

"Life is Always Better on a Boat"



Start your engines! It's looking like an early boating season on Kelleys Island. We anticipate the arrival of our boating friends and visitors and look forward to a sunny and warm 2016 season!

Kelleys Island Police Department

As you have seen, we have no ice and it's January but, I'll take the warm weather. There are few things that I would like to address as we enter into the new year.

We have started our Kelleys Island Police Department winter house checks which will also include all businesses on the island. We have also started making contact with our elderly island residents who have decided to stay through the winter. These services will continue until the Kelleys Island FerryBoat begins running for the 2016 season.

Some items I have been requested to look at this winter include Ordinance (95.14) House Numbering Plan, (152.013) Junk Yards, Junk Motor Vehicles Storage and Inoperable Motor Vehicles Storage, and streets with no roadway signs. I've talked to both administrations, Kelleys Island EMS and Kelleys Island Fire Department, and we agree, for the safety of the island residents, both the house numbering plan and street roadway signs need to be enforced.

Another important addition to my winter agenda will be training, taking place through the winter. Like I said before, I believe in updated training within the police department.

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Kelleys Island Veterans Day Ceremony 11/11/11

James Erne

The designated month of November (11), the designated day (11), and the designated 11th hour, for Veterans Day services, was observed by the Kelleys Island Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9908. The day on which we honor those who have served, and those who are presently serving our country, turned out to be a gem of a day, as sunshine prevailed and a 58 degree temperature with little breeze, gave warmth to the 80 or so people in attendance. It's simply amazing the amount of civic pride that exudes from our island community, at all of



our Veterans Day and Memorial Day services, year-in and year-out. The solemn services were conducted by the officers of Post 9908, at the Island Cemetery, in the flagpole area, which has been relocated and upgraded over the past several years.

Upon completion of the services, the attendees made their way across Division Street to Post 9908 for outdoor services, culminating in the proper retirement of the "tattered, torn, and worn", Stars and Stripes of our country.

The Post then hosted a luncheon

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!

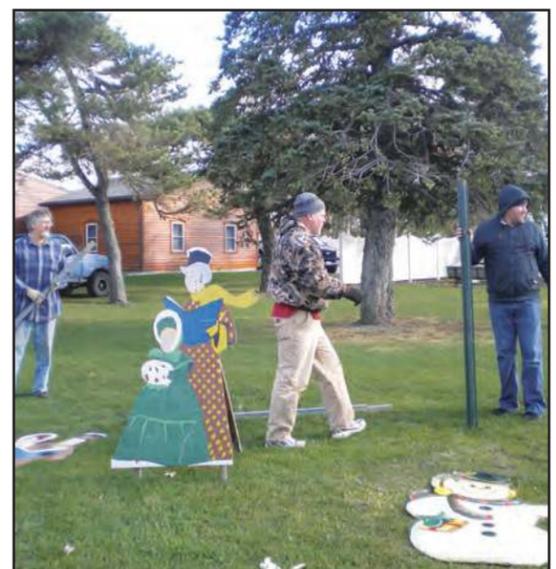


The Kelleys Island Fire Department and several volunteers spent the afternoon decorating Memorial Park for the Christmas Season. They did a fantastic job as always. This year, they were fortunate to have beautiful weather. The decorations are put in place a couple of weeks prior, but not lit, in preparation for the Annual Park Lighting Celebration on Friday after Thanksgiving.

This tradition gives the community something to look forward to and marks the beginning of the Kelleys Island Christmas Season.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the decorating. The Fire Department always welcomes islanders, visitors and their families to participate in the fun. Those who participate are rewarded by being included in the annual group photo.

Thank you!



Kelleys Island Police Department

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ment. Myself and several other officers will be attending several classes at the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy in London, Ohio.

On November 8th 2015, Kelleys Island Venture Resort, Captain's Corner, and Firelands Area Runners Club hosted the 3rd annual Half-Marathon. It turned out to be a beautiful day on Kelleys Island with over sventy runners and their families. I would like to thank all that participated and donated to the event which benefits the Kelleys Island Police Department. Also, a special thank you to the K-9 Units from Vermillion Police Department and Bellevue Police Department. The K-9 Units put on several informative and educational demonstrations at the Memorial

Park. Lastly, the Kelleys Island Police Department has added some new events for the season of 2016. These events are to bring the community and the police department together. On April 24th Officer Tkach will be involved with the Cops and Bobbers at Portside Marina. This event involves Officer Tkach fishing with the children. All fishing equipment will be supplied by the police department. In May, June, and July the KIPD will be having Red & Blue car wash with donations going to several local charities. Also in July, KIPD will be hosting the Boots and Badges softball game at the K.I. ball field. This will be a competition between local law enforcement and fire departments in Erie County. In August, we will have our first KIPD pig roast. This event will be held in the parking lot of The Old Town Hall. Activities will include roasted pig dinner, dunk "the chief" tank, and finger printing kits done for the children of residents and visitors. I'm hoping to have a great 2016 with some new events from the police department. The dates for these events will be posted on the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce website, Kelleys Life and Kelleys



The Bellevue and Vermillion K-9 Units teamed up with the Kelleys Island Police Department for a K-9 demonstration following the Police Chase – Half Marathon

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From the Mayor's Desk

November – December Issue Corrected

As you probably know, I am not running for a second term as Mayor. I'd really like to thank the people who were so good to me while I was in office because, it made life bearable, there were many of you.

Island Ferry Boat Line boat schedule. We will see you in the spring and everyone at the Kelleys Island Police Department wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Quote of the Month: Do not let what you can not do interfere with what you can do...
Respectfully Yours
Shawn M. Craig/#901,
Chief of Police

I'm very happy to have obtained the grant money which will be used to repave West Lakeshore Drive, between Division Street and Cameron. Part will be grant money and part of the funding will come from Streets and Sidewalks money. This work should take place in the spring of 2016. I thank the voters for passing the General Fund Levy, which was major, because without the funding of local governments from the State of Ohio, we would not have had the

money to survive. I saved the Village of Kelleys Island \$18,000 when I took over the Airport Manager's position in 2013. I'm happy that one of my first goals, the replacement of the old waterline intake, has been completed and the islanders should benefit from this for a long time. Thank you for all your support. It was a pleasure serving as your mayor.
Mayor Kyle Paine

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Kelleys Island Veterans Day Ceremony 11/11/11

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inside of the hall, where Karen Erne coordinated the event, consisting of a “stomach-filling” meal of roast turkey and all of the trimmings. The food was great and the comradery was tremendous, as people extended thanks to our veterans, and reflected upon thoughts of their loved ones who have served. It was also good to see some of our elected officials in attendance, including Mayor Kyle Paine and Mayor-elect Arden Cooper.

A big thank you goes out to VFW Post 9908, its officers and its members as it continues to be a stalwart of our community. It’s not only the Veterans Day and Memorial Day services which it conducts, that solidifies our community, it’s also the Chicken BBQ’s, the Clambakes, The October Turkey Shoots and other social events as well. The VFW continually supports all of us, we must continue to support the VFW.



Kelleys Island Brewery News

Happy New Year

We want to take a few minutes to thank some people in our lives and give everyone some news we hope you will want to talk to us about this winter. Doug, Jay and I would like to give a special Thank You to Kelly Bradford, Lisa Calderon, Mark Johnson and family, Lisa and Jeff Ehleringer, Jenn B and Jeff, Ellen Saffron and the past 16 years of the best family/employees that a small operation could ask for. Being an island business, special thanks must also be expressed to the island businesses that helped us through the years: the Island Market, the Village Pump and Bag the Moon. Borrowing stuff and being neighborly has kept it worthwhile for all of these years. For some personal friends, Kenny Blanton, John Sofonia, the Berardi’s and Chippy Skippy, Ed and Marilyn Muranyi, Haz, the Mackey family and the Pinsic’s; your contribution to the Labor of Love, the customers, brides and families, each one of you has made this the family place that it is. To all of our event supporters, too many to mention, our breakfast clubbers, all the brew lovers, we thank you for making this the home that we love. Now we want to share our home with you in a new way.

We want you to personalize your island experience, and allow you to bring your ideas to the south shore and create a unique event for your group on the beautiful lawn that we call home.

After pulling and dipping 95,000 ice cream cones, cooking over 150,000 pounds of home fries, 3 tons of hamburgers, 250 thousand eggs and 30,000 gallons of high gravity beer, Patti and Doug have decided to “Throttle Back” in life. Well, what does that mean?

We have decided to reorganize the Kelleys Island Brewery from a full service, daily operation restaurant and microbrewery to a tap room, an affordable ‘private rental venue’ and wholesale distributor of our beers. This is great news for our loyal customers, the private interest groups, and other great full service restaurants on and off this cool little island.

Please go to www.kelleysislandbrewery.com for some updates and know that more are coming. Make your plans early. We look forward to serving you in a new way!!!!

Cheers, Love and Respect
Doug and Patti

Kelleys Island 2016 Calendar of Events

APRIL			
9	Early Bird Party	Village Pump	
22-24	Earth Day	KI Brewery	
23	Spring Wine Fling	KI Wine Co.	
24	Cops & Bobbers	Portside Marina - KIPD	
30	Blessing the Brewery	KI Brewery	
30	Duck's Unlimited	Casino	
MAY			
7	Derby Day	Island Wide	
14	EMS Spaghetti Dinner	Bag the Moon	
19-21	Nest with the Birds	Audubon Club	
21	Free Museum Day	Historical Museum	
30	Red & Blue Car Wash	KI Police Department	
JUNE			
1	Bike Week Dice Run	Island Wide	
5	5K-10K Run/Walk	Memorial Park	
6	Perch Derby	Island House	
10-12	Bacon Fest	KI Wine Co.	
18	Volleyball Tournament	KI/Razzles	
20	Student Workers' Dinner	Zion United Methodist Church	
24-25	Music Fest	Memorial Park	
26	M-A-W Horseshoe Tourn.	KI Wine Co.	
JULY			
4	Boots & Badges	Ball Field-KIPD	
9	3 on 3 Russ Wilson	Basketball Tournament	
11-15	Vacation Bible School	St. Michael's Catholic Church	
15-17	Island Fest	Memorial Park	
17	Red & Blue Car Wash	KI Police Department	
18-22	Vacation Bible School	Zion United Methodist Church	
23&24	Film Fest	Ball Field & Town Hall	
AUGUST			
1-2	Kelly Miller Circus	Ball Field	
3	Audubon Nature Camp	VFW Pavilion	
6	Arts & Crafts Fair	Historical Museum	
6	Make-a-Wish Poker Run	Dockers	
7	Make-a-Wish Swim	Portside Marina	
7	Justin Horseshoe Tournament	KI Wine Co.	
14	Annual Meeting & Speaker	Historical Museum (10-4)	
20	Homecoming - KILA	Village Pavilion	
21	K.I.P.D. Pig Roast	Town Hall	
22	Student Workers' Dinner	Zion United Methodist Church	
27	Poker Run/Dice Roll	Bag the Moon	
SEPTEMBER			
4	Glacial Glimpses	Audubon Club	
5	Red & Blue Car Wash	KI Police Department	
10	Treasurer Island Days	Island Wide	
10	Butterfly Fest/Yard Sale	Historical Museum (11am)	
17	Kayak Poker Paddle	KI Brewery	
17	Wine Fest & Art Fair	KI Wine Co.	
24	Feathers & Foliage	Audubon Club	
24	Harvest Fest	Memorial Park	
24	Lobster Fest	Village Pump	
25	Putt-Putt/Pig Roast	Caddy Shack	
OCTOBER			
8	Oktoberfest	KI Brewery	
14-16	Murder Mystery Weekend	KI Venture Resort	
15	Chili Cook-Off	KI Brewery	
15	25th Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner	Bag the Moon	
22	EMS Pumpkin Carving	Bag the Moon (12noon)	
22	Kid's Halloween	KI Brewery (1:30)	
22	Family Hay Ride-KILA	4-H Camp	
29	Adult Halloween	Island Wide	
NOVEMBER			
4-6	Owl Fest	Audubon Club	
13	Half Marathon	KI Venture Resort	
25	Thanksgiving Pot Luck	Village Pump	
26	Tail Gate Party	Village Pump	

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Third Annual Kelleys Island Owl Festival

H. Thomas Bartlett
Over the weekend of November 6-8, the third annual Kelleys Island Owl Festival was held at the Scheele Preserve, Jones Preserve, and Kelleys School. In the evenings, up to 30 participants assisted in attempts at capturing and banding migrant Northern Saw-whet Owls and resident Eastern Screech-Owls at the Scheele Preserve and North Pond Trail. In the mornings, they assisted in capturing and banding songbirds at the Jones Preserve. On Saturday afternoon there were several talks at the Kelleys Island School on making of nesting structures for owls by Jim Coffman, the current 18 year monthly survey of the island, and an update on the Kelleys Island Northern Saw-whet Owl banding project. The owl

project is in its 14th year on Kelleys Island. Over 450 owls have been captured and banded. In addition, almost 20 owls which were banded elsewhere have been recaptured on Kelleys Island. They have come from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Ontario. Over a dozen of Kelleys Island's owls have been recaptured elsewhere. They have been found in Ohio, Michigan, Ontario, Quebec, Massachusetts, and New Jersey.

Next year's festival will be the weekend of November 4-6, 2016. However, the owl banding begins on October 16 and goes on nightly into mid-December, weather permitting. Stop by the Scheele Preserve just after sunset. If we are banding, feel free to join us.

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Thanksgiving TailGate Party

The Thanksgiving weekend is topped off with the TailGate Party at the Village Pump. This features plenty of food, entertainment and fun. And of course, the annual Village Pump TailGate Party photo.

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

As the 2016 season quickly approaches, the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce executive board, along with several other business owners and supporters, have been working hard to provide the members of our organization with the best promotional materials and numerous advertising opportunities. The phone and e-mail are being answered daily. Much effort has been put forth to select the best tools to promote Kelleys Island and the business community. The board has worked closely with other organizations and advertising agencies to take advantage of some great opportunities while staying within a strict budget.

Be sure to check out the four page spread in the 2016/2017 editions of the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Travel Guide. Realizing the impact of our previous two page spread in 2015/2016, the chamber board worked tirelessly to perfect this year's four page spread.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone that advertised in this

widely distributed guide. We extend a special thanks to Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line, Seaway Marina and A Water's Edge Retreat, for tripling the size of their ads. Also, to Portside Marina, Dockers, Kelleys Island Venture Resort, Caddy Shack Square and The Village Pump, The Casino and West Bay for doubling the size of their ads. A round of applause to our first time advertisers, KI Wine Co, Kelleys Island Cantina, Charles Herndon Galleries, Captain's Corner, Papa T's, Caddy Shack and Buckeye Bar, Jason Smith of Remax Beyond 2000, Island House Restaurant, South Shore Marine and Kelleys Island General Store. Congratulations to Crafts Lakeview Lane for a fantastic ad revamp by Amy, and to the Quarry Condo Co-op Group, which was comprised of Sandy Alexander of Kelleys Cove Condo, Vera Baka of Baka's Island Places, June Campbell of Campbell's Island Condo, Joy Kaser of Ahoy Condo and Kathy Reddinger of Moon Glow Condo. A special note of thanks and praise for the man who saved the day, Rob Watkins of the Island Market and

Original Island Fudge Shoppe. Rob stepped in at a critical time to fill a space needed to make our first four page spread complete. Great job Amy Helflinger, of Aha Creative, for designing the majority of the ads and creating the impressive layout, while being sensitive to our limited budget!

The 2016 event dates have been confirmed and posted. Planning has begun for each of the K.I.C.C. events. Anyone interested in taking part of planning or heading up a committee for the K.I.C.C. events, please contact us. Remember, volunteers are always needed for all of our events. We are continuously looking for sponsors for each of the events. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a sponsor of the 5K & 10K Run please contact the K.I.C.C.. Donations for events, especially Fireworks, are greatly appreciated and can be made on the chamber website via paypal.

The Island Fest committee is looking for some unique, local crafters to participate in our festival this summer. If there is someone you know or are familiar with, let us know and we can get them an

application. There are numerous crafters and artists that both live and vacation on the island regularly. Let's get them involved.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following on-island businesses for joining and supporting our organization.

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Vegas Wedding



Jon and Jaci Chapman celebrated their wedding on Saturday September 12th at Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas NV. Of course the crew from Kelley's Island was present to share a little news from the island. A great time was had by all.

Photo: Front Row: The new Mrs Chapman (Jacci) holding *Kelley's Life* and Jon Chapman, From left to right Cathie McPhie, Ann Cisor, DeAnn Beatty, Lisa Blitz, Sandy Bing, Back Row: Herb Watling, Bob Cisor, Sam Beatty, Jim Blitz, Ron Link, and Nate Payt

Happy Birthday

January

- 8 - Collin Nunn-Strassner
- 9 - Nancy-Ward Patterson
- 12 - Dave Mack
- 13 - Erin Elfers
- 16 - Cathy Coffman
- 16 - Ed Jorski, Jr.
- 17 - Matthew Priebe
- 17- Kathy Ullrich
- 19 - Wayne Neumann
- 20 - Jean Boyd
- 20 - Jan Jorski
- 23 - Karen Vetovitz
- 24 - Adam Elfers
- 24 - Brad Newcomb
- 25 - Kristan Kaszei
- 28 - Patty Fresch
- 31 - Jeremy Gonzalez

February

- 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
- 12 - Brittany Schmidt
- 14 - Dean Mahar
- 12 - Sean Allan
- 17 - Park Schafer
- 21 - Marty McCafferty
- 22 - Katie Joyce
- 28 - Leonard Elfers
- 28 - Heidi Smith

Kelleys Island Field Station Updates



The Kelleys Island Field Station is looking to compile a list of research projects that have been completed on the island. Many of the school groups inquiring about using the Field Station programs are interested in connecting and contributing to projects that have already been started. If you know of any research project completed in the past or ongoing, please let us know! We are interested

in learning more about university/academic, publicly funded and/or citizen science projects. To submit information, please go to www.kelleysislandfieldstation.org and fill out the Kelleys Island Research Survey under research section of the website. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, contact Beth at ewitte@npesc.org.

EMS News



With the holidays, we tend to look back on the previous years and reflect. Reflections of what was, what might have been. This past year was filled with changes and challenges. The holidays also give us time to spend with family and friends. The volunteers of Kelleys Island EMS are a part of the island family. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated, caring group of volunteers for our island.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of a dear member of this family. Sally Hiller, long-time resident and

friend, was a member of the EMS since 2002. Her bright smile and engaging wit was always appreciated. Her death has left a void in our hearts.

The purchase of the Power lift System made moving patients into and out of the ambulance easier for the volunteers. This system was made possible through a Bureau of Workman's Compensation Grant and donations to the Kelleys Island EMS Association. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

The holidays also herald the start

of a new year. The EMS is training throughout the winter months, preparing for the challenges. Stop by and observe the team as they train. Emergencies will always happen. Remember to call 9-1-1 and EMS will assist you during your time of need. We are already planning the next Spaghetti Dinner and Safety Forces Day in May and hope to see you there!

Stay Safe!
Sharon A. Devine, paramedic

Send us your photos and stories, please!

We at *Kelleys Life* would love to hear about your and/or your family's life on the island. Please send us your stories and photos - don't worry if their not done to a finished condition, we can do that for you. We'd also love your photographs of family events on the island. Please include the names of everyone in the photo and a contact name and number in case we have questions. If you wish to have your photos returned, include a SASE. We'll get them back to you as soon as the printer sends them back. We at *Kelleys Life* appreciate your kind cooperation!

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Many of the participants and their families spend the weekend on Kelleys Island. For some families, this is a first time visit. They enjoy dining, shopping and exploring the island. We hope that these visitors will return with more family and friends. There were also several island participants. It is always fun to watch for those that we know.

The marathon began promptly at 11:00 a.m., in the downtown area. The weather was a little cool but sunny, perfect running weather and great for November. Over 70 runners participated, some in shorts and tank tops. The Town Hall was set up for registration, a waiting area for the runners' families, awards ceremony and post-race appetizers and beverages.

Once the runners arrived back at the Town Hall, they received their awards and headed to the Memorial Park. Guest K-9 Units from Vermilion and Bellevue took advantage of the beautiful day and held their presentations in the park. The demonstrations were enjoyed by all. The kids received cards with the K-9 photo and

The Bouman Family would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers, the Fireland's Area Runners Club, the islanders that cheer on the runners and supported this event, those who provided and manned water stations, Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line for running the extra boat schedule, Kelleys Island EMS team, K.I. Police Department for leading the race and providing course maintenance and all of our loyal and generous sponsors that provide financial support, doorprizes, food and beverages for the runners.

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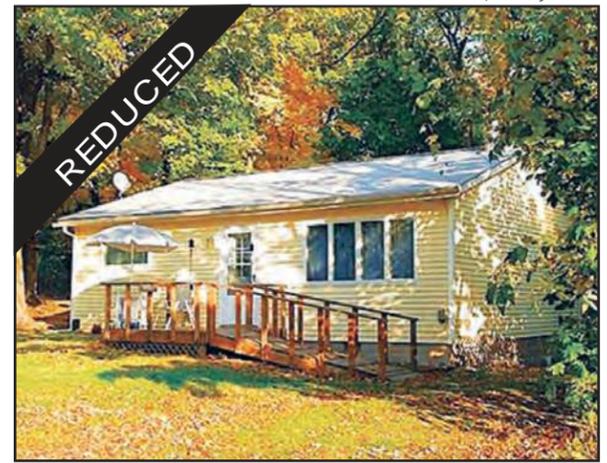
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Depending on where you are on life's journey, the value of planning ahead can run the gamut. It can seem like a chore when you're just starting out. But further down the road, as compound interest kicks into high gear, you're glad you started early. And while saving is totally necessary, it's only half of the equation. The tools you use to invest and grow your funds are key.

Lately, a unique piece of the retirement puzzle, the Roth IRA—Traditional IRA's younger, more versatile cousin—has been garnering ever more attention. If a Roth IRA isn't already part of your retirement savings plan, it's definitely an option worth considering.

Roth IRA Fast Facts

- Liquidity can find the freedom of a Roth IRA liberating. On the flipside, these same investors are likely in the lowest tax bracket of their adult lives. And come retiring age, taxes on Traditional IRA Established by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 to provide a tax-free incentive toward saving for retirement
- Basic criteria for eligibility requires wage-earning employment
- Geared toward (but not limited to) younger, lower-earning individuals
- Tax break comes at withdrawal, not contribution
- Withdrawal is more flexible than with a Traditional IRA

Here's a plus, right off the bat: Contributions made to a Roth IRA—your principal funds—are always available tax- and penalty-free. It's your money, after all. And while of course it's best for invested funds to stay put, younger investors with less withdrawals would likely be far higher than income taxes on Roth IRA contributions over their working lifetime. Add in compound interest and money earned outweighs money invested.

And when it comes to saving for your retirement, more can easily add up to a whole lot more. Hence the push to start early. With earnings on contributions compounded, no mandatory withdrawal, and the ability to contribute to a Roth IRA up to retirement and beyond, the advantages are considerable. And with relatively basic criteria for eligibility, contribution limits and withdrawal, a Roth IRA is a pretty hassle-free option to get on the path to retirement savings.

But we're not just talking to beginning investors. For those of you

well on your way to retirement, a Roth IRA could be the ideal savings vehicle to add to your arsenal. And whether it's optional in your existing 401(k) or 457(b) retirement plan or not, here's why the Roth IRA is definitely worth a look:

- No age limit for contributing, no required withdrawals
- Contributions can be made as long as you're employed, whether part- or full-time
- Funds can be left to accumulate throughout retirement, providing a consistent source of income
- Inherited funds are tax-free, making a Roth IRA an excellent estate-planning tool
- Qualified Roth IRA distributions will not affect taxable Social Security benefits

A Roth IRA is a viable option even if you're relatively close to retirement age, since earnings can be withdrawn tax- and penalty-free after only five years if the owner is over age 59 ½. This differs from a Traditional IRA, in which distributions increase Adjusted Gross Income, resulting in higher taxes and penalties for early withdrawal. Compared with the fees, taxes and restrictions, the increased flexibility of a Roth IRA can be a welcome change.

With our nation in the midst of a so-called "retirement crisis," it's more important than ever to focus on solutions, options, and potential. And while there's a smorgasbord of retirement planning tools at your disposal, once you're locked into a plan it's easy to put blinders on to other—possibly better—options. But it doesn't have to be that way.

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The weekend kicks-off with the ever popular potluck at the Village Pump. Friends and families gather to dine and visit with acquaintances they will not see until spring.

The Annual Park Lighting, sponsored by the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department, is a much anticipated event.

Children gather to greet Santa as he arrives on the Kelleys Island fire truck. His arrival sparks the lighting of the Christmas lights in Memorial Park. As the children meet with Santa, giving him their list of Christmas wishes, families can walk the park and enjoy the decorations.



Following the Park Lighting, families gather at the Captain's Corner where the kids can enjoy decorating cookies and drinking hot chocolate. This year, the children all received a craft donated by Robin Benvenuto. Thank you so much! Everyone had a really good time coloring, crafting and eating cookies.

The weekend is topped off with the TailGate Party at the Village Pump. This features plenty of food, entertainment and fun. And of course, the annual Village Pump TailGate Party photo (see page 5).



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Crews Conclude Product Removal from Tanker Barge Argo



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Crews continue operations for the Lake Erie sunken tanker barge Argo as Unified Command responders took

Editors Note: The Joint Information Center for this response has been disestablished. Questions should be directed to the Ninth Coast Guard District Public Affairs Office at 216-902-6020.

Cleveland – Response crews completed salvage operations to remove a water product mixture from the Lake Erie sunken tanker barge Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

As weather allowed, salvage crews worked methodically, removing the hazardous substance from the sunken barge. The hazardous substance was then pumped into receiving tanks aboard a work barge at the site, mitigating potential impact to the marine environment.

“The Unified Command, consisting of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio EPA, worked in partnership

with other federal, state and local agencies ensuring that safety of the responders and the public of Lake Erie’s surrounding shores remained their highest priority throughout response operations,” said Lt. Cmdr. Shaun Edwards, federal on scene coordinator. “Due to the diligence and collaborative efforts of all those involved in the response, the Unified Command was satisfied that the barge does not continue to pose a safety or environmental hazard.”

At the time of the barge Argo sinking in 1937, a news report estimated 100,000 gallons of crude oil and 100,000 gallons of benzol were onboard, but this information could not be verified.

The sunken barge is located away from commercial ship traffic, and the vessel is in 44-foot deep water.

The Coast Guard has utilized the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to conduct pollution mitigation operations. No injuries, impacted wildlife or pollution have been reported.

The Coast Guard’s established safety zone, located 8 nautical miles east of Kelleys Island and extending 1,000 feet around the position of the Argo, remains in effect and is closed to all traffic until further notice. No vessel may enter, transit through or anchor within the regulated area without permission from the Coast Guard patrol commander, Station Marblehead, which may be contacted via VHF-FM channel 16.

Date: Dec 3, 2015

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U.S. Coast Guard photo by Kurt Kollar, Ohio EPA

A responder conducts air monitoring throughout lightering operations aboard a work barge at the sunken barge Argo site, Nov. 24, 2015. Precautions are taken to ensure crews are conducting operations in a safe working environment



U.S. Coast Guard photo courtesy of Kurt Kollar, Ohio EPA

As weather allows, responders continued salvage operations hot-tapping and pumping the barges tanks.



U.S. Coast Guard photo Edward Primeau

A T&T Salvage Inc. diver, wearing a positive pressure dive suit, is inspected by his coworkers prior to conducting dive operations for the Argo response in Lake Erie, Nov. 24, 2015

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Argo Response Comes to an End

Cleveland — The ARGO response officially ended Monday afternoon, when all remaining equipment was demobilized. A total of 33,475 gallons of cargo and water mixture were removed from the vessel.

"The U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio EPA would like to thank all personnel involved with the response," the Unified Command said in a statement prior to demobilizing. "Every time multiple organizations work together, there is a steep learning curve as independent agencies blend differ-

ent policies and procedures to complete a common goal. A total of 13 federal, state, local and Canadian agencies and salvage organizations worked together to remove the product from the 104 year old vessel. All agencies displayed exceptional teamwork which greatly contributed to a safe and highly successful incident response. Due to the hard work and dedication shown by all, a significant hazard to the public and the environment has been effectively mitigated. In addition, the interagency cooperation shown

during this response has better prepared local agencies to effectively address future problems that may arise in western Lake Erie."

Monday afternoon, all remaining equipment was demobilized, officially ending the ARGO Response. In all, up to \$5.2 million was made available from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund and \$450,000 from the hazardous material superfund to utilize in clean-up operations.

Cost documentation for the response is still being finalized and

will be reviewed to ensure proper accountability of all funding used.

Shore-side transfer operations began December 8. Cargo mixture was pumped into tank trucks for transfer to a disposal facility. A total of 10 transfers over the course of five days were completed without incident. Following the transfers, the portable tanks were decontaminated December 12.

Date: Dec 17, 2015

Ninth Coast Guard District

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Making Erie County A Compassionate Community - How You Can Help!

Kelleys Island has many qualities. One of its qualities is the kindness and the concern Kelleys Island residents show for one another.

Serving Our Seniors is Erie County's geriatric social service. For obvious reasons we are working to create a social movement throughout all of Erie County, that mimics your island culture. Making kindness, compassion and being a good neighbor as prevalent on the mainland, as it is on your island.

Compassionate behavior is a characteristic that is becoming more elusive. American communities are more socially disconnected than ever before. We simply don't make the time to get to know those who live in our neighborhood or in other parts of our town. By doing so, it makes it easier for people to care less about the well-being of another. This is a scary trend. Kindness does matter! It is a virtuous characteristic that is worthy of being cultivated and celebrated in every community, by community leaders, and in every form of media. Acts of kindness and compassion elevate a community and its culture. It produces health benefits, too.

According to David R. Hamilton, PhD in organic chemistry and author of an article in the Huffington Post, "The 5 Beneficial Side Effects of Kindness" (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-r-hamilton-phd/kindness-benefits_b_869537.html), kindness supports healthy aging.

In his article he explains, "Kindness slows aging - Aging on a biochemical level is a combination of many things, but two culprits that speed the process are free radicals and inflammation, both of which result from making unhealthy lifestyle choices."

"But remarkable research now shows that oxytocin (which we produce through emotional warmth) reduces levels of free radicals and inflammation in the cardiovascular system and thus slows aging at its source. Incidentally these two culprits also play a major role in heart disease, so this is also another reason why kindness is good for the heart."

"There have also been suggestions in the scientific journals of the strong link between compassion and the activity of the vagus nerve. The vagus nerve, in addition to regulating heart rate, also controls inflammation levels

in the body in what is known as the inflammatory reflex. One study that used the Tibetan Buddhist loving-kindness meditation found that kindness and compassion did, in fact, reduce inflammation in the body, mostly likely due to its effects on the vagus nerve."

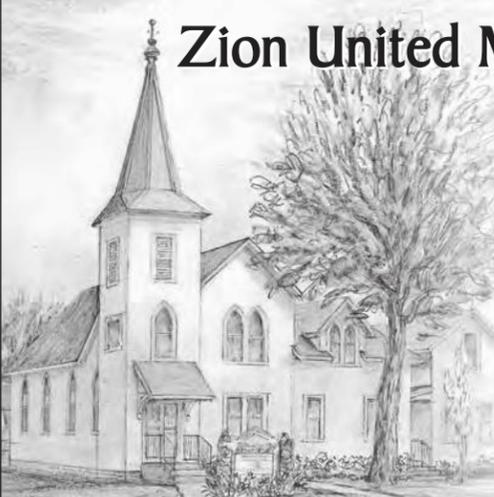
You are probably thinking, "Creating a compassionate Erie County culture is never going to happen. It's too big of a goal". Think again! Dr. Hamilton reported in the same article that "Kindness is contagious". He said, "When we're kind, we inspire others to be kind, and it actually creates a ripple effect that spreads outwards to our friends' friends' friends -- to three degrees of separation. Just as a pebble creates waves when it is dropped in a pond, so acts of kindness ripple outwards, touching others' lives and inspiring kindness everywhere the wave goes".

"A recent scientific study reported that an anonymous 28-year-old person walked into a clinic and donated a kidney. It set off a "pay it forward" type ripple effect where the spouses or other family members of recipients of a kidney donated one of theirs to

someone else in need. The "domino effect," as it was called in the New England Journal of Medicine report, spanned the length and breadth of the United States of America, where 10 people received a new kidney as a consequence of that anonymous donor."

Here is how you can help Serving Our Seniors in achieving its goal to Make Erie County a Compassionate Community? Write to us and share your stories about random acts of kindness that you have done for another; or have been on receiving end. Post them to our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ServingOurSeniorsErieCounty or send them to mail@servingseniors.org or Serving Our Seniors, 310 E. Boalt Street, Sandusky, OH 44870. Your stories and pictures will be shared to infect other Erie County residents -- of all ages -- to live each day showing kindness and concern toward others.

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Mielke Scores Big Buck

An 8 point buck was taken by Mike Mielke during Thanksgiving week on Kelleys Island. Mike is the youngest member of the Kelleys Island Hunt Club.



Halloween 2015

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2015 Halloween celebration



HWE Cooperative Asks Members to Raise Their Voices Against 111(d) Ruling

North Baltimore, Ohio – October 26, 2015 – Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative President and CEO George Walton expressed his disappointment with the recent ruling and encourages his 10,900 NW Ohio members to speak out against the Clean Power Plan (CPP).

Walton says, "The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) plan imposes huge costs and tremendous regulatory burdens on states and utilities but will likely reduce emissions by a mere few percent from what will happen without this costly regulation. I urge our Members to speak out to Congress against this this ruling."

The EPA recently finalized the CPP, which has been called one of the most aggressive and controversial regulations in the history of federal environmental regulation. In Nov., the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), on behalf of its members and cooperatives listed on the association's petition, will join with other key stakeholders in filing a Petition to Review asking the courts to review the ruling. Currently, Ohio is among dozens of states that have filed a lawsuit against the CPP ruling.

"This regulation is an overreach of authority by the EPA and has the potential to cost

Ohio's electric cooperative Members hundreds of dollars a year on their electric bills while providing little, if any, environmental benefit," said Pat O'Loughlin, president and CEO of Buckeye Power, Inc. (BPI), the wholesale power provider for Ohio's electric distribution cooperatives. "It's in ... our members' interests to protect the reliability and affordability of our electricity supply."

BPI joined the NRECA and 36 other cooperative generation and transmission utilities in filing the petition to review.

According to the NRECA, the CPP emissions rates chosen by EPA cannot be achieved solely by the coal-fired power plants that are the subject of the regulation. To comply with the CPP, regulated power plants would have to invest in new natural gas, renewable and/or nuclear generation and in new end-use energy efficiency programs. All of which would be sub-

ject to EPA review and indirect regulation.

This is not the first time the EPA has exceeded their boundaries. In the case of Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA, the Supreme Court ruled that the EPA had overstepped its authority under the Clean Air Act. The justices wrote: "EPA's interpretation is also unreasonable because it would bring about an enormous and transformative expansion in EPA's regulatory authority without clear Congressional authorization."

As detailed in the NRECA/utility motion to stay, should EPA's rule go forward, utilities would be forced to take immediate and irreparable action that will:

- Significantly impair the value of existing generation facilities
- Force immediate, costly and irreversible compliance measures
- Force utilities to incur tremendous costs associated with the immedi-

ate need for utility system remodeling

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative along with the NRECA believes these actions will cause: job losses, economic harm to local communities and significant electric rate increases.

Ohio is joining other electric cooperatives by telling the White House to reconsider the Clean Power Plan and bring forth a plan that considers the affordability and reliability of power generation along with environmental responsibility. More information is available at www.Action.coop.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, established April 20, 1938, serves portions of Hancock, Wood, Allen, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot counties and remains dedicated to the communities it serves. For more information about Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, visit www.hwe.coop or call 800-445-4840.

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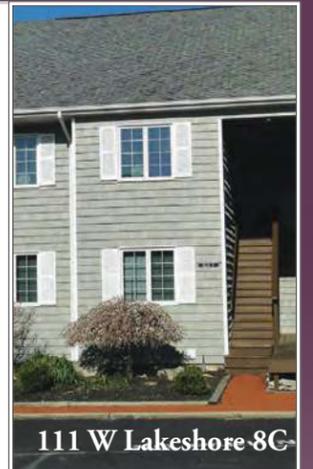
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