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## Tall ship in North Bay

Kim Bolden has once again been able to capture The Niagara as it worked its way through the island's North Bay this past August. This year she remembered to bring her swim fins for the lengthy paddle.

## Beatty Preserve gets first clean up



KI Audubon held the first of several cleanups needed at the new Beatty Preserve (formerly known as The Cut) on Nov. 20. Audubon members Tom Bartlett and Mike Mielke are seen here loading metal debris. Thanks to both of them and to Russ Maust for accepting the metal for recycling. Audubon President Pat Hayes reports that the group had

fun with the clean up and that the area is not in too bad of a condition. He said it seemed that it had become a bit of a gas-grill grave yard, but 9 or 10 of them were cleared away. Overall he felt that just a few more group cleanups would be needed to have a beautiful park for islanders and visitors to stroll through.

## Twas the Season...

**Carol Nelson-Burns**

Just about a week after the Village of Kelleys Island Firefighters and volunteers treated us all to the beautiful lighting of the Village Memorial Park, the annual Christmas Potluck at Town Hall attracted a host of faithful "old timers" and welcomed new-comers who were treated to a community feast of friendly banter and hearty food. Long tables were gaily decorated with festive arrangements. Steaming casseroles and platters piled with treats from sweet potatoes and roasts to cookies and pies, with salads and vegetable plates, breads and dips, relishes and sweets in between. There was plenty to feed the multitude who lined up patiently, chattering merrily through polite lines as they spooned and dipped their selections onto teeming plates.

Virginia Park, Pastor of Zion UMC, offered a prayer before the meal, then Vicki Finnegan, along with Ginny's vocal help, and Tama Schodowski at the piano guided us in favorite and familiar carols. Audience help was solicited to perform a make-shift rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas, bringing healthy laughter to all.

Santa's "ho-ho-ho" arrival widened the bright eyes of island baby Victoria Skeans, daughter of Nataliya and Bobby Skeans, who eagerly reached out to that jolly fellow with a wide smile and open arms that brought joyous laughs and broad smiles to all our faces. Seated center stage in a seasonally-appropriate rocking chair, Santa called school children Collin Nunn-Strassner, Gage Peterson, Lane McNeal, and Crystal Krzynowek to receive their gifts graciously, shyly, and happily.

Nutritious fruit baskets were handed out to eleven seniors, honoring their status as the elders of our island tribe.

*Many thanks to Donna Farmer, Geraldine Betzenheimer and Pat Seeholzer for their commitment to preserving this very special island tradition.*

## Open House at Zion and other holiday festivities

On Saturday, Dec. 17, Pastor Ginny held an Open House at Zion's parsonage, where she treated islanders to punch and a spread of treats, showing off the parsonage's recent renovations, and the décor she has created within the parsonage.

Later that evening, the Village Carolers visited homes throughout the island, entertaining at the parsonage and the VFW before arriving at the 'closing ceremonies' for the Village Pump for 2011. A growing choir of the voices of Bob Maier, Knut Lahrs, Jim Erne, Tom and Rob Behlen, Fred Ausflug, Brad Tallmadge, Arden Cooper, Don Alexander were awaited and welcomed. The idea of a group of island male carolers was originated thirteen years ago by Bob Behlen, in conversation with Knut Lahrs, who were the group's co-founders. Transportation was provided by Joel Biers.

Christmas Eve services were held at both Zion and St. Michael's Church, with candle

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lighting and music. At Zion, Pastor Ginny orchestrated a service of nine readings with accompanying carols.

And 2011 ended with a gala evening at the VFW where 40-plus revelers shared each other's company in island-style warmth and cheer. And 2012 begins, with "a-wassailing" at the Dickensian-decorated home of Caroline and Ed Jorski. Did I hear word of an epiphany party being planned-once the hallmark event (and it WAS a "Hallmark moment" ) of gracious hosts Ann and Claudia Brown, a tradition that will always bring to mind and memory that kind, sweet Lady of the Island, Cecilia Ann Reidy Brown.

*Many thanks to ALL who contributed to the warmth and affection of another Christmas Season on Kelleys!*



Above: Fire Chief Jack Hostal says thanks to all these hard-working volunteers who decorated the park and helped bring Christmas to the island. Lenny Augustyniak, June Campbell, Arndt Cooper, Jim Erne, Mike Feyedelem, Paul Hiller, Rick Holmes, Jack and Linda Hostal, Bruce and Leslie Korenko, Lanny and Sue Marchky, Mike Monnet, and Pat Seeholzer.

Left: The annual Christmas Potluck at Town Hall had Santa's "ho-ho-ho" arrival widened the bright eyes of island baby Victoria Skeans.

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## KI Polar Bear Club

The brave members of the inaugural Polar Bear Club at Long Point! The above images document the first plunge taken by the Smith's Polar Bear Club of Long Point. The plunge was taken on January 1, 2012 from Scot and Jodie Smith's home at Long Point. Shortly after the plunge, the weather turned and white caps appeared on the lake! The first ever winter plunge for Rick Smith, his son Nicholas, Scot Smith, and nephew Michael Ahner was observed, and cheered on by a number of friends and relatives!

Left to Right back: Michael Ahner (grandson of island resident Dan Ahner, nephew of Rick and Scot Smith), Rick Smith, Scot Smith (KI homeowner)  
Front Row: Nicholas Smith (9 years old)(son of Rick Smith, Cousin of Michael Ahner and nephew of Scot Smith)

## Officer Craig is promoted to full-time

Jacquie Kranyak

Police Officer Shawn M. Craig (40), who is entering his fifth year of service for the Village of Kelleys Island was confirmed, at the December council meeting, as the village's full-time officer beginning on Jan. 1. Officer Shawn has 16 years experience in law enforcement, and eight years as an instructor for two police academies-Sandusky Police Academy and North Central State College.

He is a graduate of the EHOVE Police Academy and was born and raised in Port Clinton, where his parents still reside. His mother is Georgia

Auxter who works as manager of Lakeside Association. His father, Jeff Auxter, is a supervisor at Biro. He has a brother Scott and a sister Heather Boytim, who is presently serving in the United States Air Force.

Shawn is in his 6th year as boat patrol officer through ODNR and NBI. He has an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice through North Central State College.

Shawn said he feels very much at home on the island being from Port Clinton and enjoying the island and the area all his life. "I love the people

and my job. When you have good leadership, that's what makes my job easier. I like seeing the smiles on people's faces when the job at hand is done well." He has a son, Brennan (5), and a daughter Victoria (11). Shawn is also a United States Army veteran.

When asked how the decision was made to offer Shawn the full-time officer's position, island Police Chief Ron Ehrbar said, "Former Mayor Quinn and I agreed that we would wait until I found the right candidate. Shawn has worked for me and with me for four years and realizing how much he loved the island, the people and the job I thought he was the right choice."

Officer Craig is the first full-time officer hired on the island for several years. *Kelleys Life* sends our heartfelt congratulations! With such a proven track record, impressive background



Police Officer Shawn M. Craig

and training, and deep roots in the area, we sincerely hope he is here for a long time.

## KI Chamber to hold Job Fair

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Job Fair at the Fairfield Inn on Milan Rd (RTs 2 & 250) on Sat., March 3. Exact hours have not been finalized but it is estimated to begin late morning and run through the day until late afternoon. Ads in local papers will announce final specifications for those wishing to apply for island jobs. The Fairfield Inn will be offering reduced rates if island employers need to stay overnight. Good luck to island businesses on finding some great summer help!

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## Columbus Day party on Kelleys

A Columbus Day party was hosted by Joe Scaletta of East Point road on Monday, October 10th. Many islanders and friends of islanders attended. They enjoyed an Italian-themed lunch, a Bocce Ball Tournament, and wood-fired pizza for dinner. Winners of the pairs Bocce Ball tournament were Lorenzo Gentile and Steve Semicek. The weather was perfect and fun was had by all.



## From the Mayor's desk...

Carol Nelson-Burns

Kyle Paine, newly elected mayor of Kelleys Island, will hold his first Village Council meeting on Sat., January 14, at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall on Division Street. Meetings are open, and attendance is welcomed.

Kyle has spent the last two months getting caught up on details and matters related to the functioning of the village, and meeting with village offi-

cers. Among the Mayor's most serious concerns is keeping Kelleys Island School going. The Village Offices' website is being reviewed and updates are planned in the coming weeks.

Appointments to vacancies or expired terms on village committees is one of his first priorities, and he is requesting that residents interested in serving on specific committees contact him directly, expressing both what committee they might like to serve on and why

they are interested—for example, what they might want to contribute or accomplish, etc. The Planning Commission is one such committee to which appointments will be made.

The Mayor has set up an office in the Village Administrative offices on Addison, and plans to be available to the public on Saturday afternoons, between 1 and 3 p.m. He also plans to be in his office on Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. Mayor Paine is looking forward to talking with members of the island community about their interests and concerns.

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Police Chief Ron Ehrbar

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If you have a home phone or cell phone that you can carry, keep it with you on your person in a pocket, if possible. You can program your phone with emergency phone numbers. Another option includes using a "buddy system" where you can partner with a friend to call you by phone daily or you call them daily to make sure that everything is okay. You can also let that person know if you are leaving the island for a trip, however long it is.

Also, know that you can always call the Police Department and we will help you make a plan so someone can check on you daily for whatever you need. A good time to discuss your options is at any of our KI group meetings or you can call me directly.

Remember that when we work or have a schedule to show up somewhere every day, we don't think about it but we automatically know someone will check on us if we don't show up. But when this isn't the case, we should all have a plan in place.

By planning ahead and taking control of our lives, we can not only avoid potentially harmful results, we can also get peace of mind for ourselves, our family and community.

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# 2012 Calendar of Events

## March

3, Sat.-KI Job Fair - Fairfield Inn, Rt. 250, Sandusky

## April

14, Sat.-Early Bird - The Village Pump  
21, Sat.-Fish Fry - Chamber of Commerce  
21, Sat.-Wine Fling - KI Wine Co.

## May

5, Sat.-Derby Day  
12, Sat.-EMS Spaghetti Dinner - Bag the Moon  
17-20, Thur./Sun.-Nest with the Birds - KIAC  
18-20, Fri./Sun. - Yoga Weekend - KI Brewery  
19, Sat.-Safety Service Day - Casino Day

## June

4, Mon.-Perch Derby - Caddy Shack Restaurant  
6, Wed.-Bike Week Dice Run - Chamber of Commerce  
9, Sat.-Spaghetti Dinner - Captain's Corner  
9, Sat.-Make a Wish Bingo Race - Dockers  
10, Sun.-5/10K Run/Walk - Chamber of Commerce  
24, Sun.-Make a Wish Horseshoe Tournament - KI Wine Co  
30, Sat.-KI/Razzles Volleyball Tournament -  
30, Sat. - North Coast Band Concert - Chamber of Commerce/KILA

## July

14, Sat. - 3 on 3 Basketball Benefit - KI Wine Co. /The Village Pump  
20-22, Fri-Sun.-Island Fest - Chamber of Commerce  
27-29, Fri-Sun. - Carnival - Chamber of Commerce

## August

4, Sat.-Make a Wish Golf Cart - Poke Run - Dockers  
4, Sat.-Art Show - KI Historical Assoc.  
5, Sun. - 18th Annual Make a wish benefit swim - Dockers  
6-7, Mon./Tues.- Kelly Miller Circus - Chamber of Commerce  
8, Wed.-Nature Camp - KIAC  
10-11, Fri./Sat.- Film fest - LaFarge  
18, Sat.-Homecoming - KILA  
25, Sat.-18th Annual Poker Run in memory of "Wishbone" EMS benefit  
- Bag the Moon

## September

1, Sat.-Island Singers - Town Hall  
2, Sun.-Glacial Glimpse - KIAC  
8, Sat.-Butterfly Fest - KIAC  
8, Sat.-Treasure Island Day - Chamber of Commerce  
10, Mon.-Perch Derby - The Casino  
14-16, Fri./Sun.-Car Show - Chamber of Commerce  
15, Sat. - Poker Run - KIAC  
16, Sun. - Doggie Brunch - KI Brewery  
22, Sat.-Feathers and Foliage - KIAC  
22, Sat.-Wine Fest - KI Wine Co.  
29, Sat.-Lobster Fest - The Village Pump

## October

6, Sat.-Oktoberfest - KI Brewery  
6, Sat.-Clam Bake - The Casino  
13, Sat.-Chili Cook-off - KI Brewery  
13, Sat.-21st Annual Pre-Thanksgiving dinner - Bag the Moon  
20, Sat.-Family Hayride - KILA  
20, Sat.-Pumpkin Carving - Bag the Moon  
20, Sat.-Octogaween - Chamber of Commerce  
27, Sat.-Kid's Costume Party and Face Painting - KI Brewery  
27, Sat.-Adult Halloween Party

## November

23, Fri.-Pot Luck - The Village Pump  
24, Sat.-Ohio State/Michigan Tailgate Party - The Village Pump

## Kelleys Island Audubon Club happenings

Judy DuShane

Here is the annual "save the dates" article from Kelleys Island Audubon Club. The year will kick off on Thurs. May 17 with a presentation on "Birding Australia" by my daughter Jann Gowans and her husband Ross from Woonona, New South Wales. Come see the colorful birds and the outback conditions of Australian birding at St. Michael's Hall. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 as do most of our monthly programs. Master Bander Tom Bartlett will be doing bird banding at Long Point on Sat. May 19 also.

The regular monthly meetings will be on the third Thurs. of the month from June through Oct. at St. Michael's Hall when weather is inclement and at the Pavilion on Addison when it is nice. Bring a dish to pass, your table-

ware and beverage or just come for the program. All are welcome.

Other special events include: Junior Nature Camp, Wed., Aug. 8; our September Nature Month activities with Glacial Glimpses on Sun., Sept. 2; monarch butterfly tagging at the Butterfly Festival on Sat., Sept. 8; Kayak Poker Paddle on Sat., Sept.15; and Fall Foliage and Feathers Festival on Sept. 22.

Members look for a renewal letter in the mail late in February and all are invited to join by sending contact information to: KIAC at P.O. Box 42, Kelleys Island OH 43438. Dues are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. You can also keep up with nature news at our website [www.kelleysislandnature.com](http://www.kelleysislandnature.com).



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**Welcome  
Nina!**

Nina Shannon Bonezzi, daughter of Christopher and Maria Grazia Bonezzi, granddaughter of Janine Bonezzi and Ron Ehrbar of Kelleys Island, and Giuseppi and Anna Sarto of Cleveland. She was born on December 17, 2011. The Island is waiting to welcome you Nina!!!

*Happy  
Birthday*

**January**

- 1-Nancy Patterson
- 8- Collin Nunn-Strassner
- 9-Nancy Patterson
- 12-Dave Mack
- 13- Erin Elfers
- 14- Jim O'Dee
- 16- Cathy Coffman
- 19- Wayne Neumann
- 20- Jean Boyd
- 23-Karen Vetovitz
- 24- Adam Elfers
- 24- Brad Newcomb
- 25-Kristan Kaszei
- 28- Frank Yako
- 31- Jeremy Gonzalez

**February**

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

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

**New editor chosen for Kelleys Life**

**Sarah Kassimer**

First I want to thank Jacquie Kranyak and John Bauswein (publisher) for this great opportunity to be the editor of Kelleys Life. My family has been coming to Kelleys for 6 generations. My great-great grandmother used to cook at The Villa which is now Camp Patmos. My great grandmother Jeanette used to work at The Village Pump. My grandfather was Tony Kuchar, who was Mayor of Kelleys Island from the late 90s until his sudden passing in 2001.

The island has played a big part in my life this far, so being able to work on the paper is exciting. A little about me: I am 29 years old, happily married for 4 1/2 years to a U.S. Marine, and we have four great children. I have an associate's degree in early childhood education, a bachelor's degree in

Psychology, and I am currently studying for my master's degree in education with a license in social work.

On any given weekend during the summer you can catch my family and I at Kelleys, either at the beach, having dinner at the Pump, and giving a high five to Gary (Finger), or watching the sunset with an ice cream cone from PAPA T's. I have many great memories from my life on the island with my grandparents and my parents and. I am looking forward to making many more with my own children.

I am going to keep up on current events and concerns for Kelleys Life and am also going to try to add some new features to the paper. I am open to any letters, comments and concerns. My email is Sarahkassimer@yahoo.com.

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## Letters to the Editor:

To the Kelleys Island community,

As both a full-time island resident and a life-long educator, I believe that an open public discussion is long overdue about the direction for and future of Estes School. The challenges and frustrations of maintaining such a unique school with diminishing numbers of students is paramount to concerned parents with vested interests in their children's education and to those island residents who faithfully attend school board meetings, often asking poignant, sometimes pointed questions about its direction, and its future. While public participation does occur within the agenda of topical reports, decisions and discussions often occur in executive sessions.

Kelleys Island School has three full-time and one part-time teacher to teach math/science, English/social studies, reading and language arts, and art; a custodian; and three part-time administrators who perform the work of principal/superintendent, guidance counselor, and curriculum supervisor. The work of a secretary and of a treasurer are contracted from North Point Service Center, to be discussed below. **This staff supports the education of just THREE students on Kelleys Island, in grades 6 through 8.** Three additional students travel each day by ferry or plane, then by ground transportation to EHOVE, a practice promoted to provide high school students with vocational skills and "socializing."

The foremost purpose for which ANY school exists is to educate the community's children in order to equip them with skills, knowledge, abilities and attitudes to enable their success in adult life. This in turn serves all of us, by providing intelligent, informed, and engaged citizens who will perform our nation's work in a global economy. I believe that board members and school staff do want this handful of students to have an education, as do the students themselves, and their parents. We share a common goal. But we have diverse views about how to reach that goal, including what is a reasonable goal, or standard, of "being educated."

An extensive article about Kelleys Island school appeared in the *Sandusky Register* (Nov. 27). It was not even mentioned at the December 8 school board meeting. In "Education Isolation," Ms. Zelm reported that Kelleys Island pays \$83,000 PER STUDENT - "the highest per-student spending in the state by far" based on ODE figures! At the time Ms. Zelm compiled information for her article, five children were enrolled at Estes and 3 attended EHOVE. On Nov. 18, two children withdrew, now increasing the per pupil cost of educating the three remaining Kelleys Island students. So what is that money being spent on?

As in other school districts, salaries make up the largest expenditure, and salaries paid the four teachers and four staff are consistent with those paid elsewhere in Ohio. Those staff, however, prepare lessons, communicate information, grade papers, and oversee the lives and work of as many as hundreds of students in a given week. Kelleys Island teachers have 1 or 2 students in their daily classes. App. \$10,000 is paid each month to North Point to handle medical insurance for teachers and staff, and for the financial services of Betty Schwiefert (school treasurer) who comes to Kelleys monthly for Board meetings, as well as for other ser-

vices contracted from North Point, for which secretarial report writing functions are now included.

In November alone, Kelleys Island School paid nearly \$10,000 in transportation costs (including ferry and limousine fees for 3 students, possibly field trips for the 3-5 students then on Kelleys, ferry fees for administrators and staff, and plane fees\*). Jefferson County ESC was paid \$2690 on Nov. 4 to provide online educational courses, in addition to the salaries paid Kelleys Island School teachers for instructing during that time. North Point Service Center received \$11,350.75 (\$10,059.75 on Nov. 11 & \$1291. on Nov. 30), their annual contract being over \$100,000. Kelleys Island "payroll" costs for the same period were app. \$26,000, and \$2700 was paid into the retirement system.

What do all these figures mean? I have no quarrel with monies spent to provide the best education for the very few students whose schooling IS our responsibility--for which the school exists. However, when costs for transporting at most 8 students (and for staff who are well paid) is nearly half of what is being spent to teach 3 of those children, I question the decision, and the priorities. The enormous financial resources available to us to provide for these few students should allow us to examine other areas of academic study and extracurricular activities we do not provide. For years, two tutors came were regular staff. What about an honors program to expand creativity and examine in-depth investigation of student-selected topics? Why not a foreign language program taught by a trained foreign language teacher, an intensive weekend/week of foreign language immersion-maybe a camp or academy during winter term that focuses on a specific project that will expand their interests, extend their career possibilities? Why not computer science, gymnastics? And why are we sending EVERY high school student to vocational training instead of offering options such as AP English, sports team, choir, band, school newspaper and similar options available at Danbury or Put-in-Bay schools? Partnering with either of those two impressive schools nearly in our own backyard would reduce money spent on transportation while expanding the real goal of schools: providing a range of study subjects taught by teachers trained and certified in the areas for which they were hired to teach, which is not currently the practice at Kelleys Island School.

I concede that not every child necessarily needs a college degree, but to send every senior high student into a vocational track is equally unfair, creating a disadvantage by restricting their options and their confidence in themselves to tackle more demanding study. These children rely on and trust their futures to us. We have an obligation to ensure that they get the very best education our financial resources can provide. Kelleys Island School has those resources, but I am not convinced that the leadership and decisions made have provided vision to the utmost benefit of our island children

Carol Nelson-Burns

\*Monthly expenditures are available at the school, as a matter of public record, and are distributed at monthly school board meetings.

## Catholics face changes

Caroline Jorski

On Sunday, November 27, all Catholics began praying with the third edition of The Roman Missal when they celebrated the First Sunday of Advent. The way they pray at Mass will stay the same, but the words will be a little different. They will celebrate the Mass as they have for more than 40 years. They will celebrate the sacraments, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Eucharist in the same way, as well as the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.

The third English translation of The Roman Missal reflects the Latin prayers more closely. Current feasts and solemnities of the saints will remain, but prayers to honor new saints from around the world have been added. Four new Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs, which have been in use since 1994, are also included. To assist parishioners and visitors with the wording changes at Mass, especially at St. Michael's on Kelleys Island, laminated Mass cards are available in the pews as well as regular missalettes.

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# A star is born!

Left: Square Dance Committee: Left to right--Caroline Jorski, Janet Killam, Tom Strickland (caller), Barb Zeller, Jim Zeller and Barb Coleman

Right: Everyone ended up joining in the fun square dancing lesson.



A Texas star that is! The first square dance held by the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA) proved to be an overwhelming success. Approximately 135 happy-stepping do-si-do-ers found their way into the Village's Town Hall on Thursday, July 28 to kick up their boots to the sound of caller, Tom Strickland. To everyone's

surprise it was the young people who took to the dance floor and got things rolling and soon others lost their inhibitions and got into the spirit of western dancing. Whether attendees knew how to square dance or not, Tom gave some quick instructions that subsequently made everyone dance like a pro. Sounds of clapping and laughter

filled the hall and a surprise, "hey, we did it" and also, "where did my partner go?" as squares became circles and circles became confused!

Through the generosity of Kelleys Landing, colorful western scarves were given to the first 75 people and ice donated by Polar Pure Distributor of Sandusky Ice cooled the refreshments

making the hot, humid night a little cooler.

The western decorations and door prizes added to the special event and people came to express their thanks for a fun time but wanted to know when the next one going to take place. Maybe KILA will make this an annual event - it sure was fun!

## Kelleys Island School News

**Phil Thiede, Superintendent**  
**Evening Open Gym**

Evening open gym for the community will be on Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 PM to 7 PM beginning January 9th. Some sort of organized sport will be played during this time. You may also choose to work out on your own using any of the exercise equipment. Come as often as possible, since the more people participating will make it more fun for everyone involved.

**Adult Art Classes**

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again FREE art classes for any adult. You may choose from two different times on Thursdays to attend these classes. The morning class is from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The afternoon class runs from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Mrs. Shoff will be instructing these art classes until the end of April. Talent not a requirement!

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**UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

- Thursday, January 12**  
1 ½ Hour Delay - School starts at 9:30 AM
- Friday, January 13**  
End of 2nd Grading Period
- Friday, February 17**  
Early Dismissal - 1 PM
- Monday, February 20**  
No school/President's Day
- Monday, February 27**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-6 PM)
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- Friday, March 16**  
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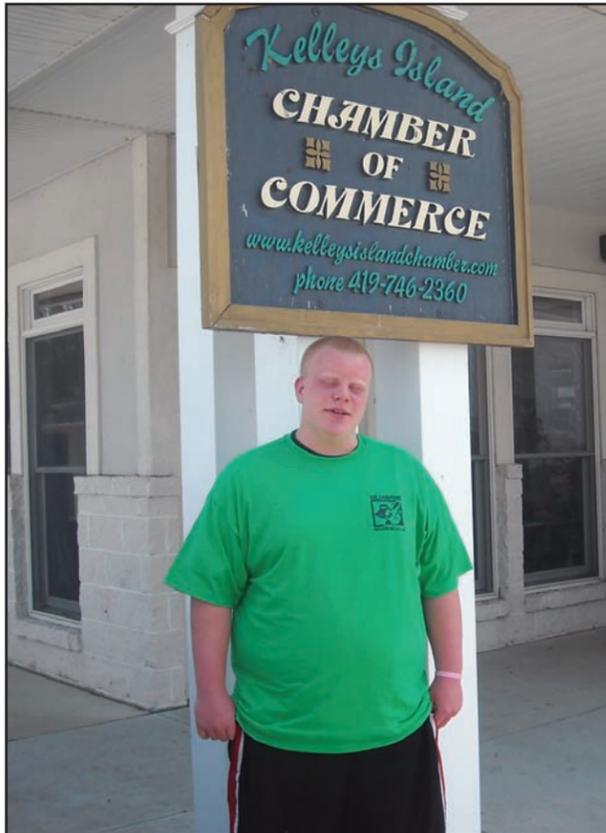
Bob Mader and Benny Elfers were part of a nice group of islanders and friends who gathered at J.T. and Donna Lovins home in early October to say their goodbyes to Jack and Rita Eaton, who had sold their West Lakeshore Drive home. The Eatons are now living full-time at their Florida home in the Keys.

Photo by Pat Hayes.



## 2011 Islandfest shirt

Last year's Islandfest tee-shirt was designed by islanders Ben Krzynowek and Bobby Coulon. Ben is shown here in the shirt.



## Community-Hancock Wood partnership erects platform

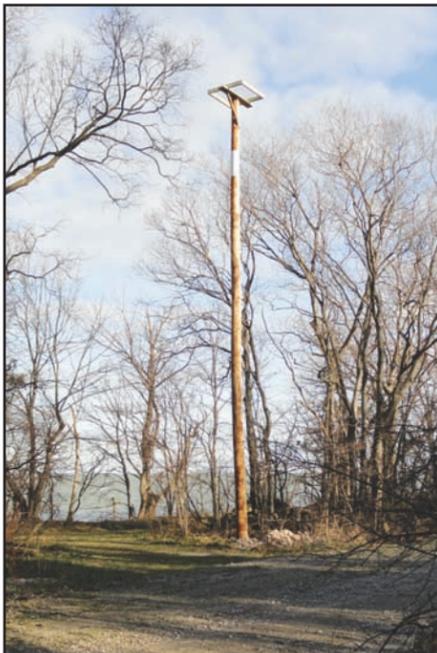
Pat Hayes

An Osprey nest platform was recently erected on Long Point. The project was born out of a partnership with Hancock Wood, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the KI Audubon. It is very exciting to have these groups working together. The pole and platform came about after writing Hancock Wood with a proposal. They made arrangements with David Kriska, head of bio-diversity for the museum. The co-op agreed to donate a pole and install it on museum property on Long Point. The museum purchased material and built the nest platform.

The co-op attached the nest platform and up she went. Mike Mielke took the pictures, the day it was done. These poles have been magnets for Osprey and have been successful in Ohio. This may be the very first one on Lake Erie. We are hoping, as they say, if we build it, they will come.

Kelleys Island is very important to migratory birds and we must help out in any small ways we can. The Osprey should start making their way north as early as March and will continue going by KI thru mid June. How neat it will be if we get one the first year.

The KI Audubon Club has developed a nearly two decades long history of building relationships with all aspects of the community-resident, business, and local, state and federal governments. Hancock Wood first



Osprey platform

helped KI Audubon many years ago by donating money for bluebird house poles that they allowed us to put up next to their electric poles. The Cleveland Museum of Natural History recently joined an island and KI Audubon effort to enhance park property donated by the Beatty family, by donating some of the museum's property to enlarge the new park.

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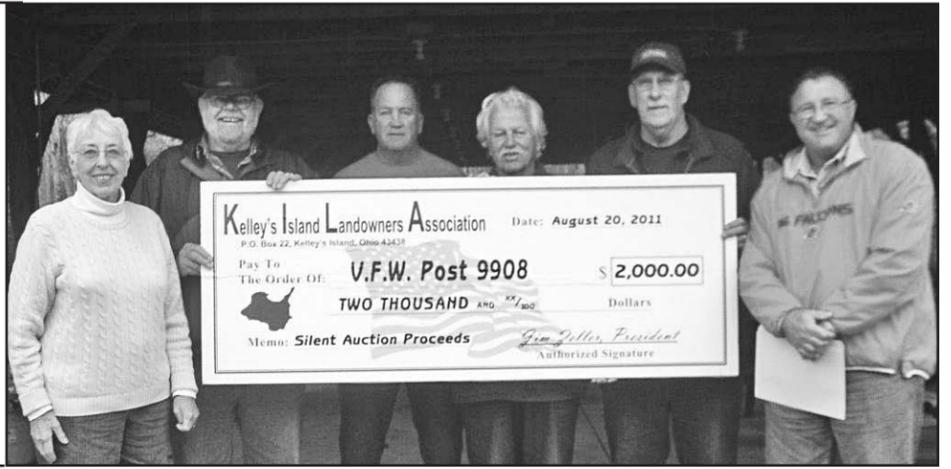
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## VFW gets "big" money from KILA

June Campbell, who managed the KI Landowners (KILA) auction at Homecoming, is shown handing over the mega-check funds raised via the auction, to VFW members Paul Finnegan, Jim Erne, Knut Lahrs, Mike Feyedelem, and Jim Zeller (President of KILA). KILA promised funds raised would go to the VFW to help alleviate their winter heating bills. All year 'round, but especially during the winter months, the Kelleys Island VFW Post 9908 is a vital community entity and gathering place. In the winter the post hosts weekly potluck dinners, senior lunches, and even a Nintendo Wii Bowling League. KILA was very pleased to have been able to help out.



## Making Financial Resolutions? Look Back at Last Year

Each new year brings the chance for a fresh start, and the opportunity to improve your financial picture. As you make financial resolutions for 2012, looking back at what happened last year can help you make some positive changes this year.

### Automate your retirement savings

In 2011: The economic slowdown took its toll on retirement savings.

In 2012: While the economy - and its impact on financial markets - may be out of your hands, you can still look for ways to increase your retirement savings. First, determine whether you're leaving any money on the table. If you participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k) or a 403(b), contribute the maximum amount you can - particularly if your employer matches some or all of your contributions.

Contributing to an employer-sponsored retirement plan can help you save more consistently. Because your contributions are deducted automatically from your salary each pay period, you won't be tempted to skip one now and then. And this year, why not

resolve to steadily increase your retirement contributions? Your employer may allow you to sign up for automatic contribution increases based on a certain schedule or triggering event (e.g., annually or whenever your pay increases).

If you're self-employed or contributing to a traditional or Roth IRA on your own, you can still automate your contributions by having money sent directly from a savings or checking account to your retirement account.

### Plan ahead for a cash crunch

In 2011: According to the Federal Reserve, use of consumer credit rose in 2011 after falling for two straight years.

In 2012: If you've reigned in your spending but are still burdened by debt, (especially credit card debt), your lack of emergency savings may be partly to blame. For example, even if you pay much more than the monthly minimum credit card payment, you'll be caught in an endless cycle of debt unless you can avoid using your credit card for new expenses. Resolve to have at least three to six month of your living expenses set aside in a liquid

account such as a saving or money market account so that you have cash on hand to pay for unexpected expenses (e.g., costly car or home repairs, large medical bills) instead of racking up new credit card debt and interest charges.

### Review your investments

In 2011: Market volatility was the norm.

In 2012: You can't control the market, but you can control your response to market volatility. Is your asset allocation still in line with your investment goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance? Is it time to rebalance your allocation in light of changing market conditions and/or your changing needs? Are you taking appropriate advantage of available investment products or offerings? Reviewing your portfolio periodically can help you stay on track.

### Check your insurance coverage

In 2011: Floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and wildfires were widespread.

In 2012: The federal government issued more disaster declarations in 2011 than in any other year on record, serving as a reminder that it's important to review your property and casu-

ality coverage to make sure you're adequately protected. Is there coverage you really should have (e.g., personal umbrella liability, renters insurance, or flood protection), but don't?

### Update your estate plan

In 2011: New estate and gift tax laws took effect.

In 2012: Your estate plan should be reviewed in light of the changes made last year to estate and gift tax laws. Certain life events, such as change in employment, family circumstances (marriages, divorces, births, illness or incapacity, and deaths), or even the valuation of your estate, may also affect your estate plan.

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## Thanks to Police Department for lesson learned

Dear Chief Ron Ehrbar,

My son stole a cap gun from a local gift store on Kelleys Island while we were camping with the scouts there last weekend. I appreciate the time and patience Officer [Shawn] Craig gave in helping and trying to allow my son to see the gravity of his offense and learn from this huge mistake. I thank the Village of Kelleys Island and the police department for having such a caring and dedicated officer. I would like to add my apology for his crime and the extra time it cost him [Officer Craig] from his Sunday. Attached is his letter. I assure you he will be facing the consequences of his crime at home and in scouts for some time as we hope to make this lesson a permanent one.

Thank you again for all your help!  
Scout's Mom  
(Name withheld by *Kelleys Life*)

Hello! I just wanted to start off by saying I'm sorry. I realize that when someone steals, it just doesn't hurt me, or the person that I've stolen from. It also hurts my Boy Scout troop, the person I stole from, my mom, dad and family members, the store owner's family, and many other people. The ways in which they are hurt are that when I stole, it set a bad example for the troop, it affects the store owner because she sells her merchandise for a living and that's how she makes her money, it affects me because I get privileges taken away from me, and it hurts my family because they can't trust me, so I have to earn their trust back. I've put shame on my troop, and I feel terrible because now I know that my friends' parents don't want me to hang out with

their sons.

Deep down inside, I know that I did something terribly wrong, and that I will forever feel guilty about it. If people continue to do to her what I did, then she won't make enough money to feed her family, and if she doesn't make enough money, she could end up losing her job.

I've also put shame on myself, because I know that I'm supposed to set the example for the younger kids in the troop. What I did wasn't a good example at all; it was an extremely bad example. I have set a bad example for my school. Also, if my High School found out, they would expel me, and I would never be able to go there again.

Lastly, it hurts my parents because they have to live with what people say about me. They have to hear people say and talk about what I do. They don't want to have to hear people say all sorts of things that are bad about me. They don't want to hear people talk about me stealing. They also don't want their only son to get thrown out of school, and go to jail. I've put shame on my parents. I have also sinned against God, as He stated in the Ten Commandments that nobody should steal. I also should've stopped the other scout from stealing. Since I'm the older one, it is my duty to stop the younger ones from getting into trouble. I feel terrible for letting him do that. I'm very sorry, and I promise that it won't ever happen again, both there at Kelly's Island, and back here, where I live.

Sincerely,  
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## Keeping safe

### Carol Nelson-Burns

Following the near-tragic accident involving a special friend on the island, we have been forced to rethink our own habits, the regularity of our daily goings and comings, and our mindsets can leave us vulnerable and lackadaisical. The prevailing interest-concern, and fear-is, how could this have been avoided? No one wants to think too hard, too close about what might, would or could have happened had some of us not made very simple choices that day, the day that we, finally, realized our friend was in trouble.

Hindsight is always 20/20. To their credit, our respected police chief Ron Ehrbar and our now-full-time officer Shawn Craig met with a gathering of

senior island residents at our twice-weekly lunches, to get our input and ask for our suggestions about ways to assist us to maintain safety within the privacy of our own homes, without intruding on that privacy so many value. Balancing "safety" against "privacy" is no small task. The KI Police Dept.'s Senior Watch Program was born out of this meeting.

**Important reminders:** Everyone should have at least one current, useable house key given to a trusted friend or neighbor, and notify the police as to who has that key if emergency access is needed. Secondly, we must each be responsible for ensuring that emergency personnel can actually get into our homes in the event that we need

their assistance. Keys only work if someone can get to the door that the key unlocks! Which door the spare key opens needs to be made known, and access to that door-by not locking a storm door, etc., and by not obstructing the most useful route for emergency personnel to get in and out-and get YOU-out of the house needs to be kept clear.

Phyllis Humphrey points out that another aid for emergency response: prepare a list of medications you take and where the medications are located, including the names and numbers of emergency contacts such as your family physician. Residents in some areas have been urged to place that list on their refrigerators, because fridges are common fixtures in every home.

Other ideas have been discussed, including the use of a light system by which a resident turns an outside light on each morning and if it is still lit by afternoon, then a police officer will stop at the house to make sure everything and everyone is ok. Some communities ask residents who live alone, especially the elderly, to place a series of placards in their windows each day, as a signal that the person is out of bed and functioning that day. Phone calls to designated buddies or from the police are other ideas.

Let's let this moment not pass too quickly without each of us taking some positive, precautionary action, and putting in place measures that will facilitate our personal safety.

## Serving Our Seniors - Taking On Financial Elder Abuse

Serving Our Seniors has provided the leadership for Erie County to have a coalition of human service professionals -- prosecuting attorneys, police officers, advocates from Serving Our Seniors, a case worker from Adult Protective Services, the Alzheimer's Association - NW Ohio Chapter, a private practice attorney and members of her staff (just to name a few) - who are working to respond to reports of financial exploitation again people of older age.

With more people age 80+ - especially those who have a "nest egg" - experts in the field of elder abuse warn that financial elder abuse is on the increase. The first step in guarding against being victim of financial elder abuse (aka financial exploitation) is to recognize it when you see it. According to the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, financial elder abuse spans a broad spectrum of behaviors and results in the following types conduct:

- Taking money or property
- Forging an older person's signature
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## Kelleys Island Senior Watch Program

According to the latest census statistics, more than 15% of the US population is age 65 or older. That is 40 million Americans. By the year 2013 this figure will be at 45 million Americans. Kelleys Island, Erie County, OH is no stranger to the elderly population. In fact, its sizable elderly population has sparked a need for this program that is devoted specifically to its residents.

Individuals can sign up for the programs by filling out an application. The application can be obtained by

stopping by the Kelleys Island Police Department. It asks for pertinent information and requests the individual to choose which program they would like to be enrolled in. The least intrusive programs are the "check-in" and "elderly call" and the most comprehensive is the "senior watch".

The "check-in" program is where senior citizens who may live alone, have the opportunity to become part of our call in program. They decide on a day and time that they will call in or check in with the police department.

If a call is missed then an officer will call them or stop over to see if everything is ok.

The "elderly call" program is where the senior citizen is part of our elderly call list. On designated days and times usually Mondays at 10:00 am the police department will call the individuals homes to check on their welfare. Again, if no contact is made, an officer will be sent to the home to check on their welfare.

The "senior watch" program is for seniors who may need our help more

than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or provide assistance. The police department would visit the individual once a week or more to check on their welfare.

Once the application is forwarded to the police department, it would be entered in our database and a schedule would be set for the individual based on the program selected.

## Obituaries



**Steve Turner**, 67, of Grove City, OH, and fulltime KI resident from 1999 to 2009, died on November 10, 2011 at Mount Carmel West Hospital in Columbus. He is survived by his wife of 41 years,

Carole, and sons Ben and partner David of PA, Doug and wife Emily of OH, and Dan of OH. Steve graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1968 and worked for many years as a shipyard engineer in Pennsylvania and Louisiana before joining the engineering faculty of Jefferson Technical College in Steubenville where he taught for over twenty years. He earned a graduate degree from the Franciscan University.

When he retired, he and Carole moved to KI where Steve designed and built their home on Harbor Lane. Steve volunteered at the library and served on the Water Board. He enjoyed working with his hands, and many homes and businesses on KI reflect his many skills.

Before moving to the island he was a very active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and local food pantries. Memorial donations can be made to Habitat, a food pantry, or a charity of the donor's choosing.

**Margery Elizabeth (Conkle) Lindecamp**, 94, May 21, 1917 - December 17, 2011, of Milan, OH. Born to William Everet and Irma (Dodge) Conkle, her parents moved to Medina, OH when she was two months old. Margery graduated from Medina High School in 1935 and Kent State University in 1939.

She began teaching business education at Lodi High School in 1939 and it was there that she met her future husband, Charles J. Lindecamp, who was also a teacher at Lodi High School. They were married on Sept. 5, 1943.

Margery moved to Milan in 1946 when her husband was employed to teach at Milan High School. After ten years and two children, she returned to teaching at Milan High School, and later at Edison High School for another 22 years. She was an active member of the Milan Presbyterian Church and the

Presbyterian Women's Assoc., the Milan Research Club, the Ohio Retired Teachers Assoc., and was a seventy year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Charles J. Lindecamp; one son, Charles W. (Shelly) Lindecamp, of Milan; daughter, Louise (Douglas) Weiss, of Los Alamos, NM; grandson, Douglas (Holly) Weiss, of Los Alamos; granddaughter, Heather Lindecamp of Dublin, OH, and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, William Conkle, and Robert Conkle; granddaughter, Lori Lindecamp, and an aunt, Mira Horsburg.

The Lindecamps had life-long ties to Kelleys Island. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lori Lindecamp Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship Fund awarded at Edison High School in Milan, OH.

**Chris R. "Capt. Chris" Bradford**, 57, of Marblehead, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, on Catawba Island. He was born Sept. 18, 1954, in Defiance, Ohio, son of Charles R. and

Mary Bradford. He married Kelly Biafore in 2008 and she survives. Capt. Chris was a ferry boat captain for the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line. He was also a tool and die maker.

He enjoyed boating and being on the water and loved a good northeaster.

Surviving are his wife Kelly; daughters, Jennifer (Bill) Young of Oak Harbor and Meghann (Mike Hug) Bradford of Port Clinton; mother Mary (Denny) Clay of Palmetto, Fla.; stepson Lenny Benyak of Oak Harbor; stepdaughters, Christene Benyak of Rockhill, S.C., and Sarah Lange of Marblehead; grandchildren, Aaron Lee, Sydney, Caleb and William; stepgranddaughter Taytum; brother Ricky (Sue) Bradford of Defiance, Ohio; and sisters, Kathy (Terry) Davis of Defiance and Amy (Tony) Halbgewoks of Oakwood, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father Charles R. Bradford.

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**Warming up before the big freeze**

Officer Shawn Craig took time out for a much needed break in St. Maarten recently, but he remembered to bring his Kelleys Life, just in case he got bored.



**Marissa Moody in London**

Marissa Moody is studying in London England this semester. While in Europe she is taking the opportunity to travel and see as many other places as possible. She's already been to Sweden, Wales, Italy, Paris and Iceland which was probably her favorite. She will be starting back at Toledo mid January. Marisa will be giving a talk about her learning adventure to the French and Spanish classes at Danbury High School later in January.



**Robert (aka "Bobby") Skeans to the rescue...**

Carol Nelson-Burns

The Kelleys Island EMS squad welcomes Robert ("Bobby") Skeans to their team. In November, Bobby passed the National Registry Exam for EMS Basic Certification, making him certified to provide basic emergency medical care, nationwide. He has also passed the certification exam for Ohio EMS, and had passed the volunteer firefighter certification a year ago, November 23, 2010. He is the only firefighter on the island currently who is certified in both areas (another volunteer firefighter has passed both exams but is not presently on the island.)

However, these two demanding and important community roles are not Bobby's only employment. Along with wife Nataliya, who is originally from Glazof in Russia's colder eastern regions, you will see, and have probably seen, Bobby working in as many hats as he can balance, always with an easy-going demeanor and warm, open smile.

In addition to working at The Pump and assisting newly-elected mayor Kyle Paine in his work, Bobby says with an easy laugh, "I'm also the trash man." You might have glimpsed him on one of those typically before-

sunrise runs up and down island roads, quickly collecting trash bags for Lake Disposal.

Bobby and "Tasa" have one beautiful and delightful baby, Viktoriya, now a sunny 28-month-old who gurgled and chirped in the background as Bobby calmly chatted while giving her the love and attention she (and he) adore showing one another. Bobby came to us from Brimfield, Ohio, just south of Kent.

The Island is a better-and safer-place with Bobby among its first-responding safety personnel.



Skeans family

**A winter's tale....**

According to the calendar, winter doesn't officially start until the solstice of December 21, but on an island in the middle of Lake Erie, winter's arrival is more evident from a series of events. First, the hourly ferry service of early autumn reduces to six, then, five, and then four runs a day. We are grateful for the ferry will run at all, this seasons scheduled to continue service until January 15, always weather permitting.

Weather has been quite kind thus far, with only a handful of flurries that dusted the still-warm ground as of this writing (Jan. 5), though wind-propelled wave action and fog can interfere with ferries or flights to the island, so it's always a daily weather watch for access to last-minute shopping, medical appointments, or veterinarian calls.

Winter's arrival is also marked by the long line of packed cars departing

the island, as summer seasonal residents remove perishables and load up goods needed elsewhere until the spring store. Doors are secured, water pipes drained, heating system set low, and arrangements made for "winter watch" of properties and possessions here.

Police Chief Ron Ehrbar has a compiled list of houses to check, at their owners' request, and of winter residents who may need to be checked in on. Postmaster Jean Boyd also keeps an eye on mail being collected or not, and Island Market owner Kim Watkins pays attention to who is coming in for groceries or who hasn't been around. Senior lunch has a more regular crowd, more social club of friendly faces who gather twice weekly to chatter over a hot meal and catch up on each other's much quieter lives. Elaine and her staff keep the valued library open on schedule for computer use as

well as reading and viewing selections, and the Open Gym at the school allows for indoor physical expenditures more safely than long walks along a blustery lakeshore (though some still opt for the vigor that provides).

The sounds of the island change in winter, too: the up-to-four-times-daily Griffing-operated flights are comforting sounds, ensuring that mail and mail-order items are en route, including medicine or groceries from Krogers and other north shore or worldwide providers. A siren or helicopter arouses concern, as we wonder and worry if a friend is in danger.

The priest and pastor will soon be arriving by plane rather than by ferry, and both St. Michael's and Zion are hardy hubs of weekly activity, and not just religious worship. Bible studies, community dinners, and "linger longer" brunches post service are wel-

comed moments for the interpersonal connections we crave and value. Cards, games, and the Wii Bowling league provide social connectedness, too, as to simple suppers among friends eager to chat with and see each other. A different pace with a different kind of value from the more frenetic summer life style, but still highly social in more self-directed and personal ways than the events of "The Season."

Life on Kelleys Island goes on, gently and kindly, at its own pace and with its own pleasures. Wherever you spend this winter, know that your friends and neighbors-the members of your island family-are warm, safe, and happy, keeping our precious island 'going' through the respite of winter's quiet and softer resting season.

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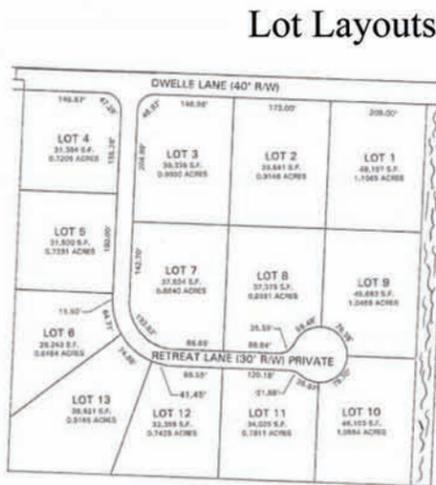
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