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The KI Grotto and statue of Mary

Kim Bolden

Did you know Kelleys Island has its very own grotto? The grotto and statue of Mary is situated toward the western end of Titus Road on the north side of the road. A small path leads to the statue of Mary, housed in a crèche, overlooking a grotto in natural rock. The statue is set back a bit from the road but is easily seen. Many pass by the area without noticing the statue and others have wondered about it. Yet many others have left mementoes ever since the statue was put in place in 1948. Rosaries, flowers, coins, obituaries, personal memorabilia, photographs, rocks, beach glass and handwritten notes are among the many items left at the grotto. "Some of the notes are heartbreaking," said Fran Minshall, the owner of the property and statue.

There is a small area where you can park your bikes, golf carts and vehicles to reflect for a moment and enjoy the quiet and beauty of the wooded area. It is especially pretty in the fall when the leaves are donning their fall colors and the solitude is most remarkable.

Fran Minshall reflected on the history of the statue of Mary. According to Fran, her sister in law, Evelyn Minshall (sister of husband William E. Minshall) successfully located a



Photo by Kim Bolden

Statue of Mary today.

medieval French Madonna and Baby statue while in France. She brought the statue back from Europe and a carpenter built a crèche. The crèche you see today is the original one and has remained in that location since 1948. The area was well maintained with numerous daffodils and ivy planted. "It was lovely, just

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Sandusky Lowes offers island deliveries

Continuing a tradition established over the past couple of years, the Sandusky Lowe's-5500 Milan Road/State Rte. 250--is offering delivery of in stock and special ordered items valued at \$299 or higher and purchased during the months of April or May-if they can be delivered in a box truck--, directly to Kelleys Island consumer homes for a fee per order delivered, please call commercial sales or Paul Franz, store manager for flat bed prices at 419-624-6000. Box truck deliveries are \$100. Consumers will need to take delivery on Thursdays, April 26, May 17, or May 30th.

These are the only delivery dates that will apply to this special offer and special reduced delivery rates.

Delivery of goods directly to Kelleys Island has long been an expensive and difficult problem for island consumers. This offer is a real boon for islanders because of Lowe's vast array of goods and products. Lowe's sells virtually everything for any business and/or home construction need. They have professional installers in roofing, siding, fencing, decking, windows, insulation, and gutters. In addition,

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Kelleys Island School: the Lake Erie Field Station at Kelleys Island: a note from your School Board

By now, we hope all interested residents have either visited the KI School website, as they were invited to in the January 16th letter to all island taxpayers, and/or have read the February 27 Sandusky Register Article: "Island offers Hands-On Summer School." If you haven't, we strongly recommend that you visit the school's site for details: <http://www.kelleys.k12.oh.us/> and read the link to the Register article.

The primary rationale for this unique Summer School is to establish KI as an academic destination that both supplements and complements our standard academic year. For this summer (2012), it will only operate in

June, with a goal to later extend it, more comprehensively, into the summer and beyond. For all island taxpayers, it's important that our island has a functional academic operation that's aligned with state regulations. For potential island development, it's important that we have a system that can easily adjust to educate our children, whether it's educating three or thirty, whether in elementary and/or high school. For the year around community, it's important that we have a functioning system, both digital and otherwise, hosting educational, physical and social activities for all ages.

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From the Mayor's desk

Mayor Kyle Paine

My first three months in office have been full of familiarizing myself with the duties of the office, brushing up on my computer skills, and becoming familiar with the procedural aspects of fulfilling the public trust as your Mayor.

Much of my time as been spent working to secure funding for many needed island projects. Replacement of the older portion of the water intake line must be one of the village's main priorities. Our current line is from the 1930s, has been repeatedly patched, and is in desperate need of replacement. I would like to hear from islanders on what their thoughts are on funding of this project. Should we do it by an assessment or wait another year, see what funding we can secure and then assess-hopefully-a much smaller amount.

One of the first projects we are attempting to secure 80/20 funding for is the repaving of Lakeshore from the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line's main dock to their secondary dock by the Brew Pub. We would then be looking for other Issue I or II grants for some of the 20%.

We are also looking at the need for additional levy money to better support the village's general fund. While I hate the thought of even a slight increase in people's taxes, and can personally understand how any increase affects one's pocket, there is a serious need to increase island revenue by at least \$80,000 a year to best serve islanders.

The current annual revenue will not be adequate to sustain annual bills after 2012. It is imperative that we not only have enough for those bills, but also have enough to set a little aside for capital improvements. We are looking at either a police levy or a general fund levy of approximately .6 to 1.25 mills. This would mean an additional \$35 PER YEAR per \$100,000 valuation.

If you have questions or would like to discuss these issues, I am available at the Municipal Building on Addison on Saturdays between 1-3 p.m. or Wednesdays between 12-1 p.m. I can also be reached via email at mayor@kelleysisland.us. If you include your phone number I'll do my best to call you back as soon as possible.

I have taken down the village website temporarily until we find someone to do it for less expense and that allows us to access it ourselves and orchestrate our own changes.

I look forward to my first summer of working as your Mayor.

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BURNT RIVER BAND	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 06 • ALL DAY
ARMSTRONG BEARCAT BAND	SATURDAY, JUNE 9 • ALL DAY
BURNT RIVER BAND	SATURDAY, JUNE 16 • ALL DAY
CRUISIN'	SUNDAY, JUNE 17 • 1PM - 5PM
ARMSTRONG BEARCAT BAND	SATURDAY, JUNE 23 • ALL DAY
CRUISIN'	SATURDAY, JUNE 30 • ALL DAY
BURNT RIVER BAND	SUNDAY, JULY 01 • 1PM - 5PM
JONAH KOSLIN	WEDNESDAY, JULY 04 • ALL DAY
ALEX BEVAN	THURSDAY, JULY 05 • ALL DAY
TED RISER	FRIDAY, JULY 06 • 2PM - 6PM
ARMSTRONG BEARCAT BAND	SATURDAY, JULY 07 • ALL DAY
CRUISIN'	SUNDAY, JULY 08 • 1PM - 5PM
BURNT RIVER BAND	SATURDAY, JULY 14 • ALL DAY
JOHAN KOSLIN	SUNDAY, JULY 15 • 1PM - 5PM
CRUISIN'	SATURDAY, JULY 21 • ALL DAY
ARMSTRONG BEARCAT BAND	SATURDAY, JULY 28 • ALL DAY
TED RISER	SUNDAY, JULY 29 • 1PM - 5PM
CRUISIN'	SATURDAY, AUGUST 04 • ALL DAY
JOHAN KOSLIN	SUNDAY, AUGUST 05 • 1PM - 5PM
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ALEX BEVAN	SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 • 1PM - 5PM
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What is new for 2012 at the Brew Pub?

Written from Ft. Myers, Florida.
Hi everyone! Spring came early this year and boats were running before the Parrot Key luncheon even took place. After having the luncheon at a beach spot for nine years, the people that weathered the traffic this year and came to see those others islanders, we all decided that we are going to move the location next year closer to I-75. That way if someone wants to travel for it, the extra hour and 1/2 from the interstate to the restaurant will not be a problem. I think if it was more convenient, more people could just stop in and enjoy a quick hello instead of having to make it an entire day, mostly

surrounded by slow moving vehicles.
Bill Gorchester won the prize for longest in traffic, with his companion Tracy. They were followed immediately by Terri and Jean Solomon. Coming all the way from Naples won't be as difficult next year for them or Julie and John Kennedy who weathered the swarms in Naples and the beach. You all get a free bite when you come in for making the trip. The Landis and the Sinkhorns were back for their ninth straight, along with Al and Nancy Matter and their friends from Sandusky. Although there were concerns of price of gas for travelers up

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Sandusky Lowes offers island deliveries

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they are suppliers of appliances, lawn and garden furniture, cabinetry for kitchens and baths, and all manner of indoor fixtures and decorating needs. Lowe's also offers a whole family of permanent, standby and portable generators and generator systems. Lowe's sales specialist Greg Fosco has arranged the special island deliveries for the past two years. "We wanted to reach out to island businesses and home owners to show them that Lowe's wants to be their main source for all their construction, yard, appliance and fixture needs," said Greg.

In addition to the deliveries, Greg is planning a special island Pizza Party on Sat., May 12, from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Caddy Shack. He would like to invite any islanders interested in meeting Lowe's Store Manager Paul Franz to come on out for the gathering. Greg Fosco will also be available for any questions regarding Centurion

Generator Installation. For further information please contact Greg Fosco at 419-624-6000, or at greg.g.fosco@store.lowes.com. Installation specialist Leroy Lentz can be reached on Lowe's cell phone 419-366-1578. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Even if you're not planning on a big home renovation or expansion, April and May's special delivery dates and the pizza party might be a great time to simply think about changing out a room's carpeting or flooring, or purchasing a new washer and dryer. A \$100 charge for delivery direct to your island door is a lower than normal delivery option (for box truck delivered items). For flat bed deliveries contact commercial sales or store manager Paul Franz. With any appliance delivery Lowe's will take away the old appliance and hook up your new appliance, except with natural gas which is not an issue on Kelleys.

Kelleys Island School

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Because of the island's seasonal economy and limited demographics, our "Field Station" will be dependent upon attracting mainland students on a fee basis, always having room for and encouraging KI resident students. To attract interested students (and families) and to dramatically differentiate us from other school districts, we're taking advantage of two situations to establish the KI Field Station "brand": (1) our unique island's ecosystem and (2) the growing popularity and success of STEM methodology (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math).

The unique ecology of our island and lake and how it can attract interested mainland students and teachers may speak for itself; however, the STEM design may need some clarification. It provides a platform for students to holistically explore and examine real world issues. It encompasses trans-disciplinary teaching and learning. Its courses and programs address real issues, are often project oriented, community related and are aligned to state educational standards and regulations. It's applied learning at its finest. This learning approach will be transitioned gradually into the entire KI School culture.

STEM also provides a network of Ohio and nationally based STEM schools and associations from which we can learn, borrow, share and train. And, further, because "field work" is often attached to STEM curricula, some of these schools may be attracted

to, not only our Field Station's assets and opportunities, but to our island in general.

This attraction will be enhanced this summer by a videographer who will be documenting the three week program, living and working with the students. His hundreds of hours of recording will be edited to critical minutes for instructional, training and marketing purposes on selected STEM web sites, as well as for a feature on Public TV late this summer. Such exposure is not only valuable for the School/Field Station, but also for our island. Besides a tourist and "get-away" location, it starts ... only starts ... to position Kelleys as an educational destination as well.

In addition to seeing cohorts of students exploring and studying the island and lake this June, all residents and island visitors will be invited to adult presentations offered one night a week by the course instructors. These are intended to educate and build awareness about program subjects, as well as the Field Station in general. Also, the Island's public will be invited to the Capstone Presentations made by students on their final day, as their final program activity. The time and place of both events will be advertised around our island prior to the activities.

Your KI Local School Board: Pete Legere, President; Kim Watkins, Vice President, Charlie Burns, Kim McNeil, Fred Walcott and Principal, Phil Thiede.

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce sponsors Welcome Back Fish Fry!

Mark your calendar for Sat., April 21, 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for the Annual Welcome Back Fish Fry. This year we will be back in the Town Hall in honor of the 125th Birthday of the Village of Kelleys Island. Look forward to Perch, fries, slaw, roll/butter, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages for only \$15. Extra perch and beer will be available for purchase.

Come back to reconnect with friends, family and neighbors. Bring

your island memories, even pictures/albums to share. It's an historic year. Join us to start the celebration. There will be raffle tickets and prizes for purchase and balloons available for the kids.

To volunteer a moment of your time or donate a tasty dessert, contact the chamber at 419-746-2360 or kelleyschamber@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

Island Singers

Shirley Crabill

Spring is busting out all over and the Island Singers are looking forward to returning to our Green Jewel in Lake Erie. Those of us who remained in the North can honestly say, Winter passed us by. We pray all of you had a healthy, happy winter and will return safely to Kelleys Island for the 2012 season. Barb Behlen, once an active Island Singer, has been recuperating from a dangerous fall early this winter. We continue to pray for her full recovery.

The Singers will resume practice on Saturday May 26th at 9 am at Zion

Community Church under the direction of that wonderfully talented Jennifer Koba. If you enjoy group singing along with just plain fun, please consider joining the Island Singers. We practice weekly and support the Island events with a final show on Labor Day weekend. If you have any questions, feel free to talk with any member of the Island Singers.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Kelleys Island Audubon Happenings

Judy DuShane

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club's 2012 programs will begin on Thurs. May 17th. with a potluck and program at St. Michael's Hall. Jann Gowans will be presenting on "Birding in Australia; Cape York and Far North Queensland." Join us as Jann recounts the exciting trip to the outback and the many exotic birds (and other species) her and husband Ross encountered. The potluck is at 6 p.m. followed by a short meeting and the program at 7p.m.. Bring your beverage and a dish to pass or just come

for the program.

The following Sat. May 19th. Tom Barlett and crew will be doing bird banding at Long Point. Come and see what is migrating through. Also take a look at the new osprey platform. This always promises to be an up close look at birds and the banding process.

Members should have received a renewal letter by now. Keep up to date on Audubon events by visiting our website at www.kelleysislandnature.com. All are welcome to attend programs and events.



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I also want to wish Good Luck to the Cosmetology group at EHOVE on taking their state boards test. The first group will go the 3rd weekend in March and the 2nd group which includes Crystal Kryznovek goes the end of April/beginning of May. The test is an all day test which starts at 8 a.m. and is both written and hands on. I wish you all the best of luck.



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The Tea-Tree Party

Pictured is Llanfoist Wharf to Brecon Beacon Long Boat venture in South Wales.



Carol Nelson-Burns

On Tuesday, March 20, the first day of spring, a very small cohort gathered to celebrate the day with a spot of tea and a few tales about-trees. The impetus of this unusual gathering was a bit of a message received from my newly-discovered, second-cousin-by-marriage, who lives outside Toronto. Brenda Wise is a story-teller by avocation-an artist in her own right, tracing her artistry to her First Nation ancestors (called "Native Americans" here in the US). Brenda's art is NOT a gathering-in-the-back-woods conjuring of dusky spirit tales, but a performance for which she has trained and practiced, as does any recognized and respected artist. She conducts workshops for groups, school and community, to entertain and enlighten, and to teach, sometimes indirectly, this ancient practice of preserving the intricacies as well as the milestones of our collective and personal heritage through the medium of inter-personal

'talk.' "Oral tradition" has gained momentum in our culture, inundated and too-often seduced, by the aura of 'data,' 'statistics,' and other quantifiable elements (e.g., facts, figures).

Our earliest historical records were, of course, passed along by word of mouth-stories of conflict, battles, and victories; of strife and success, of love and glory. Even our own biblical accounts of the heroes of the Judeo-Christian heritage were preserved first by an oral tradition, the later scribing of people and events even today studied for accuracy of what was lost in translation over the many centuries.

When I emailed Brenda a few weeks back about an upcoming trip for Charlie and me, originating from Toronto, I learned this from her:

"World Storytelling Day, a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling is celebrated every year on the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere, the first day of autumn equinox in the southern. As many peo-

ple as possible tell and listen to stories in as many languages and at as many places as possible, during the same day and night. This year the date falls on Tuesday, March 20th, of course, and the theme is "Trees."

The idea appealed to me. I read on "If you have a mind to, gather some friends around and share some tree stories. They can be tales of forests and woods, things made out of trees that hold special significance, folk and fairy tales. The rule is, and this is strict, the stories must be told by heart. No reading! This is to connect with one another in shared intimacy with the stories. Best regards, Brenda"

I talked up this idea at the VFW, Senior Lunch, and Sunday services-wherever I could get someone to listen. Most were puzzled, some curious, but I didn't get many takers! "A story about trees???" some asked. In the end, our little group was intimate but inspiring.

My good friend Phyllis told a precious story from her childhood grow-

ing up on a farm outside Clyde, where trees themselves are important to the way of life, to be nurtured and cared for, as a farm family would do to and for their livestock, their children. In the telling, I glimpsed for a moment Phyllis as a little girl, in a different world. She shared a photograph of her family's farm, where a once mere sapling had grown into a solid, arrow-straight tree reaching to the sky, in so many ways a symbol of the sturdy and honest Phyllis I have come to know and respect. Like many of us, her personal history is private, to be shared only with those she chooses, in her own time.

Jean talked about her work-action last summer as a Global Volunteer on a Blackfoot Indian Reservation, where she and her grandson cooked, dug trenches, served and carted meals-work needed by people who are part of a heritage she shares but has not been part of. She spoke of a ceremony in

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north we all agreed that we were right here two years ago and we made it through that cycle of the oil companies, too. If you have a suggestion for date and place for next year's luncheon, give me a shout at island-pj419@gmail.com

People want to know what we did all year, because we don't work. We have some new menu items this year. Along with three brewer inspired soups that will rotate, like chicken paprikash, meatball stroganoff and dill pickle, there will be some great pork kabobs and a return to your favorite sauerkraut balls as an appetizer.

The beer menu will be the favorite standards but this year we are bringing back a twist on an old favorite. In celebration of Kelleys Island's 125th birthday (July 27, 1887) Doug will be making two batches of Kelleys Gold in July, Originally American style, this year a German wheat beer, using German Heffeweisen yeast will take over the taps. It is light, fruity and can be a bit cloudy. We hope you will enjoy it during some or all of our celebrations this summer, while it lasts. Don't worry Devil fans; we are starting out the year with Anglers, Anniversary, Dawg Bizkit and Island Devil. You might have to wait a bit for the Gale Force, but they will all get their place at the taps in due time.

After the time change, it seems that we pay more attention to the moon, the stars and the outside calling us. Planning spring projects reminds us to leave behind what doesn't serve us and keep doing what makes us happy, but only if you relax and enjoy being it. It might mean that you are out pruning trees and gathering rocks for a new garden or outside bar, but it brings you joy, that is what you should be doing

with your time. Spring is also a time when children are outdoors more and the birds sing at dusk. The farmers are laying their foundations for fall harvest and transformation is around every corner.

We are gratefully looking forward to 2012 because we see a clearer vision on where Kelleys Island is going as we look at where we have been for 125 years. The Kelleys island School, Kelleys Island historical Society, Kelleys Island Land Owners, the Kelleys island Chamber and both the churches have been working hard to assimilate their visions and move forward in a cohesive way that brings positive change for a small community of diverse inhabitants. It seems that some of the divisiveness of the past is not as prevalent and that many organizations have found working together at certain times is not only efficient, but can be fun. We hope that you can join the entire Kelleys island population on June 30th in the park to celebrate our birthday in style. Details to follow from the Kelleys island Chamber.

If you don't have your ticket for the Welcome Back fish fry yet, there is still time. It will be April 21, and although the brewery will not be open that evening we will be at the Town Hall with one of our Baskets full of goodies to raffle off to one lucky ticket holder.

The brewery entertainment for the summer is diverse and built into some

fun family friendly events. Embracing the theme of Happy Birthday, our live entertainment will begin June 9-10 to celebrate the 30th Annual 10 K run. All runners with registration will get a free appetizer with their dinner. We will have the H2oDuo from Cleveland, Oh. It is a unique blend of talent that writes music about and brings awareness to local water issues. Educational material and clean water information will be available in addition to crafters and artists that want to do something about the decline in our quality water, our largest resource. Dave and John will be back for the island-wide birthday party on June 30-July 1st. After scooping ice cream in the park with the chamber, historical society and land owners co-sponsored by local favorite, Toft's Dairy, they will be serving up the music that brings over 1,000 fans to Waterfest in Cleveland OH each year. Be a part of the movement that is close to our hearts, Water.

We will be hosting one Celtic weekend, June 16-17. Back by popular demand are the Craig Brothers, Bernie and Brian McCafferty with Leslie on vocals. This year we will be bringing in Chef Chris from Cleveland to cook up some Irish specials sure to bring out the Brown Beer lover in you. Don't have a lot of time, just stop by for a piece of Baileys cheesecake or take home some Shepherd's Pie or stay for some Lamb Stew. It is going to be a

weekend full of blarney, come and enjoy it with us.

The other live performer we have this year is Chris Hatton. During the celebrations of Islandfest (July 21) and Carnival (July 27) the brewery will be having back to back birthday parties, featuring paint your own island craft for kids, face painting, hula hoops and plenty of arts and crafts for the whole family. Why not come and play some yard games and enjoy a get away from down town, and enjoy the new sound that is Chris Hatton. He uses a looping machine that helps tell a story through song that is unique and sure to entertain the whole family.

Spring brings to mind new beginnings. For us, that has always meant readying the businesses, clearing land and this year, some landscaping and trying some back gardening. While you are outside with your families this year and planning some gatherings, keep us in mind for your lake shore setting and also for your catering needs. We have many services available like food trays, desserts, salads, or complete meals. By May, you might be able to rent a keg -a nator and buy a keg from us and drink it at home for about \$3 a pint. We are working on some other services that involve small parties at the cottage, sure to be a hit. We open April 27 so come in and help us 'bless the brewery,' for another season.

Patti and Doug Muranyi

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The KI Grotto and statue of Mary

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lovely." Fran reminisced.

Fran recalled that sometime around 1970 the statue was found broken. A search of the debris resulted in her finding only the head of the child Jesus. She saved the head and today it is displayed on her fireplace along with a photograph of the original statue. A Good Samaritan, whose name is long forgotten, replaced the French Madonna and Child statue with the statue of Mary that you see today. A subsequent prank resulted in the new statue's temporary disappearance. Once the statue was located, it was promptly returned and has remained in place for over 15 years.

Take a few minutes to enjoy the solitude of Titus Road and the statue. A close look at the postcard of Titus Road will reveal the statue on the lower right hand corner peeking between the trees.

Photo Left: Fran Minshall with photo of original statue.

Photo Right: French Medieval original version of the Statue of Mary.

Photos by Kim Bolden



Lake Erie algal bloom fight begins

Aaron Noon

The Lake Erie Improvement Association is ramping up efforts to find a feasible solution to Lake Erie's algal problems. The group's members said they recently met with legislators in Washington, D.C., to discuss concerns about the lake's growing algal bloom, including the inevitable

impact the problem will have on the economy. The toxic algae is ultimately more than a health threat - it could also hurt tourism and agriculture. The improvement association recently asked Ottawa County leaders to let a sewer and water employee head a committee to determine the algae's

effects on the community and the county's sewer and water treatment processes. Ottawa County commissioner Jim Sass, who's already working with the association's government relations committee, expressed some reservations about the request. "I'm just a little bit on the fence about that,"

Sass said. "I don't know how we plan on allowing another employee to do something like that." Sass's said he's concerned about how the employee's time would be billed for heading up a sewer and water committee for the group.

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Kelleys Life out to sea!



Cap: Beth and Tim Hermes are spending some time this winter in the Abacos (outer islands of the Bahamas). Their son Johnathon and his family joined them for a week and they were all posed with a copy of Kelleys Life to send in to the paper when a gust of wind swept the paper out of granddaughter Alicia's hands and out to sea! Grandpa Tim and Alicia decided to pose anyway---from Marsh Harbor, Abacos.

Have you ever thought of becoming a Firefighter?

Jack Hostal

Many people at some stage in their life have thought of being a firefighter. It may have been as a child when you watched the fire trucks race down the road on a call, or while watching brave acts of heroism on the local news. In the United States, of the more than 1.1 million firefighters, 72% of them are volunteers. When a fire call is received, volunteer firefighters "drop" everything to respond. This could mean leaving the yard half-mowed, disappearing from dinner with the family, or telling the boss "I'll be back soon!"

Why are so many men and women volunteer firefighters in their communities? Excitement and camaraderie are two reasons. Being a volunteer firefighter is also a great way to help and protect your community, family, and friends. The residents, visitors,

and businesses on Kelleys Island are protected by volunteer firefighters from the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department. You see these volunteers all over the island, but may not realize it. They may be your neighbor, law enforcement officer, or shopkeeper. They are always "on call" and willing to help you out when their fire pager sounds!

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter and joining the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department? The State of Ohio basic firefighting training is 36 hours of classroom time, hands-on training and testing. In addition, potential firefighters must undergo a health physical, drug test, agility test, and an interview. If you are interested, please call KIVFD Fire Chief Jack Hostal at (419) 746-2788. Your island thanks you.

The Tea-Tree Party

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which she participated, drawing symbolically on elements and features of the natural world, of our mother earth, the trees protecting and protected-a ritual and spiritual connection that linked her to her ancestors, especially the grandmother she did not get to know.

I am spellbound as I listen, I set aside the book illustrating the grayish, stubby trees of the Australia outback which were to be my story, mesmerized by Jean's account, and visualizing instead the prominent memory of a canal trip up the Brecon Beacons two years ago. I selected Llanfoist Wharf, outside Abergavenny (south Wales) as the point of departure because it is recorded as my great-grandmother's birthplace, her youngest daughter (my grandmother Matilda) having later been born in Abergavenny. I've seen these villages, the farms, the land-but I was drawn to this trip into the heart of the land itself. Slowly navigating up the mountain in a race built to carry coal down to the Cardiff harbor, our

long boat was arched over by a magnificent canopy of old trees-vine entwined, gnarled and twisted limbs reaching out to touch the water, strawberry and blackberry runners dipping their tips into bracken or churning currents. Rain and fog, mist and brilliant sun-all measure of weather penetrated that umbrella of joyous trees planted by God's own hand. I celebrated that which was my grandmother's, my great-grandmother's world, this little space being the only spot on earth where I connected physically to their world, their lives, as they lived it day in and day out. These trees spanned generations, allowing me a connection I longed for.

Well, I probably went farther than the rules allowed, as we were cautioned:"Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it." (Hannah Arendt). But oh, the joy those trees evoked in me!

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**MAY ISSUE
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Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank all the EMTs, our paramedics, and police for the quick, wonderful response to Ray's recent health crisis. He was flown off by Griffing within 30 minutes of his episode

We hope all of our fellow islanders realize how lucky we are to have such

dedicated people on the island to help in an emergency.

Ray and Lori Arnold

Editor's note: It is an important job that the EMTs, paramedics and other island volunteers do to help when they are needed. Now is a great time to think about joining them and becoming a volunteer to give back to the island.

Island time capsule

Leslie Korenko

www.KelleysIslandStory.com

March 1867, from the *Islander* - "Provisions are getting scarce on the Island. 'The store' is dealing out flour by the quarter barrel, there not being enough to spare a whole barrel to anyone until the boat runs again. The schooner J. C. Post is lying at Kelley's Island laden with stone for Cleveland and waiting for the ice blockade to be raised. She started a little too early."

"The present winter is later of opening than usual. During the last five years, the earliest trip of the boat was March 17, 1862 and the latest March 31, 1866. This season we wait for April showers to call the Evening Star from her winter quarters. Should they fail, the cry of famine on the Island will bring out some iron-clad before long."

"Winter still lingers, loath to depart. We thought three weeks ago we should soon be in daily communication with the rest of the world, but here

we are, as much ice bound as during any part of the winter. We are getting out of almost everything perishable. Meat, flour and potatoes are quite scarce, and feed for stock is nearly exhausted. If the weather continues stormy and cold much longer, some valuable cattle will have to be killed to save feed and make food for man. Day has always succeeded night thus far, and it is to be hoped that pleasant weather will succeed this storm. At least, it is some consolation to think that all stormy weather has to come to an end; and the probability is that this weather will not last always."

"I think we have never seen the time when open navigation seemed so pleasant as it will this spring. We have often had navigation open late in the season, but we had made up our minds that our winter was over, and the delay is more uncomfortable to us on that account."

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Kelleys Island School goes the "extra mile"

My article this month is directed to the supportive Kelleys Island community. The residents need to know the real information and the success of our students.

In my nine years as a counselor at Kelleys Island School, we have sent nine students to B.G.S.U. Firelands College in either the state-supported Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) or the Tech Prep, which means "Technology Prepared" programs. There were two students prior to that. These programs provide the opportunity for students to strengthen and enrich their educational experiences while still in high school. Students who participate in these programs receive college credit, which also helps fulfill high school graduation requirements.

Last year our two graduates, Ty Bell and Michael Krzynowek, had twenty-four and twenty-six semester hours of credit respectively. Both are now enjoying academic success after their first semester in college.

As you can see, not all students do go to EHOVE, our vocational school. The students who do attend, by their

own choice, do so with an informed background. As eighth graders, they tour EHOVE to see what the school has to offer. Before they are sophomores they are tested and counseled on career choices. They spend an entire day during their sophomore year investigating programs of their own choosing. This is followed by a parent open house and a career shadowing day. When they do make a decision to attend EHOVE and pursue a program, it is based on all the above-mentioned information and experiences.

After having spent thirty-five years at Danbury High School, I concur with the opinion that Danbury and Put-in-Bay are impressive schools. Both schools have excellent staff, supportive communities, and great opportunities for students. But...guess what? So does Kelleys Island School. Our staff, past and current, go the extra mile to provide quality programs for our students. Yes, we are limited in extracurricular activities, but it is hard to field a sports team or band with three students on the island.

Our current Board of Education has also gone the extra mile in trying to

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March

- 4-Cory Vetovitz
- 5- Josie Franks
- 12- Tracy Quillen
- 13- Gary Finger
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- 30- Gordon Elfers
- 30- Christian Leckler

April

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- 7-Sean Vetovitz
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- 8 - Chip Schmidt
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- 10- Robby Zettler
- 11-Caroline Jorski
- 12- Mikey Krafty
- 12-Michael Savulak
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- 18-Kate Vetovitz
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- 20- Barb Schnittker
- 22- Vi Feyedelem
- 22- Barb Shadle
- 26- Billy Minshall
- 29-Libby Patterson
- 30- Mallory Coulon
- 30- Mark Kassimer

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.

come up with creative ideas to attract students and families to Kelleys Island. I would encourage all residents of Kelleys Island to check our Kelleys Island School web page to learn more facts and information about the school and the unique opportunities our students have.

Respectfully,
Dave Slosser,
Kelleys Island School Counselor

Marblehead Summerfest 2012

Marblehead, Ohio - St. Joseph Church Choir will be hosting Marblehead Summerfest in James Park, Marblehead on July 6, 7, and 8. Marblehead Summerfest is a new parish event replacing the Parish Fall Festival that has been held in the Parish Hall in September.

Marblehead Summerfest developed because of the positive response to the Parish Fall Festival. The Parish Fall Festival consisted of carnival

style games, food and live music.

The newly developed Marblehead Summerfest will consist of carnival rides, carnival games, vendors, bake sale and more. Bar-B-Que Traveler will be preparing BBQ chicken and BBQ Ribs. Other foods will include summer time favorites such as funnel cakes, hand-dipped corn dogs, cotton candy, taffy and more. There will be a beer tent and live music overlooking the park.

Summerfest will serve the wider Marblehead Peninsula Community and surrounding areas.

St. Joseph Church Choir has been very grateful to the support it has received over the past several years. Although a portion of the funds raised by the choir is used to help with future choir pilgrimages, the choir has and still contributes many funds back to the community by helping various groups, as well as helping many fami-

lies with children who were diagnosed with serious illness.

Chairperson for the Marblehead Summerfest Committee is Dennis Printy.

For more information including vendor applications or becoming a volunteer, please contact Linda at 419-734-6131 or email the committee at: marbleheadsummerfest@yahoo.com.

Kelleys Life all around the world



Above: Sandy and JoAnn Black are shown above with their *Kelleys Life* at Machu Picchu Peru from a trip they made there in February



Left: English Dave sent us his photo without his *Kelleys Life*, but with his Kelleys Island t-shirt on.

EMS news-be safe at home!

Following a quiet winter, the volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS are preparing for the warm months ahead. The new National Standards and protocols have been implemented and four volunteer EMTs completed the required refresher training here on the island. There were several opportunities for the EMTs to attend various continuing education conferences and seminars, enabling them to keep current on the latest treatments and equipment needed to provide help in an emergency. Robert "Bobby" Skeans completed his National Registry Exam and has been added to the personnel for KIEMS.

As part of the on-going Injury Prevention Education that is provided by all EMS personnel we would like to provide information to protect older

adults from falls. Falls are not a normal activity of aging, most can be prevented. Believing the common myth that staying at home can protect me from falls is not true. Over half of all falls happen at home. There are simple and inexpensive fixes to help in limiting or preventing falls, these include removing throw rugs and clutter, improving lighting, installing grab rails in bathrooms, and non-slip paint on stairs. Exercise to restore strength and flexibility. Using a cane or walker can help you to maintain or improve mobility. Staying active will help improve strength and range of motion.

Stay Safe,
Sharon A. Devine,
EMS Manager, Kelleys Island

Passover Celebration at St. Michael's Hall

Caroline Jorski

On Wednesday, April 4 a Passover Seder meal will be held at St. Michael's Hall at 4:30 p.m. Passover is the oldest festival of the Hebrew liturgical calendar. It has been observed by Jewish people for more than three thousand years. It occurs when spring comes to the land of Israel, begun in memory of the original Passover in Egypt. It is a time of renewal. Christians of all faiths have come to celebrate this festival as a remembrance of the past and hope for our future. Songs and games bring joy to

all who participate. It is a time for inner freedom of commitment and a total experience of faith.

All are welcome to join in this celebration and share a Jewish meal together. This celebration occurs the day before the solemn feast of Holy Thursday. If you are interested in attending this celebration meal with your family, contact Carol Dodson to make your reservation at 419-746-2439. There is no charge to participate. Deadline is Mon., April 2.

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The journey of a life-time: Rev. Robert (Pastor Bob) May

Carol Nelson-Burns

Rev. Robert ("Pastor Bob") May has completed yet another milestone: a Course of Study from the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. All who know and love him regard Pastor Bob as an island institution, a pastor emeritus -not a real title but the accolades bestowed by such a title are indeed his.

It was a challenge to complete such a seminary program, while serving a congregation as its spiritual leader placed huge demands on Pastor Bob's time, family life, and personal resources. While wearing the many hats of spiritual guide he is expected to balance the other demands of his professors, reading dense books with weighty topics, producing long papers, and returning to campus classrooms and dorm life, all of which is required by that journey towards "graduation."

And all that in a life-stage of second career, or third in Pastor Bob's case, given the many other dimensions and commitments he undertook during his seven-year commitment to Zion, and to Kelleys. Commuting from

his home in Perrysburg each Friday night, honoring his wife Nancy's own career and work schedule there, with their children (and grandchildren) residing in Hawaii, the fact that Bob even considered the challenge of a course of study for the ministry was itself a testimony to his will, to his calling, and to his answer to it.

As in many other religions, fewer and fewer young adults are answering the call that in past centuries trained the young for life-time career in the church. Today, adults often retired from their former careers, are entering the ministry. So it was with Bob.

When all clergy under the age of 30 were asked to stand in Hoover's huge auditorium at the annual conference in Lakeside, fewer than 50 arose. It communicated visibly what was dubbed "the graying of the clergy," as so many are middle-aged or senior citizens.



Pastor Ginny and Bob May from the recent event at which his course completion was announced.

Writing essays and sitting through esoteric lectures, commuting from Perrysburg to Delaware for weekend-long campus life several times a year - that takes commitment, stamina

both physical and mental, and a strong spirit to keep saying, "Yeah, Lord - I hear you- and I will keep on coming." And Bob May did just that. I

remember Sunday afternoon ferries off the island (especially one December when it took 3 efforts to break through the ice!) when Bob would talk casually about the upcoming work at seminary, and how difficult it was to keep that pace. His life - the life of a part-time student and work-in-progress-preacher required his engagement at home, on the island, as well as on campus. And Pastor Bob was a feature of our life on Kelleys: pot lucks, Christmas parties, senior lunches - and the Island Singers.

When Rev. May announced his calling to another church nearer his home, Zion's congregation gasped, stunned, many in tears of disbelief. It was just incomprehensible that this man who had become so intricately, intimately involved in our community could leave it. And of course he hasn't, really.

Bob May conducted Memorial Services held at Zion for Edna Carroll and Toni Mullins. He attended the graduation reception of Marlana Mielke (Bob Coulon's granddaughter) and has appeared at Island Singer events in the four years since he left. On July 7, he will participate in the committal service of Catherine Lange and "exchange pulpits" with Pastor Ginny August 19.

So it is no surprise that this accolade - the conclusion of a course of study that took a decade on a part-time schedule - touches all of us here in Kelleys with joy and pride. We share in his moment of success, his culmination of a long and challenging journey, with all the love that a family feels and expresses to its own sons, brothers, uncles, and fathers. Pastor May became our spiritual mentor and friend -and he will be here, in that way - in the heart of our community - forever. Congratulations from your loyal flock, and your fellow "travelers."

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Spring has sprung (early)

Showing off the glory of her season, spring left her footsteps in the form of beautiful yellow forsythias that line the yard of Ed and Caroline Jorski on Division Street. Visitors and islanders alike brought their cameras to capture nature's display of the early blooms. The forsythias are called "home" to the many little birds that have been returning to the island. Welcome, spring, it's good to have you back!

Public Input Meetings

Erie County, Ohio

Erie MetroParks has created a draft Strategic Plan to establish goals and outline projects to enhance the park system over the next 4 years.

A strategic plan aids in determining goals of an organization for the future, how it's going to attain those goals and how to measure the success of reaching the goals. Erie MetroParks is inviting the public to attend and comment on their draft Strategic Plan during a public meeting. Erie MetroParks would like to invite anyone who is interested in the park system and where it is going. Please come to discuss any ideas or thoughts you may have!

The meeting will be March 28th from 6pm-8pm. It will be located at Osborn MetroPark, in the Frost Center Erie Room.

Copies of the draft plan will be

available to attendees at the public input meeting.

About Erie MetroParks - Erie Metro Parks was established in 1968 starting with Osborn MetroPark. Currently, Erie MetroParks has grown to include 13 parks or preserves. Many of the properties managed by the park district are maintained in their natural state in keeping with the role assigned by the Ohio Revised Code. Areas used for active recreation are designed to have minimal impact on the natural environment. Educational programs are offered year round for all ages. Each park is unique and allows for a variety of activities for people of all ages. To learn more about Erie MetroParks, visit eriemetroparks.com or call (419)625-7783.



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- Stay indoors on dry windy days-the best time to go outside is after a good rain, which helps clear pollen from the air.
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Kelleys Life in Boca

Lori and Pat Hayes always remember to bring their Kelleys Life to their winter home in Boca Raton. Shown with them are (from l-r) Watana, fellow islander Judy DuShane, and Lori's sister Stacy DeBoard.



Kelleys Life in Ireland

Pat Seeholzer and Deanna Allensworth took an incredible trip over to Ireland last year and remembered to bring along their Kelleys Life. This was taken at the Giant's Causeway on Ireland's North Coast.



Four Money Mistakes You Might Be Making

Three years after the economic crisis led many Americans to re-evaluate their financial picture, economic uncertainty is still the norm. While there's little you can do about the shaky economy, you can help stabilize your own finances over the long term by evaluating what you're doing right...and wrong. There's no guarantee, but avoiding these four money mistakes may help you survive and ultimately thrive in any turbulent economy.

Mistake 1: Jumping on the bandwagon

Are you letting economic news - good or bad - control your financial decisions? For example, are you selling gold because you've heard that prices are at record highs or buying real estate because you've heard that prices are at record lows? Have you decided to pull most of your money out of the stock market because you've seen headlines warning of a possible financial crisis?

Unless you're basing your decisions on your own needs and circumstances rather than on the opinions or actions of others, you can't be sure you're doing what's right for you. Instead of jumping on the bandwagon, take a proactive, rather than a reactive, approach to your finances, no matter what economic news you're hearing or what other investors are doing. Revisit your tolerance for risk and your own financial goals, and try to prepare yourself for a variety of scenarios. Avoid basing money decisions on emotion, or you may find yourself facing unanticipated consequences down the road.

Mistake 2: Only saving what's left over

Do you continue to worry that you're not saving enough? Do you routinely rely on credit rather than cash to pay for the things you want or need? Rather than blame your financial inertia on your income, look a bit deeper,

because the real culprit may be the lack of financial priorities. If you don't know exactly how you're spending your money and you haven't set financial goals, it's unlikely that you'll see much financial progress.

Go back to basics by preparing (or reviewing) your budget. If you tend to save only what you have left over every month, you can put yourself on a more disciplined course by having a fixed amount taken out of your paycheck automatically for retirement. Or, you can set up automatic transfers from your checking account to a savings or investment account.

Mistake 3: Not having an emergency fund

One lesson that you may have learned over the past few years is that the job market isn't stable. That's a major reason why one of your savings priorities should be an emergency fund. While it isn't glamorous, this underappreciated workhorse really pulls its weight during hard times. Having cash on hand that you can use for an unexpected expense, or to pay bills if you lose your job, is vital because it can help you avoid having to rely on credit or tap your retirement savings. If you don't have emergency savings to fall back on, a minor money

shortfall can quickly turn into a major cash crisis.

Mistake 4: Not asking for help

Even if your finances are in good shape right now, you may be overdue for a checkup. Reviewing your finances is especially important during periods of volatility because it can help reveal potential strengths and weaknesses, and identify changes you might need to make to adjust to the current economic climate. And if you're already in financial trouble, don't let fear or shame prevent you from asking for help. Facing financial problems early may help you make a full recovery. Many creditors are willing to work with you, but this may be much easier while your credit is still good, and while you still have time to turn things around.

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Keep food safe during a power outage

Submitted by Tom Konecny, Hancock-Wood

We've all been there: a summer storm rolls through, toppling trees and damaging power lines. The lights go out. And although it may only be a matter of minutes or hours before Hancock-Wood gets things up and running again, thawing food in the refrigerator and freezer can make that relatively short time seem like an eternity.

It's important to keep cold food safe during a power outage, and a little advanced preparation and know-how can keep your family safe from food-borne bacteria. First and foremost, keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature: if unopened, a refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about four hours; a full freezer will do so for about 48 hours (24 hours if it's half-full).

A sure-fire way to know if food is safe is to monitor its temperature. Meat, poultry, fish, and eggs should be refrigerated at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and frozen food at or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. If the power goes out, a digital, dial, or instant-read food thermometer and appliance thermometers will help you know if the food remains at safe temperatures.

If the power stays out for a prolonged period, there are a few ways to aid your refrigerator and freezer in the fight to keep things cold. The simplest tip is to keep your freezer full. If it's not full, group items close together to pre-

serve the cold.

Dry ice can help keep freezers chilly: find it by scanning for "ice" or "carbon dioxide" in the phone book. It will take 25 pounds or so to keep a full, 10-cubic foot freezer safe for three to four days. Fifty pounds of dry ice should hold an 18-cubic foot full freezer for two days. Wear heavy-duty gloves or use tongs when handling dry ice-the temperature of dry ice is -216 degrees Fahrenheit-and separate it from food with cardboard to prevent freezer burn.

During cold months, it may be tempting to store food outside. Although this may work for cold drinks, food can spoil in direct sunlight. Curious animals may also take advantage of an outside stash.

Rather than putting the food outside, consider taking advantage of the cold temperatures by making ice. Fill buckets, empty milk cartons, or cans with water and leave them outside to freeze. Then transfer the homemade ice to your refrigerator, freezer, or coolers.

Power back on? Make sure your food is still safe by either checking its temperature or looking for ice crystals. If frozen food is 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below or ice crystals are visible, it's safe to refreeze. Discard any perishable refrigerated food (meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) that have been above 40 degrees for 2 hours.



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A Day in the Life of a Kelleys Island School student....

As described by Gage Peterson to Carol Nelson-Burns

It's a mild winter, so a short bike ride or brisk walk might suffice for Gage commuting the short distance to Estes School where he'll join two school-mates for homeroom and the opening-day routine at 7:45. If he's a minute or two late, he'll be marked tardy at this 100-year old school sitting on the island's highest inland point.

The three boys-Lane and Gage in 8th grade and Collin in 6th-separate into three homerooms where they greet their teachers and chat quietly for 15-minutes, then take turns leading the Pledge of Allegiance from the office loud speaker.

For Gage, the day begins with an hour-long period of English. He and his teacher Jude Lill just finished a unit on poetry, which Gage especially liked. At the beginning of class he'll spend 15

minutes writing a creative piece inspired by whatever prompt Mr. Lill has written on the smart board that day, then they'll spend the rest of the time taking turns reading aloud from the book currently studied. For homework, he's likely to get some questions asking about characters or events in the book. On some occasions they will work on phonics or other grammar-type writing skills.

Meanwhile, classmate Lane is studying math with Mrs. Spayd, while Collin receives instruction from Miss Leary in the K-6 curriculum for the morning.

At 9 a.m., Gage goes to Mrs. Spayd's classroom where they read and discuss Algebra, using computer-based information from the Virtual Learning Academy, while Lane goes to Mr. Lill

for English. At 10 a.m., Gage and Lane study social studies with Mr. Lill, copying extensive notes that Mr. Lill has prepared for them, and discussing the events that the notes report. Gage especially likes the debates that emerge as Mr. Lill plays "devil's advocate" about decisions and the thinking related to historical action.

Lunch begins at 11 a.m. for the 8th graders, and one of the three part-time administrators join them to supervise and interact with them while they eat. The typical 30 minute lunch period has been extended another 15 minutes in order to allow interaction time with Collin. After lunch, there is a study hall session until 12:30 on Mondays which allows Gage to get all his homework done so he usually doesn't

need to carry his books home. But this year, the board approved getting the textbooks on line just in case someone forgets to carry his books home. On Tuesdays, study hall consumes the whole last period which would normally be spent in Mr. Lill's room.

Study hall is followed by an hour of science with Mrs. Spayd, and the last period of the day is gym with Mr. Lill. On Thursdays the period directly after lunch is Art with Mrs. Shoff, who flies to the island every Thursday morning.

The period lasts for 90 minutes and it includes Collin, Layne, and Gage. They work on things such as sketching and Batik, painting with wax and dye. After the students leave, Mrs. Shoff hosts adult art classes where the whole

community can come together and enjoy themselves. After art, the boys have an hour of science and a half an hour of study hall.

And on a blustery day recently, the "student body" bundled up, on foot, on a walking trip of the island with Mrs. Spayd and Miss Leary, a sort of "in your backyard" field trip of the island, expending teenage boy energy.

As the school day finishes, the boys walk, ride, or are picked up by their parents or family friends. Living in so small a community might be a challenge

to teens whose teachers are so accessible to their parents (the cliché is that if someone sneezes on one side of the island, someone on the other side says, "God Bless You"), but of course the sneeze might grow into something else, as rumor and its embellishment can circulate at lightning speed around the Post Office, the VFW, the Island Market, or other natural gathering spots. These boys manage a safe and healthy community life in their "tea cup" existence.



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Career tech works for Dirty Jobs' Mike Rowe

Skilled labor is vital to America's economy, but there just aren't enough trained workers. Careers as welders, construction workers, electricians, plumbers, mechanics, machinists, and many other types of skilled laborers can be rewarding, respectable and well-paying jobs. EHOVE Career Center offers training in a variety of careers in these skilled trades to local high school students and adults. Most of us grew up knowing it as vocational education, but the new term is career tech education. Many are surprised at the significant incorporation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) into career tech education, and that today's career tech students (including those at EHOVE) must meet the same academic requirements as all high school students. Beyond their skill training, EHOVE students are given the opportunity to take challenging academic classes in a customized and relevant curriculum to prepare them for a specific career and/or college. Mike Rowe, best known for his filthy adventures as the host of Discovery Channel's Dirty Jobs, knows what works. He's a regular guy. Likeable, relatable and somewhat skilled when it comes to manual labor. He knows what it's like to work, but also to work hard, and feel the satisfaction of that at the end day. Rowe has taken a public stand to shine a light on the widening skills gap in America's workforce. Earlier this year, he spoke to the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee about the need for change in America's workforce to promote skilled trades as desirable jobs. Rowe's compelling, convincing and sometimes humorous message can be seen in a video at

www.mikeroweworks.com.

"In a hundred different ways, I think we've slowly marginalized an entire category of critical professions, reshaping our expectations of a good job into something that no longer looks like work," said Rowe, referring to skilled trades in the video. "A few years from now, an hour with a good plumber, if you can find one, is going to cost more than an hour with a good psychiatrist, at which point we'll all probably be in need of both." He has also started a foundation to support skilled trades, challenge the definition of a "good job", and change our thinking that trade schools and skilled labor are nothing more than "alternatives" to "higher education." According to his website, monies raised will be disbursed to existing initiatives and organizations, including scholarship funds, trade schools and community colleges. "Closing the skills gap doesn't just benefit future tradesmen and the companies who are desperate to hire them," said Rowe in the video. "It benefits people like me and anyone else who shares my addiction to paved roads, reliable bridges, heating, air conditioning, and of course, indoor plumbing. Something for all of us to consider, perhaps during the next bathroom break." Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) recently acknowledged Rowe for his public support of career tech education, skilled trades and skilled workers with the 2011 ACTE Image Award. Rowe responded with a video acceptance speech and thank you that can be seen at www.Facebook.com/OhioACTE. Visitors are encouraged to like the page to see what's happening in career education at EHOVE and throughout Ohio.



Kelleys Life visits Boca Grande Island

Mary Ellen Huntley, Jean Kuyoth, John Kuyoth, Don Huntley visited South Beach Restaurant on Boca Grande Island in Florida recently. They remembered to bring their *Kelleys Life* along. Note the miles to KI noted on the mileage sign. Photo taken courtesy of Mike Bartus, Buffalo, NY.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Virginia M Park, Pastor, Zion Community Church

As I write this article it is mid-March and we are in the middle of the season of Lent. Soon Holy Week will begin with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 1 and then will encompass Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) on April 5 and Good Friday on April 6.

Good Friday. Isn't that a strange name for the day when we remember the crucifixion (death on a cross) of our Lord Jesus? How could anyone refer to that day as "good"? It wasn't a good day. It was a horrible day. Yet, if Jesus had not died in that shame-filled, humiliating and public manner there surely would have been those skeptics and scoffers who would have claimed that he hadn't died at all. And if he had not died then there could have been no miraculous rising from death. Yes, the earthly death of Jesus - on that first Good Friday - was necessary to show folks back then (and now) that he had indeed died and then arisen on the day of Resurrection. That's the wonderful

day we will soon celebrate.

In the English language this day of resurrection is called "Easter" and the date of Easter is based on the Old Testament Passover of the Jews. Easter falls the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. That means the day can vary anywhere from March 22 to April 25. In 2012 this occurs quite near the middle of that time period and Easter is on April 8.

Before we come to Holy Week and Easter, however, we "prepare" for those momentous occasions with forty days during a period that the early church called Lent. These forty days are counted slightly differently in various denominations. Generally we think of Lent as starting on Ash Wednesday and extending about six weeks to Easter. Sundays are usually not counted as part of the forty days and in some denominations Lent ends on Holy Thursday rather than on Easter.

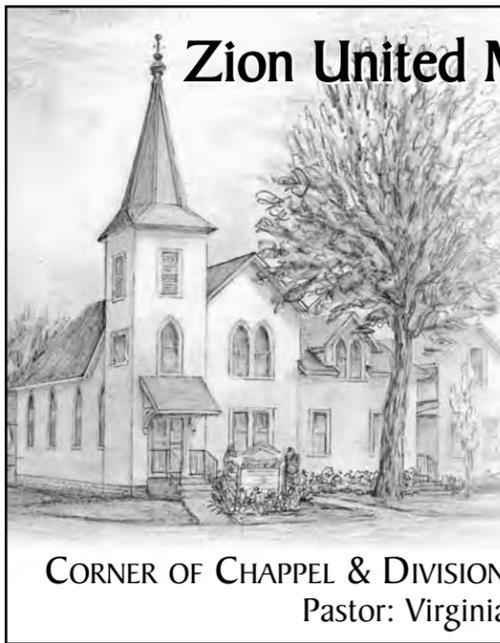
It really makes no difference exact-

ly when Lent is observed. The important aspect of Lent is that Christians use this time to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection Day of Easter. How do we prepare? Well, some folks "give up" something - candy or desserts or going to the movies or concerts. Depriving themselves of something enjoyable helps them remember the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. Other people may add longer devotions to their daily schedule or deepen their study of scripture or do more good our beliefs and what we can do to further Christian charity. Lent gives us a fuller appreciation of what Christ bought for us on the Cross and what God did for us when God raised Jesus from death to eternal life.

Do you want to claim this same victory over death? Most of us do want that final great reward. The way may not be easy. To claim it means to follow Jesus and the life that Jesus led was sometimes difficult. But if we want to

go works. For all observers, Lent becomes a time of serious thinking about on to eternal life then we must try to do what Jesus taught us and let that take us wherever it leads. If we are unsure of what our course should be, we need only to stop and ask ourselves one simple question: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO? Reflect on that "WWJD" question and the way ahead will become clearer.

One final thought...Please remember that on Easter Sunday, April 8, all Christian churches will have worship services. You are welcome at any church. You need not be dressed up to attend. You need not find a friend to go with you - but you can do that if you wish. Just go to church. Here on the island St Michaels Roman Catholic Church or Zion Community Church will welcome you. Come join us and hear the Easter message. Easter and the Resurrection are the way to your salvation.



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Obituaries

Marvin Lee Byer, May 21, 1919-Jan. 22, 2012, 92, son of Joseph and Rose (Mishkinsky) Byer. He was a lifelong resident of Sandusky and devoted his life to his family and downtown Sandusky. A fixture on Columbus Avenue at Marv Byer Clothiers, (formerly Star Clothing and then Byer Brothers), he and his family operated a clothing store downtown from 1918-1991. The City of Sandusky commended Marv in 1992 by passing a resolution recognizing his years of service to downtown Sandusky.

Marv graduated in 1937 from Sandusky High School, attended Ohio State University and served from 1942-46 as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army

126th General Hospital stationed in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

Marv was a member of Oheb Shalom Temple, B'nai Brith, The Anti-Defamation League, Downtown Mainstreet Association, Lake Erie Firelands Tourist Council, Rockwell Springs Trout Club and Mad River/NKP Railroad Society, and was a charter member of the Sandusky Jaycees, in which he participated in the birth of the Sandusky YMCA. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Masonic Lodge (32nd Degree Mason), Zenobia Shriners and Singara Grotto. He also served on the Erie County Veteran's

Commission.

Marv's hobbies included traveling, fishing, and boating and he and his family spent many enjoyable days on his Lyman "Moby Marv" and at his Kelleys Island home where he was a landowner for 45 years. Marv was a charter member of the Sandusky Maritime Museum, and belonged to the Sandusky Power Squadron, Great Lakes Historical Society, and Kelleys Island Historical Association. He was a former member of the Sandusky Yacht Club and Catawba Island Club.

Above all else, Marv treasured family and the values of togetherness, honesty, integrity, hard work, quality, knowledge and the joy of life. He will

be forever missed and remembered by his friends and family, son Joel of Kelleys Island; daughter Beth, son-in-law Fred and granddaughter Madelin, all of Boston; daughter, Marlene, of Lorain; and brother, Howard, and sister-in-law, Raquel, of Portland, Ore. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bella, who died in 1969; brother, David; and his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870; Temple Oheb Shalom, 1521 E. Perkins, Sandusky, OH 44870; Firelands Regional Medical Center, 1111 Hayes Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870; or one's favorite charity.

Catherine (Haley) Lange, October 30, 1931-January 23, 2012, 80, of Sandusky, passed away early Jan. 23, 2012, at Providence Care Center following a brief illness. She was born Oct. 30, 1931, in Fort Wayne, Ind., daughter of the late John Wilbur and Mary (Leaman) Haley. She studied at Earlham College and received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Miami University, and her Master of Science Degree from Bowling Green State University.

Cathy taught school at the Perkins

and Margaretta School districts for 24 years, retiring from Bogart Elementary School. She had also worked as a dietitian at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Erie County Retired Teachers, American Dietetic Association, charter member of the American Association of University Women, Ohio Historical Society, Erie County Historical Association, Kelley's Island Historical Association, Sand-

usky Maritime Museum, and a charter member of the National Women's History Museum. Cathy enjoyed living part-time on Kelleys Island, traveling and serving as a volunteer at the Sandusky Thrift Shop.

She is survived by her daughter, Christine (Tim) Fanning of Chicago; two sons, Tom (Pam) Lange, of Marblehead, and Barry Lange, of Sandusky; four grandchildren, Lauren Fanning, Christine Benyak, Len Benyak and Sarah Lange; one brother Dr. Alvin

(Sara) Haley of Indianapolis; and several nieces, nephews and other close relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband O. Hugh Lange; her parents; and her brother and sister-in-law, James and Nylah Haley. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Methodist Church, Zion United Methodist Church, 103 Chappel St., Kelleys Island, OH 43438, or to Sandusky Public Library, 114 W. Adams St., Sandusky, OH 44870.

Barbara Jean Hammer--July 29, 1939 - February 1, 2012, 72, died at Northwest Ohio Hospice, Perrysburg surrounded by her loving family after her courageous battle with cancer. Barb was born to Russell and Lucille (Foes) Haubert in Clyde, Ohio. She attended St. Ann's Catholic and St. Joseph's Catholic School in Fremont.

She met the love of her life, Paul Lawrence Hammer and they were married on October 20, 1956. They were married 55 wonderful years and lived most of their married life in Woodville Township. After their wedding, they agreed that her mission would be to become a homemaker. As their five children were born, her duties as a mother became more involved. Barb was a homeroom mom, Cub Scout den leader, brownie assistant and an active little league mother. Later, as a 4-H leader, she hosted many meetings and picnics and helped her children exhibit fair animals and other projects. As a mother, Barb supported her children in

a variety of ways in school including academics, band and sports. Some would call her a "mother on wheels!" Barb was active in the local homemaker's club. She was always there for her family and friends.

Barb was a devoted Catholic and was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Gibsonburg. She was committed to her faith in a variety of ways including the Altar Rosary Society and Renew bible study classes. She was adamant that her children know how important faith was in life.

Finally her dream job came true...being a campground host (VIP) at Kelleys Island State park where she volunteered for the past 25+ years. Barb helped out wherever she was needed from hosting campfire dinners, family activities, helping in the office or simply being a cheerleader for the park. Barb and Paul camped each summer, making many, many friends who continue to support them through thoughts and prayers. Barb never met a

stranger, making friends with everyone wherever she went. She often had pet names for many of the people she met which were endearing to them. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Barb is survived by her loving husband, Paul who was at her side constantly during her illness. She is also survived by her five children, their spouses and grandchildren; son, Steve (Joy) of Toledo; son John (Aimee) and their children David and Michael all of

Gibsonburg; daughter Christina (Terry) Atkins and their children W. Thaddeus and Allison of Rohrsersville, MD; son Bill (Tracy) of Woodville; son Matt (April) and their children Emma and Madison of Gibsonburg,. She was preceded in death by her parents Russell and Lucille "Nana" Haubert.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice of NW Ohio, St. Michael's Catholic Church or to the memorial tribute that will be placed on Kelleys Island by her loving family.

Timothy Sullivan--November 6, 1944 - February 3, 2012, 67--We mourn and celebrate our memories of Tim Sullivan. Tim and his wife, Vicki, were residents of Kelleys Island. Tim was a passionate K.I. councilman. He and Vicki were active in and made generous donations to the Kelleys Island Historical Association. They published the "Perchie Press." We all so enjoyed that publication. They were

both private pilots. Jack and I loved flying into Kelleys all year long to enjoy their friendship and our get-togethers.

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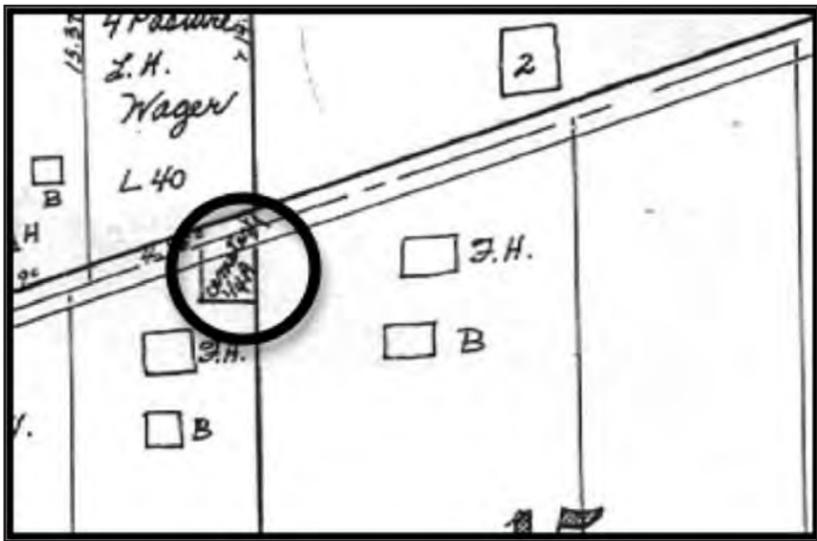
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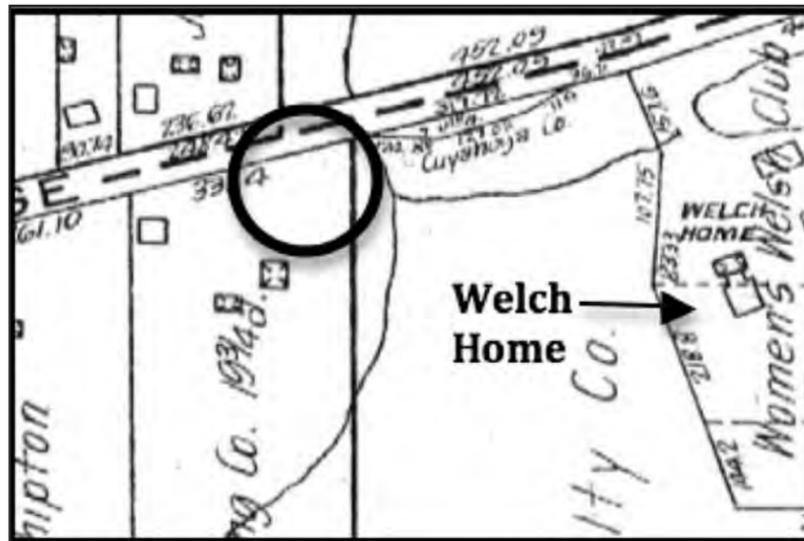


"The Lost Soul"

Dan Arroyo



1880 Plat Map (Cemetery location denoted by circle)



1927 Plat Map (Cemetery location denoted by circle)

Over the years, Kelleys Island has been an infatuation to many people. Research and study of the island's natural wonders, its rich history opens a window allowing us to look into the past. The island's unique history reveals much about its inhabitants, their way of life, and inevitably their passing. Wandering in and out of the local establishments in town, one may come across photos hanging on the walls that truly preserve the island's history. Frozen images of time that are a part of a complex chronology of events.

As a part time resident of Kelleys Island for over thirty years, I have always been intrigued by the historical events and stories that are engrained in the island's mystique. With a passion for geographic and historical study, my own research efforts have come across a good amount of historical writings on Kelleys Island. Many times, only small anecdotes of information are found. Yet, with the discovery of even a fragment from some written passage or obscure reference, my searching continued and has taken me down many paths seeking answers to many questions. Now spanning nearly ten years of inquiry, searching, and asking lots of questions, this quest has been focused on attempting to locate a gravesite - the final, earthly resting place for who the island was first named -Cunningham.

The how and why Cunningham lived and died can be debated. Yet, to somehow verify where he may be buried would finally solidify that one elusive aspect of his life. All indications point back to Rockport, Ohio. Though not much is known of the man, William Cunningham, nevertheless, deserves any effort that may mark his place in island history. Cunningham's life for all intended purposes marks the starting point on

the historical timeline denoting the political, social, and economic advancement of Kelleys Island.

I pursued finding the gravesite because evidence pointing to its actual location seemed to be verifiable and could be backed with tangible evidence. As a society, over hundreds of years, we have come to preserve and recognize those by which we have associated with throughout our lives. We continuously stride to maintain that connection with loved ones and our past experiences with them. Nothing is more evident in this effort to remember and nothing says, "Here I am" more than a cemetery. The one place that reaffirms to the world we were here.

I first came across the reference to the possible gravesite location of William Cunningham when reading Norman E. Hill's book, *The History of Kelley's Island, Ohio* published in 1925. The following excerpt from his book launched my search roughly ten years ago.

"Mr. D. K. Huntington who lived on Kelley's Island for many years, but moved to North Olmsted, Ohio, says that there was a descendant of Cunningham living in Olmsted Township in 1924, and that many of Cunningham's descendants died during one of the cholera plagues which swept the country in early days. Cunningham's body is said to be buried close to the road leading from Rocky River to Elyria at a spot near the present Home for Aged Welch People."

Now, there is an assertion that dismisses this claim and a reassertion that he is actually buried somewhere else in Rockport. To date, both of these accounts have not been fully verified one way or another and the location of his grave is still an elusive mystery. My research wasn't intended to dis-

pute any individual research, but I have formed my own perspective in regards to the demise of William Cunningham. Consequently, many questions had come to the surface that needed to be addressed that would either dispel or validate notions of the possible gravesite.

Being a resident of Elyria and in close proximity to the area noted in Norman Hill's book, I began looking into the geographic references. I discovered that in Rocky River, then, known as Rockport, there is what is now called The Welsh Home that dates back to 1911. The home has seen several name changes over the years since then and has even been rebuilt. With such a unique name, this home has to be the one mentioned in Hill's book. Upon checking maps, the only local road leading directly from Rocky River to Elyria at that time was Center Ridge Road. Today, the Welsh Home is situated roughly at the SE corner of Spencer Road and Center Ridge Road.

Upon examination of a 1880s land plat atlas, a one-quarter acre cemetery on the south side of Center Ridge Road is denoted. In need of a more current point of reference by which to perform some field measurements, an attempt to match the 1880 map with that of a current road map was done. After some scale adjustments, Spencer Road was roughly superimposed onto the plat map. This layout shows the cemetery lying just west of this intersection in close proximity to The Welsh Home. Referring back to Norman Hill's geographic clue again, could it be plausible that William Cunningham was buried in this small, obscure cemetery in rural 19th century Rockport, Ohio as claimed by one of Cunningham's own relatives?

In 2005, a request was made to obtain roadway drawings of that section of Center Ridge where the graveyard was suspected to be located. The intent was to locate the earliest surveys available to see whether any references to a cemetery were recorded on these drawings. Unfortunately, no such documents were in their archives. However, survey documents were acquired through the County Engineers Office dating back to 1933. The road near the intersection of Spencer Road and Center Ridge has undergone vast improvements from when it was a small, back-woods road. Currently, Nantucket Row Condominiums now occupy this area where the graveyard is calculated to have been.

Additional conversations with the Rocky River officials revealed that when the condominiums were being built, excavators had unearthed a tombstone. Officials went on to explain that the gravestone was about one hundred feet west of the intersection of the current Spencer and Center Ridge Roads and approximately thirty feet back from the right-of-way. Up to

this point, there was no record that a cemetery existed until the discovery of the stone. Unless someone had been actively looking, the cemetery easily passed through the years forgotten. If Cunningham's relatives claim he was buried along the road, is it too much of a stretch to think of the possibility that Cunningham's family had made arrangements for him to be laid to rest here?

Finding this cemetery that appeared to be buried under years of obscurity and human progress finally took a revealing turn. While reading the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper, an article came to light about how the City Auditor's Office was beginning to roll out a new Geographic Information System that would allow people to search city property records. The GIS system provided property land maps, deed information, and legal descriptions. A search was made using the name Mercy Abel whose property was adjacent to the cemetery. The GIS program found a reference for a legal description completed back in 1942 by a survey company still in business today. The one-quarter acre cemetery was referenced twice, one dating to April 30th, 1865 and February 5th, 1912. I immediately contacted the surveyor's office and explained what I have been doing all these years and asked them if they could research their records. They were very cordial to my request. I was so elated to have actually found the evidence that proved this cemetery existed. The lost cemetery had finally been found. Yet, the question still remains. Was William Cunningham actually here? If yes, how and why did it come to be?

To say the cemetery found in Rocky River, Ohio holds the remains of William Cunningham will probably never be verified. However, through the confirmation of historical statements and geographic references, can a claim be made suggesting that he was actually in this graveyard? There are still many questions that need to be answered for sure. Though the Laws of Probability lean very strongly towards "no," not until some evidence to the contrary is uncovered can an absolute "no" be claimed. This offers to us all a notion to a plausible "maybe." Possibly, "maybe" will be the closest we are going to get to really knowing. It at least keeps the mystery and questions alive for others to ponder, as it did with me ten years ago. The life and times of one William Cunningham will forever be shrouded in mystery, conjecture, and hearsay. For those who will continue to seek answers, the questions about his final days will always be there. The journey to prove or disprove tales about this man may be long and inconclusive, possibly forever. Still, the question remains, was he really there?

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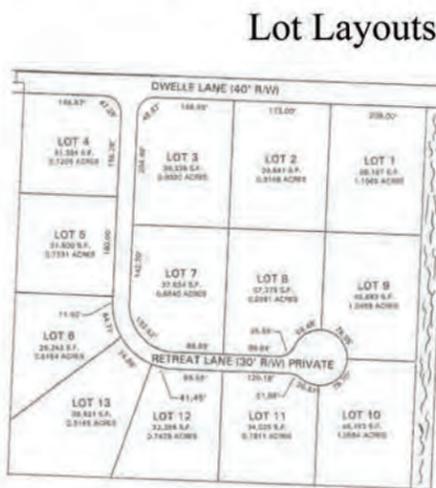
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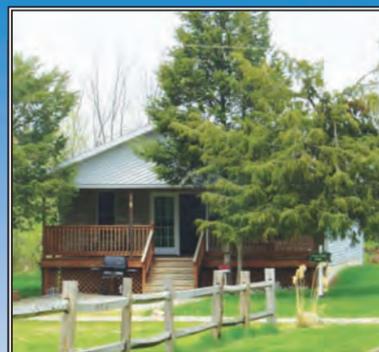
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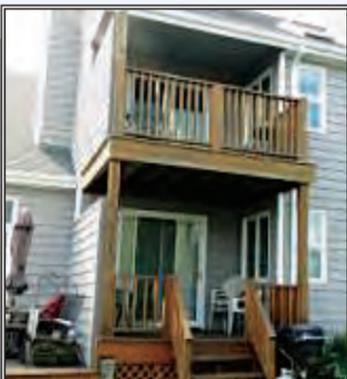
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