary film director, Velcrow Ripper and his companion, Nova Ami asking for a room led to an interesting visit. They were traveling from San Francisco to their home in Brooklyn when the hurricane hit New York closing down one of the most famous cities in the United States.

What caused them to pick Kelleys Island as their refuge adds more interest to their story.

Nova and Velcrow were very familiar with island living since they themselves have lived on islands such as the Galcano Islands in Canada and also Frontenac Islands in Lake Ontario, where, by the way, no cars are allowed

and they have only 200 homes. So, when they knew they were not able to go back to New York, they sought an island to call "home" until they could return. They checked out the areas of Marblehead, Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island and Kelleys Island seemed to be just what they were looking for. When asked why they picked Kelleys they responded that it seemed a safe haven for them and they just loved the sound of the birds, crickets, frogs and the quiet natural surroundings.


Since the 911 tragedy in New York ten year anniversary was so close, I had some obvious questions: "Were you there?" and "What memories stayed with you the most?" Velcrow produced an award winning documentary film entitled, "Scared Sacred" and in it, he visits Ground Zero on Halloween and was astonished to see nearly 4,000 people dressed as angels for Halloween,

not scary masks or silly costumes, but angels, holding a candlelight vigil at this sacred spot. His film focuses on hope in a world where all seems hopeless. He journeyed to the other Ground Zeroes of the world like the mine fields of Cambodia, war-torn Afghanistan, the toxic wasteland of Bhopal, Bosnia, Hiroshima, Israel and Palestine. To him, this was a personal journey and through meeting these most inspiring people he found that out of all these tragedies there were two things that kept people going: a sense of meaning to the event and also compassion and a desire to take action.

All guests who come to Bed and Breakfasts bring a story with them and this is one story that will remain an unforgettable one and we thank them for choosing our wonderful island to call home if only for a short time.



Film director Velcrow Ripper and his companion Nova Ami found their way to Cameron House Bed & Breakfast when they were blocked from returning to their home in NY due to Hurricane Irene.



# Thank You to 2011's Kelleys Island Historical Association Members

*Kelleys Island Historical Association wishes to extend our warmest and most sincere thanks and appreciation to our 2011 members!*

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**Macks celebrate 50th Anniversary!**



Paul and Gail Mack enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary on October 21, 2011. They will celebrate this milestone with a family gathering this Thanksgiving. Pictured above is Gail & Paul Mack with their family this past August: Alex Mack, Katie Mack, Julie Mack, Steve Mack, Paul Mack, Gail Mack, Pam Avarello, Steve Avarello, Gus Avarello, and Jack Avarello.

**From the KI Volunteer Fire Department**

Jack Hostal

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## Island Events

### 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  
-Kelleys Island Winery

### DECEMBER

*Look for notices at the Island Market for holiday parties and annual potluck at the Town Hall.*

## Griffing Airlines offers discounts

Caroline Jorski

Griffing Airlines hosted a "Thank You!" Pizza Party at the Village Pump on Thursday, October 27, to show their appreciation to Kelleys Island residents and the business they've given to Griffing. The Griffing family also showed their appreciation by raffling off two discount ticket booklets amounting to \$450 each. The happy winners were Claudia Brown and DJ Karanicolas.

The new 2011 winter promotion

program is as follows: buy 10 tickets, get the 11th free, buy a booklet for \$450 anytime, good for two years from date of purchase, share the cost with anyone, and you can give tickets to anyone. The airfare is \$40.91 each way and purchase must be made by check or cash only. There are no refunds. Should you have questions you can contact Griffing Airlines at 419-626-5161.

## Bowl commercial filmed on Kelleys!

Joe Scaletta

Kelleys Island will be featured on a nation-wide broadcast bowl game in December! Gildan, the leading action wear clothing company brand in the U.S. and Canada, commissioned the filming of a commercial to be aired for the Gildan New Mexico Bowl, December 17th on ESPN, 2:00p.m. EST. The filming took place October 16th, 17th and 18th on Kelleys Island. Three Dog Films, the production company from Columbus, Ohio produced the commercial along with photos of the shoot which will be used for Gildan's print and internet advertisements.

Scenes were shot at the KI State Park; the Scaletta residence on East Point Road; the Thinnes' residence on West Lakeshore Drive; and Ed Kuchar's field on the west side of the island.

The filming was a big boost to the local economy as the production company stayed at the South Beach Resort and the Lighthouse Resort on Marblehead before arriving at Kelleys Island. On

Kelleys, they stayed at the Kelleys Island Venture Resort, the Sun & Surf Bed and Breakfast, and The Other House. The staff and cast enjoyed dining at local establishments as well as shopping at local stores.

There were six models/actors and Bonzer, the dog who participated in the filming. There were approximately fifteen support staff from directors; videographers; photographers; sound and lighting crews; make up, hairstylist and wardrobe coordinators and food tent operators.

The production was managed by Director, David Sabbath; local realtor Jason Smith of Beyond 2000, served as the Location and Logistics Manager on the island and islander Sarah Soldner (Casino), acted as the island driver and Production Assistant.

Mark your calendar for December 17th to watch the Gildan New Mexico Bowl and to see scenes from Kelleys Island in the commercials.

## Happy Birthday

### November

- 3- John Fisher
- 3- Stephanie Allan
- 6- Michael Krzynowek
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Kelleys Life is looking for a new editor. Anyone interested please contact JacquieKranyak@yahoo.com Kelleys Life is published 8 times a year. The ideal candidate would be someone who is familiar with Kelleys Island, its people, its businesses and its organizations. While those applying would not have to live on Kelleys, that would be ideal. Editing experience is not a requirement. Present editor will assist in the transition. Position to begin with Jan./Feb. edition. A great way to become even closer to all that is Kelleys!



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## Corrections

• In the Sept/Oct issue we printed background material on Mayor Rob Quinn which stated that he was in office from the end of 2000. That was incorrect. The former Mayor Tony Kuchar passed away in the fall of 2001, Russ Matso, who was President pro-tem of Village Council at the time, then stepped in as Acting Mayor until the November election when Rob Quinn was elected. So Rob served from the end of 2001. Sorry if this caused any confusion.

• In the Sept/Oct issue we mistakenly printed the announcement of KILA Halloween activities as from the "Village of Kelleys Island." Official Trick or Treat dates and times for the village can only come from the village. Again, we're sorry for any confusion.



## Piano lovingly restored

Bob Siegfried and Pat Hayes (right) have just finished restoring and tuning the Kelley piano that was donated to the museum by Nancy Kelley about 12 years ago. Because KIHA had nowhere to display the piano, it had been stored. Pat has been rebuilding pianos for over 30 years. Bob has been tuning island pianos for several years. Pat says the piano sounds great and that it should be played.

The piano was built around 1914 and had been in Nancy's home on W. Lakeshore. Nancy is the daughter of William and Doe Kelley. William is the son of William Datus Kelley and Belle. William Datus' father was William Dean Kelley who was the youngest son of Datus Kelley.

KIHA plans to place the piano in the Parsonage, the home next to the Old Stone Church, once that home is restored and heat is installed. Until then, it will be stored in the museum. Thanks Pat and Bob!



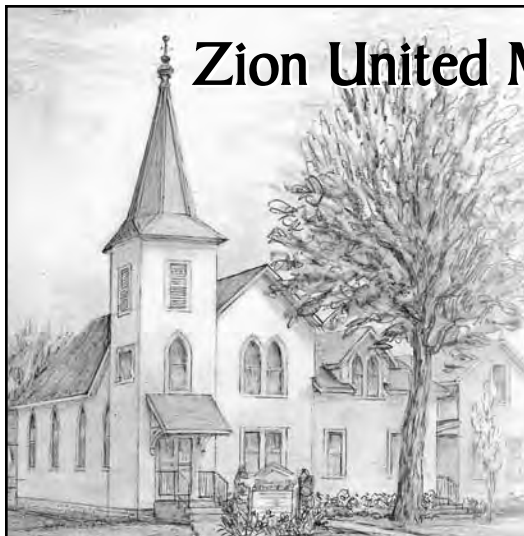
## Filmfest says thanks

Kelleys Island Outdoor Filmfest wants to thank all of their sponsors for a successful event. Attendance was good, the weather cooperated on Fri. and Sat., but the rain would not hold off on Sun. and that night's movies had to be cancelled. Another fantastic, enjoyable, family-fun event on Kelleys Island!

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Below is a letter sent to Mr. Scott Stevenson, Village Administrator and Kelleys Island Village Council members.

November 7, 2011

Mr. Scott Stevenson  
Kelleys Island Water Dept.  
Kelleys Island Village Council  
Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

Scott:

I hope you and the Council don't seriously think the Island water users are going to stand for almost a fifty percent increase in the cost per cubic foot of water plus a higher fixed base cost. Water cost went from .035 to over .05 per cubic foot.

At 227 W. Lakeshore last year, third quarter for 5600 cu. ft. the bill was \$294.00. This year 2011 for 6100 cu. ft. the bill is \$507.95. Outrageous. My sister Betty at 231 Woodford, third quarter of 2010 for 3600 cu. ft. water the bill was \$189.00. This year 2011 for only 1400 cu. ft. of water the bill is \$337.70. Imagine \$148.70 higher cost for 2200 cu. ft. of less water consumed. These people are retired on a fixed income and cannot afford this ridiculous increase in water costs.

If our water bill for 227 W. Lakeshore was \$507.95, I can only guess the Island hotel and other businesses must be over twenty thousand dollars unless they are charged at the lower rate. Also their new base for the third quarter would now apply. Who can pay that for a seasonal business?

Scott, I know you didn't engineer this thoughtless legislation to raise these water rates as I'm sure this change predates your coming on board as Village Administrator. Now after reviewing my files while writing this letter it appears these water rate increases were submitted to Council by Greg Ritchie and passed on the December 11, 2010 council meeting. No wonder his term as Village Administrator was short lived. What complete disregard he demonstrated for the water customers on Kelleys Island expecting us to tolerate this wild increase. What new expenses could have developed which would double our rates? Was Ritchie instructed by Council to explore some assistance from the State or the Feds? Did he try to restructure the loan for the current water plant to lower the interest or extend the payments? Why was the Water Board disbanded and what did they do to generate this new found debt? The Village cannot expect water users to bear the brunt of obvious mismanagement by the Water Board. Scott, the residents deserve answers and a letter of explanation should be in order.

In lieu of the fact these outrageous charges for water were made without a notice or explanation to the public plus the severity of the percent of increase costs I personally feel an investigation needs to be made on behalf of the water using residents.

I called the Consumer Protection Agency in Columbus, Ohio and they said only the Kelleys Island Council can change the water rates as their legislation controls the water rates.

I also suggest an emergency Council meeting be held and the 2010 water rates be reinstated until such time as other alternatives are pursued to meet the Water Dept. expenses.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Kuchar, Sr.





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## KILA hayride

Caroline Jorski

With cookie in hand, smile on her face and dressed in her leopard costume, 4 year old Natalie Jayne Hermes, granddaughter of Beth and Tim Hermes of Kelleys Island, joined in the fun provided by the KI Landowners Association at the 4-H Camp. Over 80 attended this Happy Halloween Hayride and enjoyed food, drinks, a marshmallow roast, arts and crafts, door prizes, story time by Phyllis Humphrey, and of course a ride on the hay wagon.

The Landowners wanted to thank the 4-H Camp for providing some of the food and for their workers who helped serve in the kitchen, and also for the use of the hay wagon and the Camp drivers. Special thanks to those in the Landowner's Association who gave of their time and energy to make this huge, happy event for families--a success



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## Island Singers: Many, many thanks!

Shirley Crabill

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## Blatts in Alaska with *Kelleys Life*

Rob and Brenda Blatt, Ken and Eva Lohrbach along with Mark and Lavene Lohrbach visited Alaska for two weeks. The scenery and wildlife was breathtaking. Rob would love to bore you with all the details and photos. Rob also wants everyone to keep Ted in their thoughts and prayers, after Bonnie's passing earlier this month.

## Once again *Kelleys Life* has much more exciting life than any of us

Jim Miller, son of Steve and Holly, was selected as 1 of only 12 teachers out of 250 applicants from throughout the country in a search to participate in Polar TREC; an educational research experience in which K-12 teachers participate in polar research, working closely with scientists as a pathway to improving science education. Through the PolarTREC program, I worked this past summer with a group of scientists from Cornell University for 2 months conducting research in Barrow, Alaska-the most northern point of the U.S. Journal and pictures can be found at <http://www.polartrec.com/expeditions/microbial-activity-in-thawing-arctic-permafrost>



## Kelleys Island School News

Phil Thiede, Superintendent/Principal

**Thank you! Mrs. Lisa O'Dee**  
Kelleys Island School would like to say a "Big Thank You, Good Bye, and Good Luck" to Mrs. Lisa O'Dee. Mrs. O'Dee's last day at Kelleys Island School was Friday, November 18. Lisa has been the school secretary for over 14 years. She and her family will be moving to upper Michigan. From all of us at Kelleys Island School, we wish Mrs. O'Dee, her husband, Jim, and children, James and Zuri the best of luck in

their new community. Please don't hesitate to come back and visit.

### KI School Board returns 5 mills back to taxpayers

The Kelleys Island Board of Education voted at the October 13 board meeting not to collect FIVE mills (largest ever) of outside school millage for calendar year 2012. This resolution will result in approximately \$400,000 in school taxes NOT being collected for

one year, 2012.

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

This is the TWELFTH consecutive year the property owners have received a reduction on their taxes. This reduction equals approximately a thirty-two percent (32%) savings on the school

portion of their tax bill for calendar year 2012.

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## Old refrigerators eat energy and money

Submitted by Tom Konecny

Does this sound familiar? You bought a new refrigerator and moved your old fridge to a garage or basement to keep a few drinks and some surplus food items cold. Here's a tip from Hancock-Wood that can help you save energy and money.

Old refrigerators, especially those bought before 1993, use more than twice as much electricity as a new ENERGY STAR model. What's more, refrigerants in these older appliances weaken over time and door seals start to leak, causing a decline in the performance.

If you have moved your old refrigerator to an un-insulated location, such as a garage, it will use even more energy during hot weather. A fridge in a 90 degree environment, for example, uses nearly 50 percent more power than one in a 70 degree environment. And if the temperature falls below about 40

degrees in winter, the refrigerator's thermostat may not run its cooling and defrost cycles for the appropriate amount of time. By pulling the plug on that old refrigerator, you can save \$146 a year. For other tips on how to save energy-and money-visit [www.TogetherWeSave.com](http://www.TogetherWeSave.com).

## Deciphering Health Savings Vehicles

Health Savings accounts (HSAs), Archer medical savings accounts (MSAs), health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs), and flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) are all personal health accounts that may help you control your health-care costs. But trying to figure out what's what can be confusing. Here's a brief description of each type of account, including some of their major features and benefits.

### MSAs/HSAs

As of January 1, 2008, the MSA program expired and no new MSAs can be established, although, if you already

participate in an MSA, you can continue to receive contributions. HSAs have generally taken the place of MSAs because of their greater flexibility and options. In fact, in most instances you can roll over an existing MSA into an HSA. MSAs and HSAs are set up in a trust account with a financial entity. Contributions made through your employer are pretax dollars (or you can contribute to the account directly and deduct the contribution), no tax is due on funds in the account, or on any earnings until withdrawn, and if funds are used for qualified medical expenses, the withdrawals are not taxed. However, account withdrawals that aren't used

for qualified medical expenses are subject to a tax penalty of 20%, in addition to regular income tax. Your account is portable, meaning if you change employers or leave the workforce, you can keep the account. To be eligible, you must be insured by a high deductible health plan (HDHP) that you maintain (if self-employed) or that's provided through your employer.

However, there are also differences between MSAs and HSAs. Generally, anyone with an HDHP can participate in an HSA. But to qualify for an MSA, you must have been either an employ-

**Beginning January 1, 2011, for HSA, MSA, FSA, and HRA programs, a drug or medicine is considered a qualified medical expense only if it is obtained with a prescription, or is insulin.**

ee of a company that employs 50 or fewer people, or be self-employed (or the spouse of such an employee or self-employed person). With an HSA, contributions can be made by you, your employer, or anyone else on your behalf within the same plan year. But MSA contributions can only be made by either your employer or yourself, but not both, in the same plan year. Contribution amounts also differ. In 2011, maximum HSA contributions are limited to \$3,050 for single HDHP coverage and \$6,150 for family HDHP coverage. MSA contributions can be up to 75% (65% if you participate in a self-only plan) of the annual deductible of your HDHP, but no more than your annual earnings from employment.

### FSAs

If you don't participate in an HDHP,

you still can set money aside for uninsured medical expenses through an employer-established FSA. Unlike an HSA, you must be an employee of the employer providing the FSA in order to participate (self-employed persons are not eligible and certain limitations may apply if you are a highly compensated participant or key employee).

Pretax contributions can be made by either you, your employer, or both of you (except employer contributions used to pay long-term care premiums must be included in income). You

determine how much money you want deposited each year up to the plan's maximum dollar amount or percentage of compensation; funds in the account are not subject to tax; and distributions are tax free if used to pay for qualified, un-reimbursed medical expenses you've incurred (no advance payments for anticipated expenses). Unlike HSAs, if you leave your employer, you can't keep the money in the account or take it with you to another employer (it's not portable). Also, what you don't spend on medical expenses by the end of the plan year is forfeited and not available the following year (i.e., you must use it or lose it).

### HRAs

Like FSAs, HRAs are only available to employees, not to self-employed individuals. And HRAs must be funded solely by an employer; you can't contribute directly to the account. The

terms of the HRA are generally determined by the employer. For example, your employer's plan may or may not require you to have health insurance in order to participate. The plan sets the maximum amount of contributions, and determines whether a credit balance in the account can be rolled over from year to year, and if so, how much

**Effective January 1, 2013, contributions to a flexible spending account will be limited to \$2,500 per year, increased annually by cost-of-living adjustments.**

of the account can be rolled over. But contributions and reimbursements for qualified medical expenses are tax free. Reimbursements can be made to current and former employees,

including spouses and dependents of employees and deceased employees. However, if the plan allows for any distribution to you or anyone else (e.g., spouse, dependent, estate at your death) for other than reimbursement for qualified medical expenses, then any distribution, whether for qualified medical expenses or not, is included in gross income.

Note: Any investment approach involves some type of risk, including the possible loss of principal, and there's no guarantee any strategy or technique will be successful.

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**Q:** I'm getting all of this mail about Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements. What is it I can do to understand all of this? It's overwhelming?

**A:** You have from Oct. 15 - December 7th 2011 to sign up for a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan and a Medicare Advantage Plan.

If you have a Medicare Part D plan, already, don't make the mistake of just staying with what you have. Check out the other plans to make sure they aren't offering a less expensive monthly premium. Also check out the various plans to find the one that covers the type of medications that you take. It is possible to purchase acquire a cheap monthly premium, but it might do a lousy job covering the medications

your doctor prescribed for you to take.

**Q:** Should I just talk to my insurance agent and have him pick out a Medicare Part D plan for me?

**A:** NO!! Your insurance agent knows his product, but that doesn't mean that he knows the products he doesn't sell. It is possible that there is a prescription drug plan that serves your best interests that your insurance agent won't recommend. This is no fault of your insurance agent. Why should he/she study an insurance product that he doesn't sell.

If you are an Erie County resident, call Serving Our Seniors and request a Medicare Part D appointment. Typically it takes up to an hour to compare & contrast the best prescription drug plan for you. We do not sell Part D, so we do not care what plan you decide to purchase. We simply want you to be an informed consumer. In the end, what you buy is up to you.

**Q:** What is a Medicare Advantage Plan?

**A:** The Medicare website defines it this way - They are health plan options that are approved by Medicare, but run by private companies. They are part of the Medicare Program.

**Q:** How would I know if I should go

with a Medicare Advantage Plan or stick with the original Medicare Insurance I have always been on?

**A:** Generally speaking, traditional Medicare pays for 80% of your in-patient and out-patient health care costs. (There are some exceptions, but space prevents me from going into detail on this.) For the 20% that isn't covered by traditional Medicare insurance, you would have to pay for yourself. You can (and probably already have it) purchase a "Medicare Supplemental Insurance" (also referred to as a Medi-gap Insurance Policy). Step 1 is to check out how much are you paying per month for this Medicare Supplemental Insurance Policy. Now compare that to the out-of-pocket costs of a Medicare Advantage Plan...

There are many things you should ask, but again, since I am limited by space, here are some things you should ask for answers to as it relates to cost:

- How much is my monthly premium for a Medicare Advantage Plan?
- Will I pay a higher premium because of my income? (Starting in 2011, individuals with yearly income above \$85,000 and couples with yearly income above \$170,000 will pay more for both Part B and Part D.)

*NOTE: Part B is part of traditional Medicare. It is a premium that is deducted from your social security check and it pays for 80% of your doctor visits, lab work, and other out-patient health care like physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, etc...*

- What is the maximum amount of money that I will be responsible for paying out of my own pocket if I have an acute illness or condition? (with a Medicare Advantage plan, after you spend a certain amount of money, within a certain time frame, your care

will be free or very low cost. But find out what that dollar amount is!).

• PPOs have different out-of-pocket limits for in-network and out-of-network care. If you're in a PPO, you should find out what the different out-of-pocket limits are for in-network and out-of-network care.

• How much will I have to pay out of pocket before the Medicare Advantage plan starts to cover my health care? (In other words...What is the deductible?)

• How much is my copayment for a visit with my primary care physician or a visit with a specialist?

• How much will I pay if I use a non-network doctor or hospital?

• Are there higher co pays for certain types of care, such as hospital stays or home health care? If so, what are those costs?

**Q:** Can someone from Serving Our Seniors come over to Kelleys Island and help us understand our options for Part D and comparing and contrasting Medicare Advantage plans vs. traditional Medicare?

**A:** Yes. We can make arrangements to be on the island if there are 10 or more Medicare eligible consumers who want our help in these areas. I have made arrangements for staff to be on the island Dec. 1, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (location still to be determined). Otherwise, we could arrange for Share A Ride transportation to pick you up at the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line and take you to Serving Our Seniors office for this assistance. Call us (419-624-1856) so we can maintain a list of interested persons living on Kelleys Island.

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### The Island Days lineup:

**Friday, Jan. 6:** Alex Bevan at the Water Street Bar & Grille, 7 pm - 10 pm  
**Saturday, Jan 7:** Colin Dussault at Cabana Jacks, 2 pm - 5 pm;

Island themed Happy Hour at the Sandusky State Theater, 5 pm - 7 pm  
 Boardwalk Lobster Bisque and Village Pump Brandy Alexander along with

other island fare and libations will be available for purchase;

Pat Dailey at Sandusky State Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For Dailey ticket info visit [www.sanduskystate.com](http://www.sanduskystate.com)

**Sunday, Jan. 8:** Mike "Mad Dog" Adams at Cabana Jacks, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Concert tickets for Bevan, Dussault and Adams will be sold at the door. All events except the Pat Dailey concert benefit Stein Hospice, a not for profit agency that cares for patients and families in seven counties. Dailey's concert supports the State Theatre's children's programs.

For more information about Island Days and ticket prices visit [www.stein-hospice.org](http://www.stein-hospice.org) or [www.facebook.com/steinhospice](http://www.facebook.com/steinhospice).

## Reflections...

Virginia Park, Pastor, Zion United Methodist Church

As I write this column at the end of October, the autumn season has definitely closed in and the much cooler temperatures foretell that wintertime will soon be here. But as a personal reflection, I surely want to say that for the most part I truly enjoyed the summer (beginning July 1) on Kelleys Island. I was there for most weekends. As I got settled in, I found that there are some wonderful things about summer on an island and also found that there were some challenges associated with it.

One of the most difficult tasks was bringing necessary items and some furnishings over to the Methodist parsonage and getting it arranged in a way that made sense for the way that I live. I also was told (and then found out for myself) that it is more difficult than I would have imagined to take care of two houses - my own home on the mainland and the parsonage on the island.

I've had help and some really splendid advice from longtime islanders. One woman told me that it is a good idea to have "island clothes" and "mainland clothes" (and accessories) and just to leave some things on the island rather than carrying them back and forth. I don't really have the hang of that yet - but I do see the wisdom in it. Now, with winter closing in and airplane rides rather than a spacious car to carry things over, it's also a problem to decide what I will need here for the coming winter season. I've been told that I'll need staple foods, paper products and over-the-counter medications. And I've done a bit of shopping to accommodate that but am also depending on Island Market to provide for basic needs.

As when assigned to any new church, a pastor's biggest task is getting acquainted with the folks in the church and the community. That seemed a little more difficult to me in the island venue because it's somewhat confusing to figure out exactly which people live here full time, or live here seasonally, or come for an island vacation every year. And then, there are the people who come just for a visit to the family and friends who live on the island in the summer. The pastor tries to learn names and faces, but then, in a week or two, those folks are gone and another group takes its place. I hope to get better at this identification thing next summer! And right now I am also trying to figure out when folks "leave" for the cold weather months. It seems as if more are gone every single day; everybody has his or her own specific departure schedule. Islanders know just when to say good-bye to their friends - but I don't have a clue about that yet!

Now, as for the community and the church...

One of the things I love most of all about the island is the way the St Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Zion United Methodist Church work cooperatively to do effective ministry here. The Catholic Church hosts a weekly Bible study and everyone is

invited. The Methodist Church hosts the "Christian Crafters" weekly missionary work and folks from all denominations are welcome to attend that. And the island is truly interdenominational in its ministries. A Methodist pastor (yes, me) is made very welcome when worshipping at the Catholic Church and the Zion Church also has open arms of fellowship for everyone who enters its doors. The lovely ecumenical spirit is not apparent in some other communities; it bodes well for doing the work of Christ's holy church on Kelleys Island.

Kelleys Island is a busy place in the summer and that was true, also, of the Zion Church. We had lots of projects going this summer. Among them were some improvements to our landscaping and to the parking lot beside the church. And we added a magnificent wooden cross to the interior wall in the front of the sanctuary.

Annalee, who will lead the church as its administrative chair this coming year, worked with me to discuss and formulate long range plans. As of now some of the proposals include meals after-worship at Zion Church on Sundays in the winter season as well as a Bible study on Monday nights. Probably the Bible study will be titled, "If You Want to Walk on Water" and be taught by Kim and Tom McNeal. We hope to have Vacation Bible School in June and both adult and children's Sunday School classes in June, July and August next summer. We are expecting to have a church-wide sale of trash and treasures in conjunction with "Treasure Island Day" next summer, too. So we'll be grateful if you keep your salable goods for us to sell then.

Our church will sponsor a mission trip to Nehemiah House in Cleveland May 20-24 and if you want to join in, talk to Paul and Vicki Finnegan for information. We're developing a church brochure to use next year in various literature stands around the island and redoing the booklet used with couples who wish to be married in our beautiful church. Some of our members have learned to use taped or digitized music when there is no organist or pianist available; this greatly enhances our worship services.

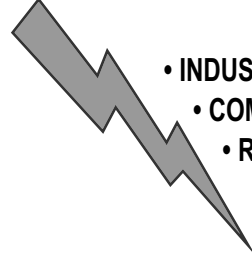
So, yes, it has been a busy and productive season. There is much going on at Zion Church. If you want to join in, we worship at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and you are always welcome. Come as you are. There is no need to dress up. And do remember that we serve Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and that everyone is welcome to partake of Communion with us. I very much hope to see some "winter" folks on Sundays in the coming months.

Meantime, may your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays be spent in the company of family and friends. And may the blessings of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Blessings and peace to all of you!

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## Island Splash swim lessons

Once again Holly Miller and her crew of fantastic, fun and patient swim teachers offered swim lessons to island children at the Camp Patmos pool during the first week of August. "There were 19 children this year," said Holly. "Attendance was a little lower because the circus came a week later and Camp Patmos could not change the week of our lessons, due to other commitments." But this good-looking group had a great time and loads of island parents can breathe a little easier knowing their children and grandchildren have learned and practiced new safe swimming and water techniques.

## The Cross: Lifted High

Carol Nelson-Burns

Just before 9 a.m. on Sat., July 30, as the approaching August heat began descending steadily in a close-aired morning, able-bodied men removed from a flatbed cart a magnificent cross. Putting their combined shoulders and arms together to protect its beauty and bear its weight, they carried it up the steps of the Zion United Methodist Church and into the sanctuary. There, gathered at the altar, were more ready arms and hands, waiting to offer their service in the huge and sacred task of installing that cross, as the work was designated.

In the pews, early arrivals for Island Singers' practice watched in awe, staying clear of the work in progress, as the men worked in concert to manage the work, and the weight, of raising up that cross. All eyes were on the mighty cross looming, ready to take its place in this 100-year old church. The mood was soft, quiet, reverent-tinged with the eagerness, and nervousness, of seeing it reach its destination.

This cross had been years in the making, first as collaboration in the minds of former Pastor Bob May and wood carver Byron Crabill, planning, designing, discussing, and carving it in the Crabill Boat Barn, along with Paul Finnegan, all of which came to fruition

this hot summer morning. It was a fitting culmination to Byron's career--years of architectural design of churches, his vocation and life's work, and to Paul's 30-year career as an industrial technology teacher in the Grove City (Ohio) Schools. The cross is ten feet tall with a six foot cross beam, made of American black walnut from a single tree. Tim Koba completed the cross's design by adding a 52-inch "eternity" circle which he made in his shop by CNC milling from a plate. The plate was then sent out to be anodized with gold. It encircles and joins the extended beams.

Earlier in the week, preparations for the installation included moving the ornately carved altar to the side, bolting a horizontal structural beam to the studs of the sanctuary's frame, and staging 15-foot ladders on either side of that beam. A dozen men stood ready to assist in whatever way they could, in whatever way they were needed. Disciples, for THIS cross.

After Paul politely dusted the highly polished wood before it was raised into position, two of the youngest men in the group stepped onto the first rung of each ladder: Mike Mielke (Marci's husband), and their son Mikey each gripped one rung of the ladder on

either side of where the cross would hang, and took the weight of the cross into their free hand. Deftly, they walked up the ladder in unison, carrying the 150-lb cross step by step as they rose, lifting it to the beam on which it now sits securely on a cleat. It was a silent, holy moment. The kind when your breath is held, your heart is almost still.

From the first row, Mikey's grandfather Bob Coulon, Sr., Chair of Zion's Trustees, looked on with pride and perhaps a little awe in witness to this his-



Photo by Shirley Crabill.

Byron Crabill looks on as willing hands guide the cross while Mike Mielke (left) and Mikey Mielke (right) lift it into place.

toric moment in the church where he and his beloved wife Helene Himmelein Coulon (now deceased) worshipped together. An indelible contribution to a church where immigrant congregations wrote meeting minutes in German, in ledgers faded with age, 150 years ago, as they built five churches to serve Protestant worshippers on Kelleys Island, congregations that, over time, have merged into this one Protestant house of worship.

The next day, Zion's Pastor Virginia Park conducted services to formerly dedicated that

cross in the morning worship service, to which the island community was invited. (See "The Cross: Dedicated, and Glorified" by Caroline Jorski.)

## The Cross: Dedicated and Glorified

Caroline Jorski

Pastor Virginia M. Park's moving message explained the history of the cross and the importance of the cross in our daily lives. She shared her personal experience while visiting Mexico and the impact that a Good Friday service had on her life as she entered a Catholic cathedral and witnessed people venerating the cross on bended knee some even crawling down the aisle approaching the cross at the foot of the altar. Not only was her message moving but it was so inspirational that you could overhear visitors who joined the service from across the island and from the island's Catholic Church St. Michael's, commenting on it as they exited the church. Pastor Park used gospel excerpts from

the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension as part of the service calling on the assembly to participate by their responsive reading.

The Youth Moment called upon the young people present to choose a small cross along with a poem relating to carrying the cross in your pocket. The children left the church with baskets of crosses and poems which they handed to everyone as they exited the church service.

The beautiful sunlight morning seemed to shed a special grace upon the people and this special day of dedication of the cross that will forever hang in reverence in this beautiful little church.

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