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Lake Erie algal blooms very heavy



North shore algae in early September.

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Jacquie Kranyak

Massive floating fields of algae, big enough to be seen from space, are floating throughout the western basin of Lake Erie, surrounding Kelleys and the other Lake Erie islands, and moving to the east. Scientists are trying to figure out why the blooms are happening when the lake appeared to be so much cleaner than it was back in the 60s when blooms first appeared, but after which clean water acts and lowered phosphorous levels were put in place.



Algae satellite photo

The blooms are toxic to fish and small animals and at least irritating to humans, but can be more dangerous if swallowed. Northeast Ohio papers have recommended not to swim within the blooms and posted signs at area beaches over the past month.

"Algae is a big deal, especially the microcys-

tis, what is often called the blue-green algae," said Tom Bridgeman, a professor of environmental science at the University of Toledo's Lake Erie Center. "It's not aesthetically pleasing when it gets on boats or rots on the shore, but it can also be a health hazard."

Nine of 11 samples taken Sept. 3 from near West Sister Island, northeast of Toledo, were more toxic than guidelines set by the World Health Organization, said Geoffrey Horst, a Michigan State University graduate student who studies the algae. It won't kill people, but at minimum it's going to give

swimmers a rash.

Water utilities along Ohio's Lake Erie shore spend thousands of dollars a day to kill the thick algae and to treat the bad smells and bad tastes that the organism causes, officials said.

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They came home to Homecoming

Caroline Jorski

Saturday, Aug. 20 Kelleys Island Landowners (KILA) once again hosted a successful annual event at the Pavilion. The highlight of the day was the gathering of all those who ever attended Estes School on Kelleys Island. Those who attended were Frank and Laura Jean Pohorence, Rob Holmes, Sandy Holmes, Kevin Kleba, Bob Miller, Bill Perruchon, Ben Elfers, Rick Holmes, Ted Blatt, Logan Bickley and Joel Feyedelem. Stories were shared as they approached each other with, "remember me?" It was a great event just to watch them together.

Families crowded the pavilion area where games were played, and food shared. Vendors sold their wares and prizes were won. The parade first place winners receiving a beautiful large trophy donated by Hancock Wood were Wagner/Wideman/Blake; second place Kassmer/Kuchar; and third place was the McNeal Family. Taking first place in the pie baking contest was Donna Algase. Nineteen adults and kids teed off 34 marshmallows. Two



Photo by Kim Bolden

Thomas Scheu won KILA's Homecoming Twinkie Eating Contest, by consuming 8 and 1/2 Twinkies in 3 minutes. Turn to page 11 for more homecoming photos.

campers won the cash prize and kids received free ice cream and a bag of marshmallows. The pet contest was a big hit and the Twinkie eating contest brought cheers and sore stomachs. The winner was Thomas Scheu who ate 8 1/2 Twinkies in 3 minutes. Kid's games had more participants this year with 25 children and parents cheering them on.

Musical renditions filled the air with the talents of Mary Spade and her group, also Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin (reasonable facsimile thereof) and the wonderful Northcoast Band closed Homecoming with their usual great music.

Special thanks to all the volunteers, businesses, and people who helped out with arrangements, set-up, tear down and in any way helped to make this another fantastic Homecoming. As they say, "A fun time was had by all!" See you next year.

Update from the Mayor's desk

There are a number of large capital projects the Village of Kelleys Island is presently undertaking to make Kelleys a better, safer, more attractive place to visit.

We worked for a long time in planning, funding, designing and now constructing two long overdue public restroom projects for residents and visitors downtown Kelleys Island.

The first to be completed is the ADA accessible unisex restroom in the basement of the

Town Hall. As most of you are aware the Town Hall was recently outfitted with an elevator that allows ADA accessibility to the elevated town Hall main floor. That elevator also now services the basement of the building where we recently completed the ADA accessible restroom. Now visitors of the Town Hall are able to have stair-free access to both the main floor and to the basement where the new restroom is com-

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plete. This project was funded in part by a grant we received under the direction of Erie County. Be sure to recognize council members Gary Finger and Pat Seeholzer for their hard work and dedication on the Lands and Building Committee in helping steer this project to completion.

The second project started years ago when we successfully landed a State Capital Fund Grant for a downtown restroom project. The original grant was for \$150,000. Two years later we requested additional funding for the project and we were awarded an additional \$50,000. The design phase of the project was grueling and involved sev-

eral high-level meetings with County Health officials and the State EPA. After many rounds of meetings we worked out an acceptable solution with the help of county Health Commissioner Pete Schade for the installation of a peat style sanitary leaching system as opposed to having another downtown sewer treatment plant. This project involved getting special easements from both Jackie and Gary Finger and from Fran and Ed Kuchar. Both of their families' willingness to offer these easements made this project viable. Additionally, the Kuchars were willing to sell the village--for a very fair price--the land required to install the system behind the water treatment plant. Please thank both of these families for making this project possible.

The public restroom project is located attached to the rear of the Dwelle House, next to the Police Station and Town Hall, where it will have great oversight from the Police Department.

Water Department

Presently our engineers are in the design phase for a waterline replacement project on Huntington, north of Lakeshore. Presently that line is not built to state standards and the result of which is poor water, poor fire protection and regular and very costly leaks.

The new line will address all of these issues.

We are also working to secure funding for the upgrading of the water intake pipe. For years we have known that the intake is in need of replacement and we have made several grant applications for the replacement. Presently, the Village Administrator Scott Stevenson is working with our engineers to secure a grant, or partially forgivable loan for the project. By extending the intake line out further into less turbulent water and pulling all of our water from the extension, we will get better quality raw water which allows for a better end product with less filtering and chemical costs.

The biggest news is that we have recently made application for and been preliminarily awarded a large loan/grant for the installation of a waterline project beginning at the school and ending at Camp Patmos. The details of the project are only preliminary and there are a number of issues and hurdles we need to address to move the project forward. So far we have been awarded a 1.2 million dollar loan at 0% for 30 years with a 40% forgiveness factor. This essentially means that, provided we meet the projects specs, 40% of the 1.2 Million, or \$480,000 will not be required to be repaid.

This waterline project will allow us to finally address the providing of municipal water to the large number of homes in the Kaempfe Subdivision and service all the other homes along Ward, Hamilton, and Monaghan north of Hamilton. We are scheduling design and planning meetings this fall with county health officials and our engineers to work out the details. Our hope is that this will be a 3rd quarter 2012 project.

We are in the final phase of developing a cost effective sidewalk replacement project. In an effort to make this program as affordable for the property owners, I am asking council to subsidize the cost per foot of replacement sidewalk, provided that the property owners partake in the pro-

ject when it is rolled out. As you are aware, property owners are required to maintain the sidewalks in front of their land. Over time some sidewalks require maintenance or replacement. We are in the process of negotiating effective replacement costs per foot that will take advantage of bulk transportation, mobilization, and large scale labor savings. Then in attrition to these savings, I am asking council to subsidize the cost per foot so there will be no better deal for the residents and property owners. Once this program is accepted by council, we will be marking the areas of concern and alerting the property owners of the final bolts and nuts of the program.

Village Administrator

I am happy to report that I have had a number of residents stop me and tell me how happy they are with their interaction with the new Village Administrator. Scott Stevenson has jumped into the position with both feet and has been overseeing the Water Department, and now also the Maintenance Department. The addition of this supervisory position, in addition to taking a spot on the five member Board of Zoning Appeals, has allowed for the merging of two very similar departments, those being general maintenance, and water. Since both of these departments are labor intensive, and both of these departments are very seasonal, we have experienced large scale manpower cost savings by having one supervisor permitted to oversee three full time employees that are now capable of working in each other's departments. To give you an idea of the savings, Ten years ago, we had THREE full time maintenance workers and TWO Water Department employees. Today we have ONE full time maintenance worker and TWO in the Water Department. We have essentially cut our manpower by 40% while maintaining the same or better level of service.

Thanks to our Fire Department and EMTs

Finally, when you see a member of our volunteer EMS, and Fire Departments, please be sure to thank them for their continued service. I don't think a day went by this summer where I did not see one or more of them in action. Their dedication to the safety of folks here on Kelleys Island is often overlooked or taken for granted. The island is as safe as it is due to their commitment. Thank you to all of our volunteers for a successful and safe 2011! Action needs to happen soon to give both of these stellar and life-saving groups newer headquarters.

Turbine plans at school cancelled, see Phil Thiede's piece on page 11 in KI School notes

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And the winner is...

Phyllis Humphrey

Mike Kolson of Pittsburgh, PA was the winner of the recent drawing of a NOOK reader compliments of the Sandusky Library and Barnes and Noble. Mike is a grandson of Francis Bauman of the Bauman farm on East Lakeshore Drive where his cousin Judy DuShane resides. The drawing was held at the Kelleys Island Library.

Five year old Natalie Peugeot of Wadsworth, Ohio drew the winning name from 132 entrants. She and her family were visiting grandparents Bob and Barb Volz on Ward Road.

During July, people from Toledo to Cleveland to Columbus and towns in between visited the library. Out of state visitors were from Michigan, Florida, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, California, Colorado, Georgia, West Virginia, Montreal, and Quebec, Canada.

The library located at Estes Kelleys Island School, is staffed entirely by volunteers and is a branch of Sandusky Ohio Library.

Here's the Scoop...

Carol Nelson-Burns

Papa T (aka Tony Vacca) has been serving up soft treats and simple food fare for seven years now, building a welcomed new business on the island, one scoop at a time. The décor is new this year, though.

Coming back from the Division Street fire that devastated three island businesses last summer, Papa T opened the windows on the next phase of the business's life at a new location. Now, the hand-dipped cones, soft-serve, flurries, floats and sundaes are served from the Papa T food truck van situated to the west of Kelleys Landing, on Lakeshore drive, just across from Bag the Moon.

Offering 40-plus flavors of soft serve (and as many flavors of milk shakes), the signature Papa T feature is the chocolate-vanilla twist. Papa T's opened in mid June, and "everything has worked out well," says Tony, for relocating, re-opening, and repositioning in the place best suited for this unique and beloved business. The location couldn't be more perfect.

Now, you can sit at the "rescued" picnic tables catching a lake breeze at the water's edge while you sip a float, slurp a shake, or lick (quickly) to beat the heat. If in doubt where to find Papa T, just look for the super-sized lake-blue chair announcing the location. Hundreds-perhaps thousands--of visitors have already found it, and climbed on up to have a photo taken in the irresistible landmark custom made in Geauga County by Amish craftsmen.

Just in case you're STILL not sure, there's the Papa T's sign, the only other item that survived from the original site-except, of course, Papa T's ready smile and friendly disposition.

As the season moves into a quieter mode, Papa T and his crew will still be scooping, dipping, and mixing up ice cream treats on weekends, from Friday evenings, through Saturdays and Sundays pre-noon to dark, until the end of September. You don't want to end the season without a Papa T repast. You can visit Papa T's on Facebook at Papa T's Decksider.com



Papa T, Carmen Vacca, is shown above in his "special" chair...islanders and visitors alike have been enjoying it for photos. Welcome back PapaT!

Lake Erie algal blooms very heavy

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Not going away

"It's now blooming in the proportions that it was in the bad old days of the 1960s and early '70s," Bridgeman said. Even dead, the algae poses a problem: Decomposition of dead algae uses up oxygen and creates oxygen-free dead zones in the lake.

"There has already been a fish die-off in Lake Erie this season," said John Hageman, laboratory manager at Ohio State University's Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island.

Researchers suggest the algae might be blooming because it's fed by abundant phosphorus, which is run-

ning into the lake from increased suburban development and farm run-off.

"The same nutrient-rich fertilizers which cause our grass and crops to grow can cause the algae to grow in the lake," said Bridgeman, who calls the algae "Green Kool-Aid." Canadian and United States Governments have supported a "hold the line on phosphorus levels" position to help prevent further deterioration of Lake Erie. In addition, much more effort must be expended on preventing exotic species, like zebra and quagga mussels, from entering the Great Lakes.

Currently, there is much uncertain-

ty as a result of insufficient knowledge of how the Lake Erie ecosystem is functioning and the factors and processes driving the ecosystem. The major, poorly understood changes in Lake Erie is teaching government agencies that management programs, research, and monitoring must be sustained and closely coupled in order to achieve goals for Lake Erie.

Lynn and David Hand of Middle Bass and Cincinnati, are urging a letter writing campaign to all elected officials to get them to react, respond and fix this issue before Lake Erie and its tourism industry is shattered. We join

Lynn and David in that prodding. Elected officials can be reached at these addresses: www.governor.ohio.gov Use the contact form; Rep Marcy Kaptur - 800-964-4633 jane.ruvolo@mail.house.gov; Senator Sherrod Brown - 614-469-2083 www.brown.senate.com Use contact form; Senator Rob Portman - 614-469-6697 www.portman.senate.gov Lynn mentioned that the Lake Erie Commission is surprised they have not heard from more islanders as to their dissatisfaction and upset over the algae.

Compiled from a variety of sources including but not limited to: Associated Press news release and EPA and ODNR websites.

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Village of Kelleys Island 2011 candidates

Mayoral Race



Kyle Paine
Kyle is running for the office of Mayor. He and his wife Mary are full-time residents of Kelleys Island and have no children. Kyle is a 1982 gradu-

ate of Lake Ridge Academy and attended Kent State University for one year. His background is in the excavating business. He also owns Crafts Lakeview Cottages, with the docks and bait & tackle shop.

As mayor he seeks to be available to the people residing on the island by having a set time to listen to their needs and to assist them whatever way he can. He is versed in the area of obtaining grants and feels capable of handling any water intake problems the village may encounter.

He plans to attend the KILA Candidate Forum on Sat., Sept. 24 taking that opportunity to meet many of the voters.



Rob Quinn
Incumbent-Rob and his family have lived on Kelleys Island since 1996. He and his wife, Heidi, have been married for 12 years, have two

children and are full-time residents of Kelleys Island but maintain a home in Huron, Ohio, as well. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bowling Green University where he majored in Marketing and Business Management.

Being available to the islanders is one of his main concerns and he was among one of the first to get to the island when a devastating fire destroyed several businesses on Division Street last year. Having access to his plane enables him to make swift trips on and off Kelleys Island.

His desire to be re-elected would enable him to see projects his administration started come to completion such as the waterline expansion, adding public restrooms to the village business area, and especially focusing on issues facing the island regarding the ongoing transition from industry to tourism.

He is looking forward to attending the KILA Candidate Forum at the Village's Town Hall on September 24 where he hopes to make personal contact with islanders and listen to their concerns. Rob has served as Mayor of Kelleys Island since the end of 2000.

Clerk-Treasurer



Claudia Brown
Incumbent-Claudia is seeking a 5th term as Clerk-Treasurer. She was first elected in November, 1995 and began public service April 1, 1996.

Prior to public service she attained the following degrees: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts, and Master of Science. She taught on the college level in the U.S. and Mexico, operated her own business, and worked in and had a consulting business in the computer industry. Since becoming Clerk-Treasurer, she was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk, then Master Municipal Clerk, and is currently enrolled in the leadership training program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and in the certification program of the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers. Claudia was also appointed to the state wide board of the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association and serves on their Education Committee.

Claudia's connection with Kelleys Island is long and deep going back before the Civil War. She is the fourth generation in her family on the property that once was a family farm and her grandfather Brown was Mayor. In the past 16 years Claudia taught at the Kelleys Island School, also writing a five year grant that was awarded to them, was a member of the board of the Kelleys Island Historical Assn., their treasurer, and their newsletter writer. She is active in St. Michael's Church, a member of the Kelleys Island Cemetery Board of Trustees and author of the book Kelleys Island: An Island Story.

While involved in community activities, above all Claudia's time and energy is dedicated to being a public servant, keeping the village in a positive fiscal condition, and helping people to resolve problems and find answers to their questions. Since Claudia has had the position of Clerk-Treasurer, all the State of Ohio audits have been clean, without any findings for recovery. Claudia has attended every Candidate's Forum since 1995 except for once when she was at classes and had to send a letter to be read in her absence. She looks forward to meeting with everyone in September.

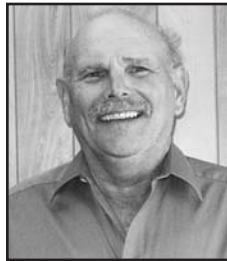
Council Race-Two Seats available



Mike Feyedelem
Incumbent-Mike is a candidate for Kelleys Island Council. He is married to his wife, Vi, for 45 years and they have two children and four grandchildren. He and Vi reside on Cameron Road full-time. Feyedelem is a true islander having been born and raised on Kelleys Island. He attended Estes School and was a graduate of the school. After graduation he served in the Viet Nam War.

He has served on Kelleys Island Safety Committee as chairman for eight years and served many years as past President of the Historical Association, and the KI VFW Post 9908, where remains an active member.

He has been on Village Council for eight years and jokingly adds, "I had hair back then!" He would like to continue to serve on Council because there are some exciting projects that need to be finished and he would like to be there to see them completed.



Jack Hostal is a candidate for Kelleys Island Council. He is married to his wife, Linda and they have two grown children, John and Kelley. He has six grand-

children. He attended Fairview High School and graduated in 1959. He worked for Alcoa Industries in Cleveland for 31 years. He and his wife have lived on Kelleys Island since 1996 but claimed Kelleys Island as theirs since 1984.

Hostal is presently Fire Chief of Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department and has attended special classes for training in that field. He also drives the ambulance for the EMT's and is a member of the island's Veterans of Foreign War Post 9908, the Kelleys Island Audubon Club, Land-owners Association, and is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He served on the Board of Zoning Appeals for several years, on the Finance Committee at St. Michael's Church. As Fire Chief, he has obtained grants for the fire department, scheduled trainings and maintained equipment.

His ambitions as a Council member would be to represent the people of Kelleys Island in a fair, honest way and he hopes to change the business of Kelleys Island not the people.



Carol Nelson-Burns is a candidate for Council. Carol came to Kelleys in 1963 when working at Lakeside, introducing Charlie to the island after they married 29

years ago. She trained as an educator, completed advanced degrees, and has traveled, lived and worked throughout the US and other countries. She serves as Clerk to the Planning Commission and to the Board of Zoning Appeals and secretary to Mayor Quinn, in addition to participating in many island organizations and activities. These experiences deepened her understanding of the importance of "community." She is committed to open dialogue, and to promoting action that sustains the unique qualities of island life, even in the face of the inevitable economic and social changes.



Greg Ritchie is a candidate for Kelleys Island Council. He is 62 years of age, married to his wife, Dee Dee, has five children and five grandchildren. He served in the

US Air Force from 1971 to 1975. He has been a self-employed Certified Public Accountant for 24 years and is currently working full-time doing tax preparation for about 275 clients. Prior to self-employment he had 14 years of experience in business and accounting.

Greg first starting coming to Kelleys Island as a boy in the 1950's and has family ties to Kelleys Island since about 1900. He built a home on Southaven Lane in 2005 and has been a full-time resident for two years. Currently he is the Treasurer of Kelleys Island Historical Association.

He has tried to help the village financially. As the trustee of a charitable trust, Greg donated \$100,000 to Kelleys Island organizations (\$50,000 to Kelleys Island Historical Association, \$40,000 to the VFW and \$10,000 to the Cemetery Fund).

Ritchie was Kelleys Island Village Administrator for eight months, implementing water rate increase in December 2010 that puts the Water Department on sound financial ground. He resigned the position because the Village Administrator has insufficient authority to implement good financial decisions.

He is running for Council because he is concerned that: current Council is using village and state financial resources unwisely and the water line

Kelleys Island An Island Story

by Claudia M. Brown

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extension to Camp Patmos will have a negative financial impact on all island residents.



M a r y S e n n i s h - Incumbent--Mary is a candidate for Kelleys Island Council. She has lived on Kelleys Island since coming to the island from Michigan in 1983. She graduated from high school and studied three years at Wayne State University majoring in Liberal Arts.

Mary has been on Council for eight years and her desire is to continue to serve and try to make Kelleys Island a nice place to live and a place where people can earn a living. She stated that her background of living on the island is an advantage since she knows the people and the "lay of the land." She has a love of Kelleys Island and it is always at the back of her heart and mind.

School Board--Two Seats available



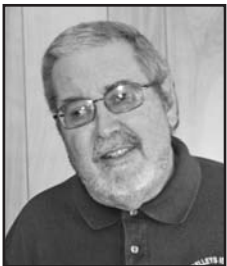
Kim McNeal, Incumbent--Kim is a candidate for the Kelleys Island School Board. She was appointed by the Board of Education to replace Barb Shadle who

resigned her position. Kim has served less than a year. She is married to Tom McNeal who works for the Village Maintenance Department and has five

children and eight grandchildren.

Working on the School Board is a fulfilling assignment for her since her desire is to see Estes School flourish. When asked how she would accomplish this she responded that it is her desire to get more parent involvement for example, having the parents meet the School Board members on the first day of school. This would give the parents the opportunity to see who is working for the good of the school. McNeal feels that "kids come first in education" and she will strive to see that happen. She also hopes to see more children attend the school.

Charlie Burns--Incumbent--A resident and property owner of Kelleys for thirteen years, Charlie retired from State of Ohio public service as a rehabilitation counselor of veterans, injured workers, and individuals with visual and other disabilities. He managed budgets and practices that were governed by public policy, and has served two previous terms on the KISB. He holds a bachelors degree, served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, and is an officer of the KI VFW Post 9908 and other community organizations.



All candidates are in alphabetical order by office, incumbents are noted. The Kelleys Island Landowner's Candidate's Forum will be held on Sat., Sept.24 from 4-6 p.m. The forum is an opportunity to hear and meet each candidate and to ask them questions.

Zombies to prowl Kelleys Island in new October Mystery Adventure

The theme of the Living Dead will get a new twist when Kelleys Island Venture Resort presents Denham's Night of the Living Dead--Disguise for Murder October 14-15, 2011. The weekend adventure will be a gigantic and creepy game of Clue played out in real time across the entire island with our guests searching for clues while using poison, bribery and blackmail as the tools of their trade. They will also choose beforehand to enter the case as live human investigators or members of the Living Dead and that will give rise to some tricky complications for the zombies will be playing the game by their own rules.

Designed by that nice Mr. Denham of Shadow Stalkers, this weekend adventure includes a genuine scavenger hunt and will place a premium on imagination and fun. It definitely is not dinner theater! It's a hands-on think-on-your-

feet affair that begins the moment our guests check into their room and continues nonstop--there are no time-outs during an outbreak of the Living Dead--until promotions to the Kelleys Island Detective Agency are handed out Sunday morning. What's more, you never know what will happen at one of these because they draw in so much guest imagination and initiative. One of our first reservations has decided to be Sheriff Rick Grimes from AMC's The Walking Dead series and what he'll do as that character no one knows!

Kelleys Island Venture resort, 441 West Lakeshore Drive, will be our Mystery Headquarters. For information on room rates please call 419-746-2900. For information on the adventure itself and forms for notifying your next of kin (we've had 13 guests murdered in a single night) call Mr. Denham at 419-663-4103 or denham13@aol.com.

From the Brew Pub

The brewery will be busy in Sept./Oct. with fun fall events of all kind. Our cans and bottled beer will be marked down this fall to 2 and 3 dollars with wine at \$5 per glass. We have Chardonnays, Riesling, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, Cabernet and others that will give you a reason to stop by for a lake view and a fall visit.

Our breakfasts and lunches have been raved about this year and we hope you take the time to come enjoy the Kib.

Don't forget our family friendly Oktoberfest on Oct. 1st Kara will be doing more ceramic workshops and hula hooping.

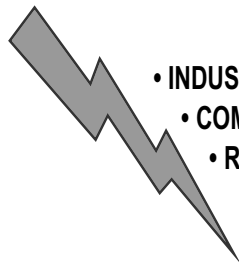
Our 13th annual chili cook off on October 8th is sure to be a hit. We are looking for judges so if you are interested please give me a shout at island-pj419@gmail.com

Patti Johnson Muranyi

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Dear Kelleys Island member:

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative will be performing right-of-way and tree maintenance work on Kelleys Island.

Tree maintenance is not always seen as a good thing in the eyes of a home owner, but it is a necessary process for every electric company to ensure reliable service is maintained to its consumers.

As a courtesy, I am notifying you that during the fall, winter and spring our contract tree professionals will be on Kelleys Island conducting tree trimming /removal and mowing work.

With the large number of dead ash trees on the island, we will be removing only the portion of the tree that is endangering our primary line, and the remainder is the responsibility of the property owner. Our work will commence by addressing those trees within our main 3-phase primary circuit, then we will work on the single-phase primary taps, which may extend over several trimming cycles.

We would like to thank the Village Council and all Kelleys Island members in advance for their patience, understanding and cooperation during this time.

If you have any questions, contact HWEC island employee Tom Paul at 419-746-2533, or HWEC tree trimming contract administrator Jerome Monaco at 419-257-5020.

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2011 Calendar of Events

September

24, Sat.-Lobster Fest-Village Pump
26, Sat. KILA Candidate Forum-
Village Town Hall-4 -6 p.m.

October

1, Sat.-Oktoberfest-KI Brewery
8, Sat.-Chili Cook-Off-KI Brewery
8, Sat.-Annual Clambake-Casino
15, Sat.-20th Annual Thanksgiving
Dinner -Bag the Moon
15-16, Sat./Sun.-Murder Mystery
Weekend -KI Venture Resort
22, Sat.-Adult Halloween
-All taverns
22, Sat.-Family Hayride-KILA
(note: FunFinder date is incorrect)
29, Sat.-Octogaween-All taverns
29, Sat.-Pumpkin Carving
-Bag the Moon
29, Sat.-Kids Costume Party
-KI Brewery
29, Sat.-Kids Trick or Treat
-Village of Kelleys Island

November

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

Happy Birthday

September

- 1- Denny Tyler Benvenuto
- 2- Charles Burns
- 2- Christopher Elfers
- 2- Brady Quillin
- 3- Julie Mack
- 3- Kolby Quillin
- 4- Jaime Fisher
- 4-Greg Kaszei
- 6-Tom Beck
- 6- Marty Millott
- 10-Mark Brian
- 10- Gage Peterson
- 10- Lilly Allan
- 11-Ben Bechtel
- 13- Katie Quillin
- 14-Joe Cordaro
- 17- Rachel Schodowski
- 25-Sarah Krafty
- 28-Chris Brian
- 29- Octavia Schnittker

October

- 2- Gregory Elfers
- 4- Cindy Christofferson
- 4-Jay Walker
- 8- Zuri O'Dee
- 10- Lily Franks
- 10-Tony Joyce
- 11- Tama Schodowski
- 13- Ekaterina Hazard
- 13- Daniel Hazard
- 13- Laurel (Elfers) Weaver
- 15- Teresa Maher
- 16-Betty Pape
- 17-Keith Vetovitz
- 18- Lillian Shaffer-Franks
- 18- Maggie Allan
- 22- Shelley Quillin
- 25- Danielle Fresch

Jessica Schodowski engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schodowski, Hinckley and Kelleys Island, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Kevin Shenker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shenker of Twinsburg. Kevin and Jessica are graduates of Baldwin Wallace College. Jessica is employed by Lifecenter Plus, Inc. of Hudson, as their Fitness Director and Wellness Coordinator. Kevin is a Mortgage Banker for Quicken Loans in Cleveland. Jessica is the granddaughter of islanders Stuart and Phyllis Humphrey, and Chuck and June Schodowski.



Island notes, thoughts and follow ups

Ash borer and Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB)-a couple people have commented in the past month that since reading about the ALB in the August issue of *Kelleys Life*, they believe their maple trees might be failing. They asked if it could be the ALB, or could the ash borer be jumping over? Mike Monnett the head ranger/director of the Kelleys Island State Park, says, "The ash borer is specific to ash trees, not maples. This hot and extremely dry summer has put stress on many of the island's trees." He also stated that ALB has been found in Clermont County in southwestern Ohio. Areas of that county, as well as Stonelick and East Fork State Park, are now in the quarantine area for ALB, but he has not heard of it any-

where else in the state. For anyone seeking the most up to date information from the state, please visit the Ohio Department of Agriculture's website: agri.ohio.gov. Ohio is the fifth state to have ALB infestation...it has been confirmed to have come from firewood brought in from an infected area...**DO NOT BRING FIREWOOD OVER TO KELLEYS ISLAND AND DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO BRING FIREWOOD TO YOUR HOME!!!**

There is a strong possibility that Erie County and thereby, Kelleys Island, will be added to the state's ash tree removal grant program (assists with removal of up to two trees, provided homeowner can pay percentage of removal). We tried to get an answer from Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office, but once again, did not receive a response in time to print.

Village Tree Ordinance-The ordinance that village council had proposed earlier this summer to insure islander's safety for the future removal of diseased or dead trees, passed at the September council meeting. The ordinance was altered after a meeting with residents that Kelleys Island Landowner's Assoc. (KILA) had held in August. The final ordinance was a compromise based on listening to resident concerns and suggestions.

Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line-has landed a \$2.7 million federal grant for a new ferry boat to serve Kelleys. The Federal Highway Administration grant was awarded to a partnership of the Kelleys Island ferry operator and Erie County to build a 160-foot vessel.

According to *The Plain Dealer*, the diesel-powered ferry will serve increasing demand on the route between Marblehead and Kelleys Island. The line handles about 175,000 passengers and 60,000 vehicles annually. The boat is estimated to cost \$6 million. The grant announced Wednesday is in addition to \$1 million in federal funds that was awarded last year. The ferry operator is expected to cover most of the remaining cost.

A second grant for \$790,000 will be used to improve a terminal dock at South Bass Island.

From The Associated Press

Susan G. Komen 3 Day--Martha and Taylor Wolfe participated in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day 60 mile walk through Cleveland July 29-31st celebrating Martha's 10th year cancer free. Braving 90 degree plus temperatures daily, they helped to raise \$1.8 million dollars for breast cancer research.

Martha and Taylor especially wanted to thank many island friends and neighbors for contributions and encouraging text and e-mail messages during their walk.

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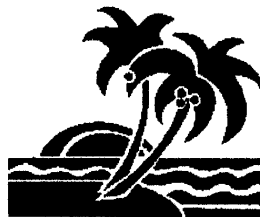
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Letters to Editor

Editor,

I have packed up farm market items to exchange them for law school textbooks! The farm market closed for the winter in late August so that I could continue to focus on my studies. The market could not have been possible if it wasn't for the help of many people. First, I would like to thank Jean and John Kuyoth. They were incredibly generous in letting me use the front of their store all summer. Jean mentored me and has become a close friend! I would also like to thank the *Kelleys Life* for running the awesome front page article on the market in the June edition! Additionally, the *Kelleys Life* staff has been avid supporters of the farm market.

The market could have never existed if it wasn't for the loyal support of all my customers. There are many people who came back week after week. The "locals" welcomed the farm market with arms wide open! I wish I could name everyone here but the list is too long! Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you around the island!

Most importantly, I would like to thank my parents, Joe and Leslie, my siblings (Jonelle, Tom, Mandy, Matt, Mike and Melissa) and my nephews for helping me the entire summer. My parent's hauled vegetables, cooked and canned and sat in 110 degree weather and thunderstorms to help me! I will never be able to thank them enough! In addition, my boyfriend, Myles sat at the farm market almost every weekend to assist me.

Although I have packed up the fruits and vegetables, I will have pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn, mums and other fall decorations for sale on the porch of Sweet Valley. I will make a delivery in mid-September so look out for the fall decorations at Sweet Valley! I hope to see the award-winning pumpkin carver bought their pumpkin from the Kelleys Island Farm Market for the first time this year! Thank you for the support!
Giovanna Scaletta

To the Kelleys Island Community:
While the 2011 season is drawing quickly to its end, I would like to take a few moments to reflect back on the season and report to the village residents on some issues revolving around the department.

For a number of years, specifically for budgetary reasons, we have purposely operated the department with entirely part time personnel. Presently we are working with Mayor Quinn's office in the application process for a COPS grant that will allow us to hire a full time officer and pay the full time annual salary for three years, provided we keep the position filled for an additional one year. This Grant will permit us to dollar cost average our payroll over a period of four years to cost us only 25% of what it would normally cost us to hire a full time employee. It is our expectation to hear very soon the results of this grant and hopefully we will be able to enact the position before the year's end.

With the local government funds drying up from the State Budget, we are expected to either cut expenses or fund internally our budget shortfalls through other means. I have met with Mayor Quinn and our Clerk Treasurer, Claudia Brown several times to assess our department's financial needs and to address its needs for 2012 and beyond. I expect to be able to report more on this issue as we move through the process.

I am saddened to report that there were two separate incidents involving department employees that have made island news recently. I want you to know that these incidents should not be reflective of the department or the other officers here at the department. All of our officers are adults and are responsible for their actions both on

and off duty. The department and my office should not be judged based on these events but rather on how we handled these events. Both incidents were handled swiftly and professionally and both were immediately assigned to the Erie County court system off the island to remove any inference of impropriety. I felt it necessary to report on this as the rumor mills have generated some rather juicy and completely inaccurate versions that needed to be squelched.

Regarding the Police Boat, we are bringing to an end the 2011 season and we are excited to report that we have assisted a number of boaters, we have inspected and certified just short of 100 boats as part of our boaters safety program, and we have patrolled both the island perimeter, and all the way up to the Border, all as part of a NBI grant program that permits us to offer these services at virtually no cost to the Village. The Boat was donated to the Village two years ago, and this year we were reimbursed for manpower, maintenance and expenses for the operation of the boat.

Lastly, I want Island residents to know that I always have an open door to anyone who has questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the Police Department. I am a firm believer that tourism is our island's only remaining viable industry, and that our officers are both ambassadors for the island, while at the same time have as their first priority to keep Kelleys Island the safe, peaceful family oriented island that people have come to enjoy.

I appreciate all of the support you have offered in the past years and promise to continue to serve you in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Chief Ron Ehrbar

Kelleys Island Audubon Happenings

Judy DuShane

September is Nature Month at Kelleys Island. Many wonderful events are scheduled. The water is still warm and fall migration has begun. It started off with Glacial Glimpses on Sun. Sept. 4. A nice group met at the Glacial Grooves parking lot and learned more about our famous grooves from the Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) president Pat Hayes.

At the monthly potluck and meeting on Thurs. Sept. 15th. Beth Buchanan spoke on the timely topic of "The Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Long-horned Beetle; Threats to our Urban Forests" A very important and current topic for all islanders.

Sat. Sept. 10 was the Monarch Butterfly Festival sponsored by the Kelleys Island Historical Association (KIHA). KIAC tagged and informed attendees about these amazing butterflies. You can adopt a butterfly as they wing their way to Mexico. This is held at KIHA's new museum on Division St.

Sat. Sept. 17 is the well-liked and well-attended Kayak Poker Paddle. Kayakers have a leisurely paddle around the island collect playing cards to win a bunch of terrific prizes with the best poker hand. Last year almost 100 kayakers participated. This event is co-sponsored by the Kelleys Island State Park.

Finally, Sat. Sept. 24 is the "Feathers and Foliage Festival" at Jones Preserve on Long Point. Come watch the bird banding or take a guid-

ed bird walk as the fall migrants come through. More information about these events can be found on the website www.kelleysislandnature.com.

Also don't forget the monthly potluck and meeting on Thurs. Oct. 20th. Kim Kaufmann of Black Swamp Bird Observatory will speak on "Wind Turbines." This meeting will be at St. Michael's Hall. The season finale is the well-liked "End of the Year Party" at The Inn where nature lovers share food and stories. The date for that is Sat. Nov. 5th.



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Perkins High School Track Team does community service day

The Perkins High School Track Team decided to fulfill a community service for the village by helping out at the Kelleys Island Water Department and assisting the KI State Park with some clean-up work on the Glacial Grooves. Islander Billy Minshall is a member of the team and is seen in the center of the photo. Other team members were: Nick Waldron, Nick Armor, Ryan Singler, Zach Steffani, Cole Ellison, Luke Shanle, Blake Kochensparger, Brandon Koch, David Ahner, Dan Oberer, Dalton Wessels, Gabe Murray, Hunter Waldron, Mikey Piotrowski, Michael Decker, Cody Priebe, Cory Pfanner, Bill Minshall, Chris Johnson, Bill Fial, Nick Reyes.

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Kelleys Island EMS joins state coalition in observing Falls Prevention Awareness Day

Kelleys Island, Ohio - KELLEYS ISLAND EMS will join with the Ohio Older Adult Falls Prevention Coalition to recognize Fri., Sept. 23, 2011, as Falls Prevention Awareness Day, and encourage all individuals on Kelleys Island to use the autumn season to educate themselves and their loved ones about the risk of falls and fall-related injury that increases as we age.

"Falls among older Ohioans can negatively affect the individual's health and sense of security, but also can have an impact on the entire family," said Kelleys Island EMS. "We're using the first day of autumn to mark the beginning of an ongoing effort to help Ohioans become aware of the risks and do what they can to prevent them. Doing so will help our older neighbors remain safely in their homes and our community."

Five easy things you can do to prevent falls are:

1. Increase your physical activity. Simple exercise, like walking or swimming at least 15 minutes a day can help build muscle strength and improve balance, which can prevent falls. Exercise programs like Tai Chi that increase strength and improve balance are especially good.
2. See your eye doctor once each year. Age-related eye diseases, such as cataracts, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, can increase the risk of falling. Early detection is key to minimizing the effects of these conditions.
3. Review your medications. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about the medicines you are taking and whether they may cause drowsiness or dizziness. Discuss things you can do to ensure you are taking your medicines safely.
4. Remove environmental hazards. Look around the house for anything that could increase the risk of falls, including poor lighting, loose rugs, slippery floors and unsteady furniture. Remove or modify these hazards.
5. Think, plan and slow down. Many falls are caused by hurrying. Slow down and think through the task you are performing. Be mindful of possible falls risks and act accordingly.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 30 percent of adults age 65 and older living in the community, and more than half of all older adults who live in residential care facilities or nursing homes, fall each year. Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths and the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma in older adults. Risk factors for falls include poor health status, prescription drug interactions, impaired cognitive function, use of alcohol, history of falls and impaired vision.

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2011 Randazzo party another blast

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Keeping your head in the midst of uncertainty

When faced with disaster, markets often become volatile, especially when the scope of the adversity isn't clear. For some investors, adversity may represent a threat; for others, it may spell opportunity. Not every crisis requires a reaction; sticking to a long-term plan is still the best strategy for most people.

Here are some examples of factors that investors sometimes overlook when considering what to focus on during a crisis.

Watch the global supply chain

Companies and economies increasingly operate in a global context. The more heavily an industry or company relies on global partners, the more it might be affected by crisis conditions. Think not only about companies that are affected directly by turmoil, but about other companies that rely on them.

For example, China has become in many ways the world's factory floor, and many information technology services are now outsourced to India. How would a crisis in either country affect global supply chains or communications infrastructure? Might competitors not affected by the crisis pick up at least some of the slack? How might a particular industry be hit by

shortages of parts or raw materials? Is a large multinational so geographically spread out that a crisis in one part of the world may have little impact on its overall operations? Oil is perhaps the most obvious example of how a crisis can affect global supply chains. A perceived threat to supplies can affect prices of other assets.

Consider currency fluctuations

Currency fluctuations are another factor to consider. Crises in one part of the world can affect that region's currency. That in turn can affect companies located elsewhere. The 2010 panic over potential default by several euro-zone countries strengthened the dollar, and though that may sound like good news, a stronger dollar can hurt U.S. exports.

Currency issues are also important because of what's called the "carry trade." This happens when investors use money from a country where interest rates are relatively low--the Japanese yen and the U.S. dollar have been prime examples in recent years--to invest elsewhere at a better rate of return. However, if the cheaper currency suddenly increases in value, the carry trade can reverse as investors put their capital back into the so-called

funding currency. That can affect assets denominated in other currencies. For example, the yen soared as investors anticipated that money would be repatriated to deal with Japan's earthquake/tsunami/nuclear disaster. Some investments denominated in other currencies suffered when investors sold them to invest in yen.

Think both long term and short term

Nothing lasts forever. A crisis could create opportunities that eventually peter out, or challenges that later seem trivial. Or it could have little short-term impact but mean profound change over a period of years. When considering whether a crisis represents a challenge or an opportunity, think both short term and long term.

A crisis with potentially long-term opportunities or harmful consequences may mean you may be able to take more time with a decision. If the window of opportunity is smaller or the potential devastation more short term, remember that there are alternatives to an all-or-nothing approach. For example, you could take a small position and see how your investment thesis plays out before committing more. Even if the window of opportunity

slams shut, new opportunities often emerge during even the worst of times; missing one now doesn't mean you won't find others later. If you're worried about a potential downturn, you could use other investments to hedge your exposure while retaining a long-term stake, or take profits to protect part of your holdings but leave some money invested in case the crisis is short-lived.

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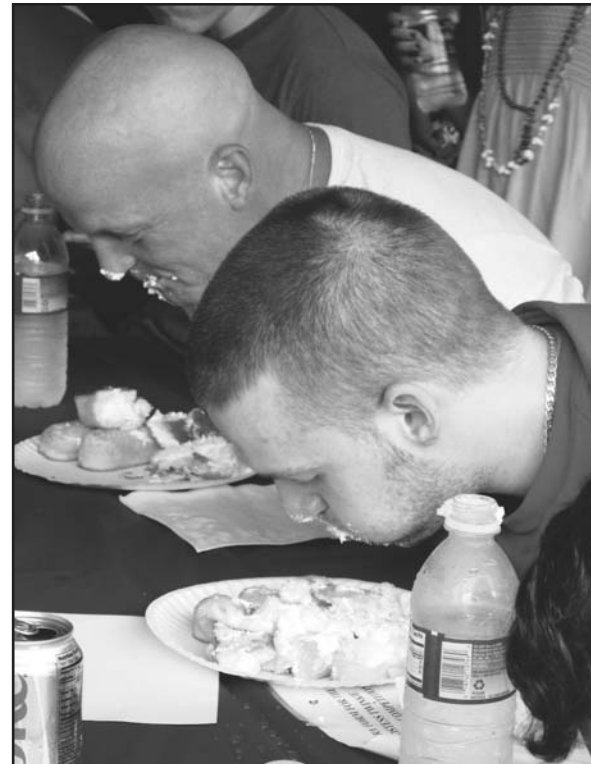
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Phil Thiede, Superintendent/Principal

2011-2012 school year is off and running

The '11-'12 school year began on Wed., Aug. 31st for Kelleys Island School. Our staff this year consists of Miss Shannon Leary who is beginning her eighth year at Kelleys Island School. Miss Leary will be the instructor for our two elementary students. Mr. Jude Lill will be starting his fourth year at Kelleys Island School. Mr. Lill instructs our three 8th grade students in language arts, world history, and physical education.

Mrs. Linda Spayd will be starting her second year at our school. Mrs. Spayd, who is a full-time resident of Kelleys Island, handles the math, science, and health education courses for the 3 junior high students.

Mrs. Bonnie Shoff is starting her 9th year teaching art classes for our students one day a week along with her popular adult classes after school.

Mr. Dave Slosser works one day a

week as our guidance counselor. He works with our students and staff to make sure all students achieve and gain success during the year.

Mr. Gene Kidwell, our curriculum director, also works one day a week to guide our staff in choosing the best textbooks and materials for our school. He also helps the teachers in their classroom instruction to assure Kelleys Island School is meeting all the state-mandated standards for public education in Ohio.

Finally, I am starting my ninth year at Kelleys Island School. Our school system is very fortunate to have all of our employees back for another school year. Continuity is an important ingredient for success in the classroom for our students.

Laptops for each student at Kelleys Island

The Kelleys Island Board of Education voted this year to purchase for each student in our school system

their own laptop. The board is fully aware of the importance of each of our students receiving the best possible education we can provide. To help accomplish their goal, the board feels the importance of each student having their own computer for assisting in their instruction is a key element.

The money used to purchase these computers was fully funded through the REAP Grant we receive each year. Kelleys Island School receives approximately \$19,000 a year in federal funds, which can only be used, for technological hardware. This amount of money each year goes a long way in our school system.

Board rescinds land lease agreement for a wind turbine

At the September board of education meeting, the board voted to rescind the land lease agreement with the company that was going to erect a wind turbine for our school. Even though the board felt this project

would be very beneficial for the school, they never wanted to divide the community. The board looked at this project as a means to save on energy, along with educational instruction for the students. However, after hearing from a number of various interested citizens with different issues against a wind turbine, the board did not want to create negative feelings towards the school. The school has been, over the years, a positive asset to the residents of Kelleys Island. The board of education did not want to jeopardize this relationship to the island community.

The board did vote to keep looking into other alternative energy saving ways for the school to save money and teach our children about being "green" into the future.

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Earlier this summer, Kelleys Island Police Officer Tyi McCarley assisted Cara Macknick, an island visitor from Angola, IN with finding her son Gabe while the woman's family was hiking on the North Pond Trail. When she got home, she took the time to not only write a very nice letter of thanks to officer McCarley, praising him for his quick and kind assistance, but also sent a check for \$35.00 for McCarley to "donate to the KI Library for the purchase of new children's books." She went on to tell him to please have the library donate the check in his name. She thanked him for his service and professionalism and wished him luck with his future career. Her son also included a thank you note-above-and sent along a package of his favorite freeze-dried camp foods.

Good work Officer Carley!



Heck, you made my whole year!
Thank you for helping me.
Your Friend, Gabe

you made my day!

Reflections...

Ginny Park, Pastor Zion United Methodist Church

After nearly two months at Zion - "The Community Church" - I'm beginning to feel at home both at the church and on Kelleys Island. It's been fun and interesting to be here often during the busy summer months. Duties at my "day job" on the mainland, equipping the Zion Church parsonage to meet my needs and taking on the "new-preacher" responsibilities have kept me pretty busy but I've enjoyed getting to know island folks.

On July 31 our church celebrated the dedication of a large new cross that is now installed on the wall above the altar. Although there is an article about the cross elsewhere in this newspaper, I would be remiss not to mention that the congregation was delighted (and maybe a bit awe-struck) to see the big, Latin style cross for the first time. It is an amazing piece of art and the cross dedication was a milestone event in the life

of Zion Church.

The cross is a welcome addition to our church facilities. Please come to see it and, while you are here, be sure to notice the altar, too. It was built long ago from the upper case of a pipe organ that had been used in our church for many years. When the organ was no longer serviceable the case was re-purposed to serve as the altar. The altar is beautiful, too.

We invite you to come for worship or Sunday School on any Sunday. Our worship services are at 10:30 a.m. and the meditations are Bible-based. ALL people of every denomination are welcome to participate in Holy Communion, served on the first Sunday of the month. Currently Bill Vetovitz is teaching an adult Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. "The Many Names of Jesus" is the theme.

Because of our unique island loca-

tion and because so many people come to Kelleys to spend the summer, our church is blessed to have people of many denominations worship with us. These people are "Friends" of the church and we are grateful that they often assist in our projects and ministries.

Please note that folks who are members of churches elsewhere are welcome to join our membership as "affiliate" or "associate" members and this does not affect their membership in their home churches. On Oct 9 we will receive people into Zion membership. If you are interested in joining as an associate, affiliate (or full) member, just contact me. Phone is 419-734-2753; email is ginny@nwonline.net.


I extend a big thank-you to island residents and to many folks at Zion Church for their help these past couple of months. Of particular note is Barb

Sinkhorn; she served as the church council president this past year. Barb helped greatly as Zion Church made the transition from having two pastors to one. Her assistance was invaluable in my first weeks here at the busiest time of the island year and I am very grateful.

And I appreciate the work of Annalee. She will serve as next year's council president. She and I have already done considerable long-range planning. We are pursuing the future feasibility of a church newsletter, website, and directory among other endeavors.

If any of you want to be kept informed of what is happening at Zion Church, send your email or regular address to Zion Church, PO Box 406. We will add your name to our contact list.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you!




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Obituaries

Edward Joseph Curilla, 87, of Kelleys Island, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Feb. 3, 1924, in Cleveland and was a U.S. Navy veteran serving in WWII and the Korean War.

Ed's career was in the field of commercial art. With much hard work and determination, he opened a very successful studio, Curilla & Associates, in Cleveland. During those 25 years, he was often remembered as an endearing mentor by many of his former employees.

In the 1960s, Ed was fortunate enough to purchase a home on his "beloved" Kelleys Island. In the coming years, he made a point of ensuring that his children and grandchildren would always be able to be a part of the island. Upon his retirement, Ed moved to Kelleys Island. He enjoyed being active in the community and also served a term on the village council. He was a member of the Kelleys Island VFW

Post 9908.

Ed loved planting a garden and landscaping his yard, to the delight of various onlookers. He loved political banter with his son, and attending antique auctions with his daughter and grandchildren. For many years, Ed looked forward to weekly poker games with his island friends.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Cynthia (Richard) Holmes of Kelleys Island; son, Ronald Curilla of Kelleys Island; grandchildren, Edward Terry, Michael Terry, Brian Terry and Kevin Curilla; a sister, Eleanore Chensoff of Mayfield Village, Ohio; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Frances (Wacko) Curilla; and sisters, Florine Shemple and Adeline Lenehan.

Burial will take place on Kelleys Island.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stein Hospice Service, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870.



Jennifer C. Ulisse, 40. Beloved daughter of James and Janet (nee Tom) Ulisse. Dear sister of James E., John, and Michael. Loving aunt to Sarah, Taylor,

Meghan and Shelby, and dear granddaughter of Mary Lorek. Died suddenly Aug. 2, 2011.

Jen was born in Pennsylvania, but grew up in North Olmsted, OH. She attended the University of Akron for three years but decided to move full-time to the place her summer jobs had brought her and made her fall in love-Kelleys Island. She lived year-round on Kelleys for several years, working at a number of island establishments. When several islanders left one winter to spend time in Key West, she went along, and ended up staying there for a couple of years. "Two years ago she returned from Key West knowing that Kelleys was her heart's home and that her parent's home was where she needed to be closer to," said Patti Muranyi. She loved Lake Erie and ironically it was in the lake that she tragically lost her life in a boating accident on August 2.

An avid sports fan, Jen was a steadfast, dyed-in-the-wool Steeler fan, despite being surrounded by rooms and taverns filled with Cleveland Brown fans. She was also an Ohio State

Buckeye fan. She loved her family, her nieces and dozens of friends. They loved her back and continue to write messages to her on her Facebook page, a growing memorial/tribute to a joy-filled life cut short far too early. The tributes and messages there truly attest to her steadfast nature as a great friend, aunt and sister.

Beloved daughter of James and Janet (nee Tom) Ulisse. Dear sister of James E., John, and Michael. A loving aunt to Sarah, Taylor, Meghan and Shelby, and dear granddaughter of Mary Lorek.

Her funeral was held on Aug. 6 in Westlake and an island tribute gathering was held the next night at Bag the Moon. Her family and friends joined in to pay respects and share memories of a very special island lady. Interment followed at Twin Valley Cemetery, Delmont, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jennifer Ulisse Memorial Fund, FirstMerit Bank, 25775 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070.



Barbara "Bonnie" Mae Blatt, 82, of Kelleys Island, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011, surrounded by her loving family. Referred to as "Bonnie" by her family and friends, she was

born July 11, 1929, on Kelleys Island. Bonnie graduated from Estes School on Kelleys in June 1947.

Bonnie was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church on Kelleys Island. She worked for Philco, and along with her husband, Ted, owned and operated Ted Blatt Sohio in Sandusky. Bonnie enjoyed all social activities with her family, and friends in the community. She especially enjoyed attending Senior Luncheons and volunteering at the VFW on Kelleys Island. She loved baking and spending each day with her husband, Ted. Her contagious smile and laughter will be missed by her family that loved her and she loved so dearly.

Bonnie is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ted Blatt, whom she mar-

ried Sept. 2, 1950 on Kelleys Island. Ted and Bonnie's marriage has been said to have been an inspiration and example for several family members and close friends. Bonnie is also survived by her children, Deb (Keith) Haig and Rob (Brenda) Blatt; grandchildren Kelsey, Megan, Tristan, Tyler, and Tory; brothers Herbert (Ardrita), Logan (Joan), Lyle, and Randy Bickley; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Elizabeth (Feyedelem) Bickley, and her sister, Nadine Brown.

A memorial mass was held Saturday, Sept. 3, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. The Rev. Christopher Bazar officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky; Lutheran Memorial Home, 795 Bardshar Road, Sandusky; or to Kelleys Island Historical Association, Kelleys Island.

Please look for a special tribute to Bonnie in next month's edition of *Kelleys Life*.

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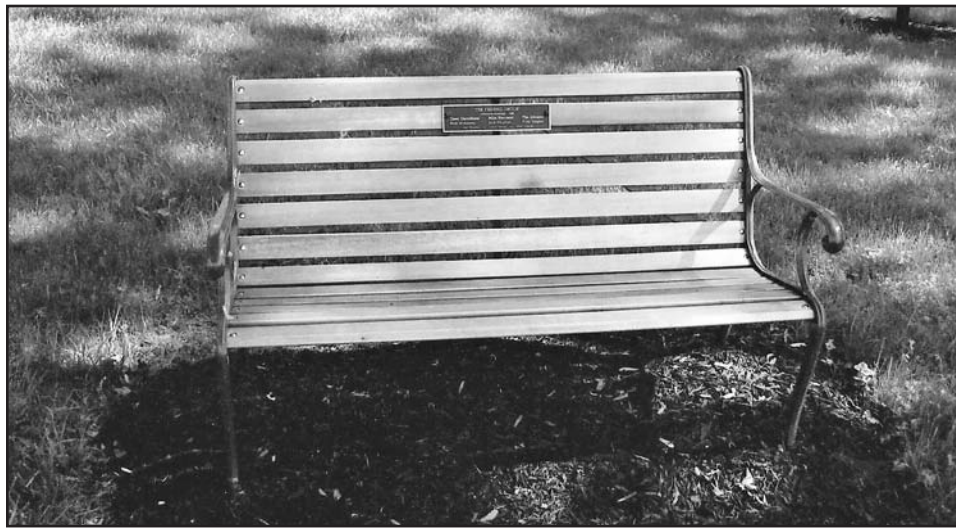
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The Ziegler bench



Jacquie Kranyak

For the past 63 years islander Fritz Ziegler and his classmates from Columbus Academy have managed to keep up a tradition of an annual Kelleys Island fishing trip. The group which consisted of Mike Harrison, Peter Mykrantz, Jack Stephan, Dave Carruthers, Tim Johnson and Fritz, has dwindled by half, but the three remaining continue to look forward to their annual island outing. About a year ago, Fritz erected a bench in his front yard at 211 W. Lakeshore to honor the group's tradition. The bench includes a plaque with the Fishing Group member's names and the words, "Good Weather, Good Fishing, Good Friends."

Fritz's family has been coming to Kelleys since 1903. He spent all his summers here as a boy from 1936 to 1950-and every free moment he could his entire life. He has many warm

memories of island life ever since his father Florian Ziegler "Zieg" and his mother Eva began renting Rosie Lang's little house on the ball diamond in 1934.

Fritz and his fishing group started out coming to the island to play cards, but found out quickly they had a lot more fun fishing.

He is retired from a family-run printing business in Columbus-Buckeye Letter Service. Today Fritz owns the home with his brother John. Fritz's 3 sons, their children, and John's 4 children and grandchildren come to the house throughout the season. Fritz is happy that these new generations are making island memories of their own.

He said he welcomes visitors to his bench to share in the tremendous joy and pride his family has in their comfy island home.

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KILA heats it up for VFW

Caroline Jorski

This winter will prove to be a little warmer for islanders who attend events at the VFW. Through the generosity of the Landowners Association \$2,000 was donated to the VFW to cover the cost of fuel this year. Voting at their board meeting, KILA agreed that any proceeds over \$100 from the Silent Auction held at Homecoming would go to the VFW. Under the chairmanship of June Campbell, the Silent Auction was a tremendous success. During the winter months the VFW hosts many of the functions to keep the islanders together as a family since all of the restaurants are closed, pot luck dinners are a big hit and a means of socialization for those who can attend.

KILA thanks all those who made donations to the Silent Auction and a special thanks to June Campbell for a job well done. June said, "The deluge of prizes was not surprising given the

known generosity of island businesses and citizens, but their eagerness and the value of the items was unexpected and pleasing."

In total 33 "baskets" were donated, some from individuals which arrived fully "basketed" and wrapped, and most from merchants.

June reported that the most popular baskets and spirited bidding seemed to come from recent owners of island property and folks who were hoping to become land owners. Many said with pride, "I'm a member of Landowners."

At the wrap-party she presented the accounting of proceeds to KILA President Jim Zeller, totaling \$2,084. I am pleased with the success of the KILA's Homecoming first silent auction. I know next year it will be even better!

KILA is looking for a chairman.

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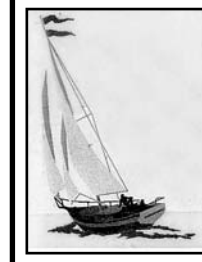
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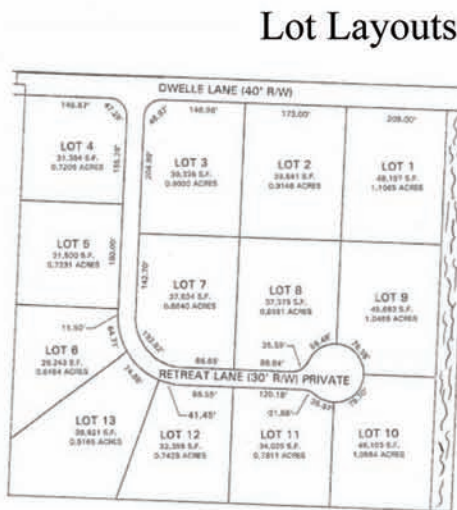
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Located west of Monaghan Rd, near
the north shore of Kelleys Island,
these two wooded lots together give
you approximately 150' of frontage
by 100' deep and privileges to the
beach located less than 800 feet away.