

## Teddy's Big Adventure



Teddy at home in South Carolina with Emmy, See page 4-5 for the story and pictures of Teddys adventure on Kelleys Island.

## St. Michael's Church

It now appears the new 5,000 square foot gathering hall to replace the old existing 1,440 square foot hall next to St. Michael's Church may become a reality.

Ed and Fran Kuchar have stepped forward with a solid positive offer to the Toledo Diocese to construct the building under their contract with a commercial builder. The church will have no liability or responsibility toward the project. The Kuchar's have assumed total responsibility of all construction obligations including all costs, start to finish.

Ed Kuchar has selected Simonson Construction Company as the builder mainly because Bob Simonson shares the same demands as Ed regarding high quality and workmanship for this project. Bob agrees this is a win-win for all Island residents.

Ed comments he has seen enough party tents around the Island for various events or chairs lined up along beaches in ninety plus degree weather. It is time we

give the Island an event hall commensurate with our modern day needs, plus the Parish can use rental income to offset operating expenses.

The gathering hall will be built with all current state of the art features and materials.

To name a few: 2 x 6 exterior walls with lifetime siding, super foam insulation, LED lighting, water saving fixtures, best quality HVAC system, a new larger sanitary system, etc. etc.

Another very important contribution toward this project is the Palladino family which has stepped forward and insisted they absorb the freight costs of bringing equipment, materials and construction people to the Island plus the use of their people and equipment.

If all goes well with the permits and material deliveries, we hope to have construction completed before years end. Ed Kuchar wants to personally thank all those involved who are helping and will help in the future.

Ed Kuchar

## From the Mayor's Desk

Please enjoy the rest of the summer but remember to stay safe, respect social distancing and please remember we all have rights but we also have responsibilities to each other. See you next month!

Mayor Ron Ehrbar

### July 23 Statement from the Mayor

Yesterday, Governor Mike DeWine enacted a state-wide order indicating that mask wearing is now mandatory in public spaces. The order goes into effect tonight, July 23, at 6pm.

### What does that mean for Kelleys Island?

- All individuals on Kelleys Island must wear facial coverings in public at all times when:
  - At an outdoor location that isn't a residence
  - Outdoors, but maintaining 6 feet of distance isn't possible from people who are not part of your household
  - Waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, such as a taxi, a car service, or a private car used for ride-sharing
  - You are over 10 years old
- There are individuals and situations that are exempt from mask-wearing. They are as follows:
  - Those with a medical condition or a disability or those communicating with someone with a disability
  - Those who are actively exercising or playing sports
  - Those who are officiants at religious services
  - Those who are actively involved in public safety
  - Those who are actively eating or drinking

### YES, wear a mask!

Waiting in line to get your golf cart or bike rental or returning your golf cart or bike rental.

Walking through busy downtown KI where lots of people are present; using public restrooms.

Waiting to get a table using the restroom at your favorite KI restaurant, or picking up a takeout order at your favorite KI restaurant.

Shopping at your favorite KI boutique or store.

Waiting for and riding the Kelleys Island Ferry as a walk-on passenger; being a passenger on a hired fishing charter.

Riding as a passenger in an island taxi service.

Sitting at the beach if you are unable to be socially distant from others.

### NO, you don't need to wear a mask!

Riding around in your golf cart on our village streets or at your property.

Walking on a quiet street or nature preserve where there aren't many people.

Actively eating or drinking at your favorite KI restaurant.

Enjoying your new purchases in the comfort of your own home or lodging rental.

Waiting for and riding the Kelleys Island Ferry as a passenger in a vehicle, as long as you stay in that vehicle.

Driving yourself wherever you need to go.

Sitting at the beach if you are spaced far apart from others or swimming far away from others

If you have complaints about lack of mask-wearing, please do not call 911. Please direct any complaints regarding masks to the Erie County Health Department (419) 626-5623 24 Hour Toll Free: (888) 399-6065 or the State of Ohio Department Health (883) 427-5634.

We'd like to thank all of our business owners, employees, residents, property owners, and visiting KI fans for working so hard to uphold these safety guidelines, which are often frustrating. Your health and

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# KILA Korner



KILA's Yard sign along Lakeshore Dr.

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KILA is continuing its community service efforts for Kelleys Island this summer. We have given away over 700 cloth face masks to KI residents, businesses, and their employees. We have also placed bright yellow yard signs encouraging everyone to "Please Keep Kelleys Safe". We hope that everyone will do their best to prevent, or at least slow down the spread of the COVID19 virus on KI by wearing masks in public and maintaining a 6 foot distance. So far, we've had very few cases and with everyone's cooperation, we will keep it that way. If any resident needs a mask, please contact us at info@kila.rocks.

Well, we were waiting for some summer heat; and did we get some. A pretty hot July with very little rain. Most Island large, public events have been cancelled, postponed or curtailed because of the COVID 19 virus. KILA previously cancelled Homecoming and now has cancelled the Fall Hayride. This was a popular & fun family event but the safety of our residents and visitors takes precedence. There are some events still for us all. The Film Fest is still scheduled in late July with KILA sponsoring the Sunday movie Ford v. Ferrari.

In addition, there are plans for a fantastic Fireworks show on Labor Day.

Although Homecoming was cancelled, KILA is hosting a Virtual Homecoming Parade. The theme is "Better together" or otherwise "if there had been a parade

this is what we would have entered". A photo of your entry (float, formation, golf cart or whatever) needs to have a visible name of the family(ies)/organization submitting the entry. To the extent possible, compliance with the 6-10 (6 feet apart & maximum of 10 in a group) guidance and masking should be considered in the picture. One entry per group, submitted electronically as an attachment (.jpeg) in an email to parade@kila.rocks. More details have been posted on our Website (www.kila.rocks), and our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/kelleysislandlandowners/), as well as other local sources.

Please let us know if you have questions, by email at parade@kila.rocks.

Please watch our website https://kila.rocks/ and our Facebook page for announcements about KILA events.

Also, please remember to renew your KILA membership or become a new member and join the over 250 active KILA members. We also accept donations to support our continuing efforts on the Island.

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 Kelleys Island History Museum

**The museum is open from 12-4  
 Friday-Monday  
 August 8 - Annual Meeting  
 September 12 - Indoor yard sale at the Resale Shop**

**Kelleys Island Branch**

The Library is temporarily closed due to COVID-19. A plan for a Responsible Reopening is in process and we will continue to update you through our website and social media outlets. Follow us on Facebook for updates, interactive discussions, and more! We continue to provide excellent service and resources on our website at www.sanduskylib.org.

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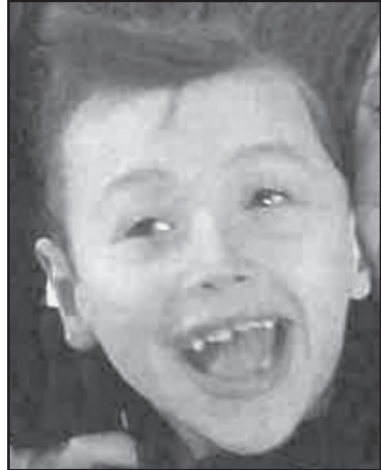
# 2020 Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Golf Cart Poker Run & Benefit Swim

To All Our Dear Friends,  
2020 has been a strange year. Cindra & I (Jeni) needed to make a tough decision and decided that we will not be having the Golf Cart Poker Run this year or the party after the swim. Yes, we will still be swimming on Sunday, August 2nd from West Bay to Portside. Our MAW children & their families will be cheering us on from their homes this year. 2020 is a flash back to when we started this event back in 1995 and all we did was swim. The only people who watched over us were our husbands, our children and Kelleys Island friends. This event has grown over the years, and we appreciate how so many people have become involved in helping us raise money. Cindra & I are even more committed to these special children and their Wishes. This year we have one Wish child so far.

Braxton, is from Perrysburg, he is 8 years old and has Menkes Disease. His Wish is to have a Sensory Experience at the Atlanta Aquarium so he can see the different colors of the fish and watch them swim. He loves things that light up and makes noise.

We are looking into running a raffle on-line to help support our

Wish child. Please stay updated on our Facebook page for more details (Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Benefit Weekend). Cindra & I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy 2020.



Braxton

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safety is our #1 goal and we'll do what we can to ensure that goal is reached. Finally, we encourage you to keep supporting our local businesses and organizations in this challenging time. They depend on your cooperation and patronage! Let's do our part to keep our island #KIStrong!

Sincerely  
Ronald E. Ehrbar, Mayor



## Museum News



July is just a memory, but we still have hopes for August. Since the museum is only open four days a week, the resale shop hours are sporadic (due to a volunteer shortage), and our special events have been cancelled, our income stream has been significantly reduced. It is through the dedication of our board members, our volunteers and everyone who shops in the gift and resale shops that we can keep our doors open at all! And for that, we give all our supporters a big thank you. Since so many people spent time on the Island fixing up their houses, we have received lots of items for our collection including photos of people (as yet unidentified) from the Upp house (now Linde Camp) and some great Neuman Boat Line memorabilia, photos and artifacts from Rick Holmes. People are finding items buried in the yard or behind walls as houses are being renovated. We absolutely love that people think of the museum when they find 'old' stuff. The resale shop is still going strong as people donate items or shop for new items. Things come and go so quickly though, you almost have to stop by every day to see what's new. Remember to keep up to date on all the latest news, stories and events on our Facebook page: Kelleys Island History Museum.

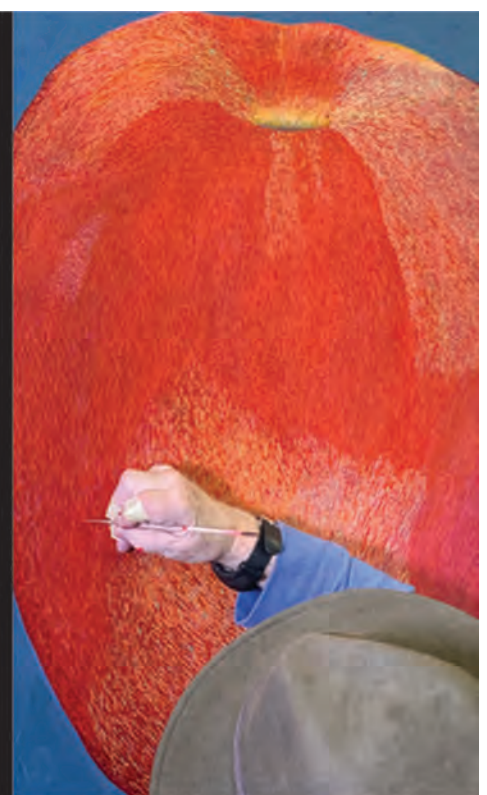
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## An Apple of Your Eye CHARLES HERNDON GALLERIES

Due to the pandemic, the gallery is closed for now. Feel free to walk through the sculpture garden keeping in mind the 6' social distancing. Go to charlesherndon.com or Charles Laylin Herndon on Facebook to view work, prints, and more. Email/call if you have questions; chasherndon@gmail.com 419 746-2249. We hope we can see you later in the season.

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# Kelleys Island 2020 Calendar of Events

## AUGUST

1	Arts & Crafts Fair	Historical Museum	
1	Make-a-Wish Golf Cart Poker Run	KI Wine Co.	CANCELLED
2	Make-a-Wish Benefit Swim	Swim Only – No Event/ Party	
3-7	Adult Nature Camp (21+)	KI Field Station	
7	Justin Horseshoe Tournament	KI Wine Co.	
7-8	Homecoming – KILA	Village Pavilion	CANCELLED
22	Poker Run / Dice Roll	Peeper's	
29	KI Outdoor Adventure Weekend	Island – Wide	

## SEPTEMBER

5	Find the Apple of Your Eye	Herndon Galleries	CANCELLED
5	Island Singers Concert	Town Hall	
6	Glacial Glimpses	Audubon Club	
12	<b>Treasurer Island Day</b>	<b>Island Wide</b>	
12	Butterfly Fest / Yard Sale	Historical Museum	
19	Wine, Art and Food Faire	KI Wine Co.	
19	Feathers & Foliage	Audubon Club	
26	Lobster Fest	Village Pump	CANCELLED

## OCTOBER

3	<b>Harvest Fest</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b>	CANCELLED
3	Oktoberfest	West Bay	
10	21st Annual Chili Cook-Off	Peeper's	
14	Owl Banding (thru Nov. 23)	Audubon Club	
16-18	Murder Mystery	KI Venture Resort	
17	Trunk or Treat – Seaway Marina	KI Wine Co.	
17	EMS Pumpkin Carving	Peeper's	
17	Kid's Halloween	KI Wine Co.	
17	Family Hay Ride-KILA	4-H Camp	
17	EMS Terror at Town Hall	Town Hall	
18	5K & 10K Run / Walk	Memorial Park	CANCELLED
24	Adult Halloween	Island-Wide	
24	Day of the Dead Celebration	KI Wine Co.	

## NOVEMBER

6 - 8	Owl Fest	Audubon Club	
15	Half Marathon & 5K	Village Pump	CANCELLED
27	Thanksgiving Pot Luck	Village Pump	
27	Annual Park Lighting-KIFD	Memorial Park	
28	OSU Tail Gate Party	Village Pump	
28	Sights, Sounds, & Scents of the Holidays	KI Wine Co	

Events are still in the process of being cancelled and / or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce website for changes. [www.kelleysislandchamber.com](http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com)

# Teddy's Big Adventure

So, here is how the adventure begins. I had just gotten home from running errands, on my day off, and was looking through facebook. A lady named Alex Hill O'Brien sent a post to Kelleys Island's FB page that her little girl had lost her beloved Teddy on Kelleys Island a few days ago. She knew it was a long shot but, wondered if anyone had found him. Someone texted back that they thought they saw a stuffed animal across from the school a couple days before. I had the rest of the day free so, I hopped on my golf cart and headed to the school. A little bit of looking and there he was! Back down Division we went I saw my friend Alicia working at the Sand Trap and pulled over to tell her the story. I took Teddy's photo to send to Mom with the good news that he was safe. We then headed off to tell the gang at the Village Pump what happened. Upon arrival, I thought I'd take a picture of Teddy with his mask on. As I was leaving, I decided it would be a fun gift for the little girl to take Teddy around on a Kelleys Island tour and photograph him at different island landmarks and businesses. "Teddy's Big Adventure"

The pictures were taken at The Sand Trap, The Village Pump, The Softball Field, waiting for the game (it was cancelled that night), St. Michaels saying a thankful prayer that he would be going home to Emmy soon, hanging with locals Erin and Kyle at the Cantina, trying to drive the golf cart, Twine Shanty, Augie's donkeys, enjoying a virgin strawberry, checking out the boats at Portside, Papa T's big

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Teddy at the Browns Backers club, Jan Thom at Captain's Corner

Teddy with Kelleys Life

Teddy sitting on Papa T's big chair

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chair (the last place he took a picture with Emmy), joining the Browns Backers club at the Captain's Corner, winning pull tabs, meeting the gofer at Caddy Shack, with Kelleys Life, meeting Phoebe and Ruby, me saying goodbye, packed up with some Kelleys Island stickers and a new friend from Lyman Life, "Clinker", to keep him company on his ride home, and sending him off at the post office. Finally, Teddy is at home in South Carolina with Emmy.

That's our Story!  
Tina Callari



Tina Callari saying goodbye



Sending Teddy off at the post office

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# Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Update

Jordan B. Killam, Director

I'm writing this article on Saturday, July 18. This would have been the Saturday of Island Fest, which Jackie Finger, Lisa Klonaris, Cindy Holmes, and others have so expertly planned and executed for the past several decades. It's not lost

on me that right about now, I'd probably be on a parade float, dressed in a Mount Olympus Goddess costume to celebrate this year's chosen Island Fest theme, "The Summer Olympics". Tonight, we'd be setting off fireworks. Dancing in the streets. But, not this year.

However, the sadness I feel is eclipsed by the pride I feel for our island business community, its compassionate residents, and its supportive visitors. Yes, we have struggled throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are rising to the occasion. Today, an article was published in the Sandusky Register, indicating that the first round of COVID testing reaped zero positive results. This is due in part to our diligent, hard-working business owners, employees, and residents. I congratulate them on their excellence in continued commitment to safely serving our visitors.

### Summer Events

Film Fest went as planned - but with some adjustments. Movie-goers were required to stay in their golf carts and vehicles as they enjoyed the following films:

Grease - Sponsored by Kelleys Island Seaway Marina

Toy Story 4 - Sponsored by Chicklet's Closet

King Kong - Sponsored by the Village Pump

Ford vs. Ferrari - Sponsored by the Kelleys Island Landowners Association

The entire event could not have taken place without our premier sponsors, Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, whose generous donation helped offset the cost of staging Film Fest for yet another year. Special thanks to Jackie Finger, Lisa Klonaris, and The Party Company for their involvement in planning and facilitating Film Fest 2020!

Kelleys Island's Got Talent (KIGT) has received a COVID-friendly makeover. Our board Vice President, Dan Weaver, came up with the idea to transform KIGT to KI's Funniest Home Videos while we were brainstorming fundraising opportunities during what is shaping up to be a year with little event revenue. With a little help from Social B. Creative, a media company based in Toledo, OH, here's how it works:

- Hopeful contestants will submit a video to info@kelleysislandchamber.com. Videos must be 2 minutes or less and cannot contain any adult language or content.

- If you are chosen as a finalist, you will need to submit an entry fee of \$50

- The finalists' videos will become part of a fully edited half hour program with hosts and "commercials" from our sponsors, Remax Beyond 2000 and Lake Erie Shores & Islands (LESI), completely produced by Social B. Creative. The program will be aired on a weeknight after Labor Day (to be announced). It will cost \$10 to watch, which is a donation to the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce. It's one of our only fundraisers this year, so we hope you'll be generous!

- The top 3 winners will receive a prize from Remax Beyond 2000 and Motto Mortgage.

Due to the unceremonious cancellation of Island Fest, we have decided to reschedule our fireworks display for Saturday, September 5! As per usual, this fireworks display is fully funded by the community. To donate, you may drop off a check to the Chamber Office, send us a check at 240 E. Lakeshore Drive, Kelleys Island, OH 43438, or make a donation via our website at [www.kelleysislandchamber.com/donate](http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com/donate) and scroll down to the fireworks option.

We are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets for \$10 around town at participating restaurants, bars, and shops. The winner of the 50/50 lottery will be drawn on Saturday, September 5.

Treasure Island Day will happen as scheduled on Saturday, September 12. We ask that all sellers keep their sales outdoors, wear masks, and ensure that social distancing is practiced. We encourage our sellers to use electronic payment methods if possible, like Venmo, Cash App, Google Pay, etc. We ask all treasure seekers to adhere to social distancing/mask wearing guidelines. More details will be advertised on social media in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, October, 6, we will hold elections for the 2020-2022 Chamber board. Serving on our board is an excellent way to get involved in community projects, not to mention help our businesses and organizations thrive. We will be holding elections for all board positions, so if you are interested about the duties involved, please email me at [info@kelleysislandchamber.com](mailto:info@kelleysislandchamber.com).

Congrats to our new Associate members:  
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Remaining Chamber Meeting dates:

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- Tuesday, September 1
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**No Covid here!!**



Chuck Herndon gives a birthday celebration kiss to his wife Cindy on her special day, July 2, 2020, in spite of having to wear their safety masks. Cindy had a nice birthday celebration with family and friends.  
Congratulations. Cindy!

**Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Update**

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Finally, it's almost time to renew your membership for 2020! You will be pleased to know that I won't be contacting you to purchase ads for the 2021 Lake Erie Shores & Islands Travel Guide. Due to extenuating circumstances this year, LESI has decided to roll over last year's guide. Those who purchased ads for 2020 will see that their ad appear as it did in the 2021 Travel Guide. If you did not purchase an ad last year and would like to do so for 2021, please contact the Chamber.

Finally, as we enter our 7th month adjusting to pandemic life, I'd just like to say thank you to our island businesses and organizations

for adhering to these frustrating guidelines with vigor. We have been complimented on our efforts by the Erie County Health Department Commissioner Pete Schade, who was "blown away" by how closely we are following these state-mandated orders. This is one example of what makes us #KIStrong. When we band together as a community, we are capable of great things!

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# What is that big building at the State Park?



The building today.



The North Side crusher building back in the day. That small building on the left was the Locomotive House.

By Leslie Korenko

This is one of the TOP 10 questions that we get asked at the history museum and on Facebook.

That was the North Side quarry crusher. Late in 2018, the State Park cleared the trees and brush from around this structure, revealing it for the first time in many years. As a result, people are asking “What is that big cement thing at the State Park?”

While there are several great pictures in the quarry section of the museum that tell a more detailed story about this structure and the various quarry operations on the Island, here is a little history about this particular building.

The right side of the building was the steam plant that powered the entire operation. The left side was the crusher building and stone storage bins.

Railroad cars would back up through a hole in the upper part of the building and tip stone down into the crusher, which was located in the corner where the two structures meet. You can still see the concrete pads from the trestle in the grass. Conveyor belts would carry the crushed stone across the top of the concrete structure and dump it into the bins. RR cars backed up underneath (in the ‘tunnel’) where the stone would drop into the cars. The train would carry the stone cars out onto the dock and dump it into the bins on the dock. These were called pocket docks. There were chutes that would be lowered to allow the stone to tumble onto the boats. If the stone should get stuck in the chutes, they would send a quarry worker in with a sledgehammer or a small charge of



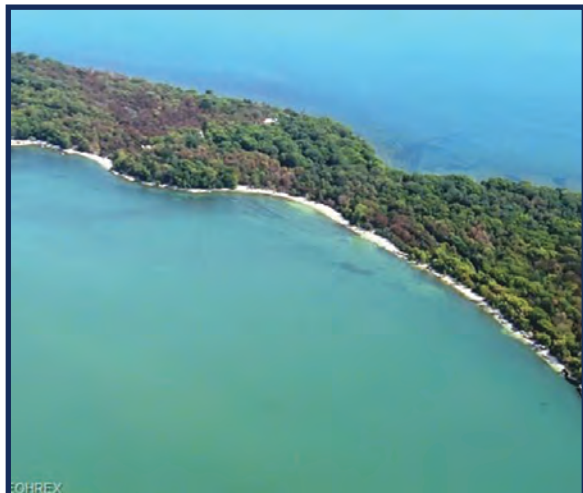
Look closely at the small shed – it was originally located on the roof of the building behind the smoke stacks.



You can still see the concrete pads for the trestle in the grass.

black powder or dynamite to dislodge the blockage. It was very dangerous work.

Chris, at the State Park, wants to do some descriptive signage for this building.



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- Are you a full-time Kelleys Island resident age 60 or older? (circle one) Yes No  
How many months and which months do you live on Kelleys Island? \_\_\_\_\_
- Due to Covid-19, has the unemployment of family members or friends caused more people to be available to help you, compared to before Covid-19? (check one)  
 Yes, I have more people available to help me, now.  
 No, I do not have more people available to help me, now.  
 Does not apply to me. I don't need help from family and friends. I am completely independent.
- If you were working before Covid-19, how has Covid-19 affected your employment status? (check one)  
 I remain employed throughout the pandemic and continue to work.  
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 I am still unemployed/furloughed/not working.  
 I am still working, but my hours and/or wages have been reduced.  
 I was not working before Covid-19.

4. Are you currently experiencing financial problems caused by the changes to your employment status? (circle one) Yes No NA

5. What do you need assistance with now, due to Covid-19 and its risks and restrictions? Check all that apply

I don't need any assistance due to Covid-19, and don't expect I will need future assistance

I need someone to do my shopping for me:  Now  Within the next year

How often \_\_\_\_\_

I need someone to run errands for me:  Now  Within the next year

How often \_\_\_\_\_

I need someone to take me places:  Now  Within the next year

Where and how often \_\_\_\_\_

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How often \_\_\_\_\_

I need someone to help me with bathing:  Now  Within the next year

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I need a mask.

I need other forms of assistance as described in the following...

Type of Assistance Needed NOW	How often
_____	_____

Type of Assistance Needed in the Future	How often
_____	_____

6. Due to the fact that there is no guarantee the person who could help you is free of the Covid-19 virus, please answer the following:  
Is your need for assistance so serious that you are willing to take the risk of having someone with you in your home, or in a car, to lend you their assistance?

I don't need any type of assistance.

Yes, I'm willing to take that risk.

No, I'm not willing to take that risk.

7. Do you have any of the following devices (check all that apply):

Pad or Android tablet

Laptop computer (Windows pc or Mac or I don't know)

Desktop computer (Windows pc or Mac or I don't know) (circle one)

Smart phone (Apple iPhone or Android smart phone or I don't know) (circle one)

Other smart device (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I do not own any smart devices

8. If you have smart devices, would you like someone to show you how to use it? (check all that apply):

Yes, for virtual visits with family and friends

Yes, for virtual visits so I can stay home and still have my health care appointments

Yes, for virtual visits with a counselor or social worker to help me with my feelings/mental health

No, I already know how to use my device for the above needs

No, I am not interested in virtual visits for health care or for counseling with my feelings

Are you feeling any of these emotions from having to stay home or having to stay 6 ft or more away from other people? Check all that apply

9. Angry  Depressed  Isolated  I'm feeling well. It's not bothering me.

Anxious  Lonely  Afraid  Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please tell us anything additional regarding what you need now or may need between now and April 2021, in order to maintain your health and your ability to live independently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Use a sheet of paper if more space is needed.)

The survey is anonymous. If you would like Serving Our Seniors to contact you after we read your survey, please provide your phone number and/or e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Gangotri Temple



I know this photo submission is way past the time that the photo was taken, but I was reminded that I had taken it while on the Island with my parents this month.

In October 2018, I took a group of young people to one of the most holy sites in Hinduism: Gangotri Temple. Since 2008, I have been sponsoring the education of several poor children in Rishikesh, India at Mother Miracle School ([www.mothermiracle.org](http://www.mothermiracle.org)). My connection with this school was through my first yoga teacher. I traveled there in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2018. Rishikesh is on the banks of the Ganga (Ganges) River. The source of this river is a glacier in the Himalaya Mountains near the border of India and Tibet. The temple is at 10,200 feet. In the background of the photo, you can see the Bhagirathi Peaks which range between 21,175-22,493 feet. One of my automatic responses upon seeing sites like this during my travels is to say/think, "But I'm from Ohio." I feel so blessed to travel to such amazing places.

It was a scary 11 hour van ride from Rishikesh to Gangotri. None of these young people had ever been to this holy site, and this was an extremely important journey for them to make this pilgrimage on behalf of their families. They were outstanding translators and cultural/religious

ambassadors for me. Through them, I had a non-touristy introduction to this amazing place.

They were really excited about the possibility of being in Kelleys Life. They love learning more about the USA and my roots in Ohio and on the Island.

In the photo are (l-r): bottom row: Shubham Joshi, Priyanshu Gupta, Vinod Mehar, Ram Ji Chauhan. top row: Deepak Bijalwan, Himanshu Arya, Shivam Dangwal, Michael Alexander, Kusum Bijalwan, Mamta Chauhan. The photo was taken on October 17, 2018.

Currently, I am sponsoring the education of Shubham Joshi (senior in college), Ram Ji Chauhan (senior in high school at Mother Miracle School), and Vikas Gupta (not pictured) (final year of a master's program).

My association with this school and these wonderful young people has been one of the highlights of my life. I would love to share more information, if you are interested. During my visit, I have done a number of video calls with them, and they are fascinated with the green of the Island and all the water. We all hope that someday, they can visit me in the USA and hopefully Kelleys Island.

All the best,  
Michael Alexander (son of Don and Sandy Alexander)

## OBITUARY



**Ray Arnold** of Kaempfe Ln. passed away Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Loving husband of Lori, amazing father to Amy (Jeff) Kowell and Matthew (Amber) Arnold. A favorite Papa to his five grandchildren: Mariah Higley, Nathan Arnold, Sydney Kowell, Alexis Arnold, and Cameron Kowell.

He worked for GM as a tool-and-die maker until he retired on Kelleys. He was also a US Army vet and member of the Zion United Methodist church on Kelleys.

He enjoyed teaching his grandkids fishing at the quarry, helping at Bag the Moon for many years, boating around the island, and every thing about living on Kelleys Island!

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Geocaching is a great way to get outside and stay active while maintaining social distancing. Geocaching is a hobby that uses multi-million dollar satellites to find Tupperware hidden in the woods. Most people take the GPS (Global Positioning Satellites) systems for granted. A single satellite can cost \$10,000,000 - \$400,000,000 to launch into space. There are about 3,000 man-made objects in orbit including 31 active GPS satellites (out of 74 launched since 1978) along with 9 reserve, 2 test, 30 retired, and 2 satellites lost at launch.

It takes 3 satellites to Trilaterate a location in 2 dimensions and at least 4 to Trilaterate a location in 3 dimensions using Latitude (lines parallel to the equator called parallels and Longitude, lines perpendicular to parallels called Meridians) (This system has been used since 300 BC.)

There are several common types of Caches and Sizes. A Traditional or large geocache usually is an Ammo Box or Tupperware container that can hold a notebook for geocachers to log the FIND. There may be room in the container for trading items, Travel Bugs, and other small objects. When you become a member you choose a unique name that identifies you- no two users can have the same geocache name. You use this name to log finds or as an "owner" to hide and publish a cache. Caches also have a unique name so there is no confusion on logging finds.

A small cache might be a peanut butter jar or container that can be water proofed about that size.

A micro cache is the size of a Hide a Key Box or smaller- some geocachers have very inventive ways to make



Geocaching map

very very small caches and even smaller log books. This requires a Bring Your Own Pen warning so you can write on the log.

A Nano cache can be a very small threaded metal tube with a screw off cap.

You find cache locations at: Geocaching.com after becoming a member and searching via the internet at any location you may travel to around the world. There are about 300,000 caches worldwide.

Multi-caches have at least three sets of Lat/Longs to find the cache. There are stages with the next set of Lat/Longs to find the final stage/ cache.

Earth Caches and Virtual Caches have no cache, instead there is a natural structure such as a waterfall, mountain, natural rock formation at the location and Virtual Caches have a man-made structure similar to an Earth Cache that the finder photographs and e-mails to get credit for the find.

Travel Bugs are small objects attached to a Dog Tag from Geocaching.com with a set of instructions related to the name of the Travel Bug. If you find a travel bug and you choose to move it you follow the directions on the bug and take it to another cache. I found one named Rubber Ducky. It was a little rubber duck about 1 inch long, its directions were to take Rubber Ducky to any other cache near a body of water. From there Rubber Ducky could move from one body of water to another. You can follow a Travel Bug on its journey around the world via the internet. I found it in Ohio and put it in a cache in Key Largo and watched it as it traveled to the north along the Atlantic coast.

There is a rule in caching. Cache in Trash out. If you find trash while caching, remove it properly. Leave a location as clean or cleaner than you found it!

Non-geocachers are known as Muggles and geocachers try to hide their activities from Muggles since



Nano cache can be a very small threaded metal tube with a screw off cap.



Travel Bugs are small objects attached to a Dog Tag from Geocaching.com

they may think you are a terrorist or watching a place to commit a crime and call the police. Acting nonchalant, calm, and relaxed helps muggles from being afraid, bothering local officials and wasting their time.

Geocachers hide objects and publish the Lat/Longs for other Geocachers to find the caches and log their finds. Geocaching.com has Rules and Guidelines for hiding and allowing a cache to be published.

When you go to hide a geocache, think of the reason you are bringing people to that spot. If the only reason you are bringing people to that spot is the cache, then find a better spot.

Some rules/guidelines on hiding a geocache include:

Obey Local Laws, Get Permission, Choose the location wisely, check that caches or "Stages" multi-caches, for any other geocache at least .1 mile away.

The location should be for the long term, available most days (days - not always after sun down), no contact with the owner required, do not bury a cache or require tools to open, DO NOT HARM PLANTS, ANIMALS, OR THE ENVIRONMENT, stay away from any restricted area such as archaeological or historic sites, bridges, railroads, dams, military installations, hospitals, airports, or major roadways. Geocachers - with permission may place caches in space, either on other planets or in spacecraft.....still waiting the first Space Cache.



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# Kelleys Island Audubon News and Fall Migration Information

Spring migration arrives with excitement – flocks of migrating birds, erupting flowers, bursting tree buds, return of the “snowbirds” and the air filled with birdsong and that fresh smell of spring. Remember the excitement of every May when the first rose-breasted grosbeak arrived at your feeder, the red-headed woodpeckers and the Baltimore orioles, chickadees’ happy song, spotting a scarlet tanager in a tree or an indigo bunting in your driveway. Warblers of rainbow colors don’t stop at seed feeders, but they are busy in the trees, among the fresh new leaves, gleaning for bugs. Even the red-wing blackbirds, grackles and starlings announce Spring!

In contrast, fall migration moves slowly, quietly, steadily and is almost imperceptible. The bright mating colors have faded to dull, the songs are silenced (ala Simon and Garfunkel). Feeders still carry the leftover seeds of spring while annual flowers color our yards. Fall migration actually begins before the spring migration is over, as the earliest migrators such as shorebirds, have already concluded mating, fledging young and begun their return trip south. And among the treetops the warblers stop to eat bugs on their major trip to South America.

If your feeders have been hanging empty because you got tired of feeding just grackles and starlings, now is the time to wash out the old seed crumbs and prepare to feed the migrators. As Kelleys Island is a stopover for the north-bound, so it is for the south

bound birds. They need to build up their fat supply for energy to make that long trip. All types of sunflower seeds have high fat content and are eaten by most birds. Unsalted peanuts in the shells or cracked nuts are preferred by woodpeckers and blue jays. Nijer seeds are finch favorites, but they seem to prefer them in seed socks rather than feeders. After a good watering of your garden, watch the robins find the worms. Hummingbirds, now double or triple their spring population, need fresh sugar-water

nectar, changed just about every day when it is very hot. We don’t want our beloved hummers getting drunk or sick on fermented sugar water! And leave your hummingbird feeders out until 3 weeks after you have seen the last one visit your station. The end of summer is a good time to find a sale on bird feeding equipment. Pick-up a new bird house or a new design of feeder, and you are already planning for spring. Meanwhile, watch for the migrating Monarch butterflies in September.

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club continues to host nature walks on the third Thursday of the month, in lieu of our usual educational meetings. Meet at the school parking lot at 7 pm to head off to one of the many natural areas on the island. If you head out to North Pond, climb up to the top of the platform to see if you can find the beaver lodge just northwest of the platform. The beaver living there was spotted often during the early summer. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy the beautiful autumn on Kelleys Island.

## ATTENTION Lake Erie Anglers!

To increase our knowledge on walleye movement and better manage the fishery, a study is being conducted on Lake Erie. Each tagged Lake Erie walleye will have up to two external tags and one internal transmitter. A \$100 reward is offered for information on the external tag and transmitter in the event that you catch and keep a tagged walleye.

**IF YOU CATCH A TAGGED FISH:** Please remove the internal transmitter, external tag, and rinse with water. Store the transmitter and tag at room temperature. You may keep the fish.

Call the number printed on the transmitter or tag, call (419) 625-8062, or visit wildohio.gov to report when and where you caught the fish.

## Lake Erie Walleye and Yellow Perch Daily Limits

The following limits have been established for walleye and yellow perch anglers fishing in the Ohio waters of Lake Erie, or landing at Ohio ports.

- Walleye**  
Minimum size for walleye is 15"  
Daily limit through 02/28/21: 6
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It is important to choose a life jacket that you will wear, that meets the needs of your boating activity, and that works for the boating environment it will be exposed to.

Knowing the facts about the different types of life jackets (also referred to as PFDs -- Personal Flotation Devices) can help you decide which is appropriate for you. ODNR strongly encourages all boaters to wear life jackets, whether or not the law requires it.

**Life jackets must be:**

- Coast Guard approved, in good and serviceable condition, and the appropriate size for the intended user.
- There should be a wearable life jacket (that fits!) for every person onboard the boat. The type and size of your boat determines if a throwable PFD is required.

**Ohio law REQUIRES life jackets to be worn:**

- while riding a personal watercraft (PWC or jet ski).
- while waterskiing or being towed on a similar device.
- by children less than 10 years of age on any vessel less than 18 feet in length.

**It is particularly important to WEAR a life jacket:**

- when the boater cannot swim or is a weak swimmer.
- when boating alone.
- when the water is dangerously cold (the months of October through May in Ohio).
- during rough water/waves and severe weather conditions.
- when boating at night.
- in emergency situations.
- in swift and fast current.

**There are three basic kinds of flotation used in life jackets:**

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Regardless of type, all life jackets must meet these U.S. Coast Guard requirements:

- Life jackets must have a "U.S. Coast Guard Approved" label with approval number listed.
- Boats less than 16 feet in length (including canoes and kayaks of any length) must be equipped with wearable PFDs for each person on board.
- Each PFD must be the appropriate size for the person who wears it. Size, weight ranges, and recommended uses are listed on the label.
- All straps, buckles, zippers and stitching on a life jacket must be intact and the fabric should be in good condition.
- Life jackets must be readily accessible to occupants of a boat. They should NOT be stored in sealed packages or in a locked or closed storage area.

## Take Your Dog Boating

It's getting more common to see "Fido" on board with the family. A recent survey of boat owners in the U.S. showed that 70% of them own dogs. Not sure if your dog and your boat are a good fit? In general, a dog that is accustomed to noise, comfortable around water, well behaved, and listens to "down" and "stay" commands can make a fine boating companion. Excitable or skittish dogs may not be the best boating pals.

The first priority of a responsible dog owner should be the safety and well being of their dog. To keep your dog safe, you need to know your pet: Does he like water? Is he afraid of noise? Does he listen to you? Some dogs just don't like water and some dogs don't like to swim. If you don't know how your dog will react near water or boats, you should find out before you actually plan a trip. Visit a boat dock or launch area and see how your dog reacts to the surroundings.

As a boat operator, you are also responsible for the safety and well-being of your human passengers. Will your dog being onboard be a distraction to you? If your dog needs continual attention from you, or if any of your passengers are not comfortable with your dog, you should reconsider taking the dog onboard.

Ensure your dog exhibits proper behavior at all times while on a boat. That means staying in one place, which is especially important on smaller boats, no distractive barking, etc. Be sure your pet knows where she belongs in the boat and stays there while the vessel is in motion.

If you've never had

your dog on the boat, practice a "dry run" - where your boat is loaded with everything else you take on an outing. Be sure you have all the equipment on board you usually would and that it is stowed where you normally put it. Put the dog on board and determine where the safest and most comfortable place is for your pet.

Some safety professionals suggest counting your dog as a person in the boat because they can require space (taking up a seat) and can move on their own inside the boat. Definitely include their weight when calculating your boat capacity.

Make sure that you have a plan for when your dog goes overboard, whether that is voluntarily or not. If your dog is a swimmer, be sure you have practiced getting your dog back into the boat, whether you are in the water with him/her or not. Many pet flotation devices have a gripping handle incorporated into the design, which can be very helpful. And just as you plan for food, drink, and restroom stops, for yourself and your passengers, make sure you are prepared for your dog. Have a water bowl and snacks for your dog, and bring her leash and bags for waste cleanup. You never know when a treat can come in handy, or when you will need a plastic bag.

### PFDs for Dogs

Buying a flotation device for a dog is a lot like buying one for a human: The main concern should be getting a device that properly fits your dog.

Make sure the flotation device has the characteristics your dog needs, like added warmth from neoprene if water temperature requires it. A gripping handle for lifting the dog back into the boat. Make sure you know the weight limits of the device.

You should consider taking your dog with you to the store so you can fit the device before buying, but be sure to call ahead to make sure that's okay.

A general internet search of "dog PFD" will locate a slew of options when it comes to flotation devices for your dog, BoatUS has some good information on testing different dog flotation devices.

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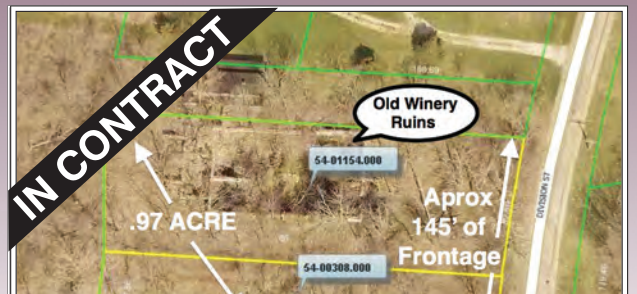
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