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The Young Honoring Our Veterans



Janet Wermuth

Seven Kelleys Island School Children gathered in the Kelleys Island Cemetery on May 21st to place new flags on our veteran's graves. I was invited to the annual event by Hannah Kulka, their English/language arts teacher. The students participating in the event were from the 1st through 5th grade. Thank you to 5th graders: Aryanna Ahner and

Viktoriya Skeans; 4th Graders: Tim Ahner and Charlie Poston; 2nd Graders: Josie Gaither and Nikolay Skeans; and 1st Grader: Caleb Poston.

The students worked in pairs with one person removing the worn-out flags and their partner handing over the new flags. It was touching to watch the children respectfully

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From the Mayor's Desk

Ron Ehrbar, Mayor

The weather for early summer on the Island has been great. Yes, there has been a few hick ups but overall, we have been blessed. So, let us begin with the major hick up on Memorial Day Weekend.

I believe we had one of the worst, if not the worst, Northeast storm I can remember over the last weekend in May. The damage was unbelievable, and much clean-up was needed. On Martin's Point, several houses were sitting in water and those residents were asked to leave for their safety. This evacuation, headed up by the Fire Department and assisted by EMS and the Police Department went smoothly. The cooperation between the three Safety Departments was greatly appreciated. East Lakeshore Drive was covered with sand, rocks, and debris after the storm cleared and was not passable until our maintenance crew, Bobby Skeans and David Crise, cleared the road with assistance from our Village Administrator, Steve Wermuth. We were very fortunate that the lake level had dropped from last year's average otherwise it could have been even a bigger mess.

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Kelley's June Hangout



Sharon Leidheiser

Talia Zehavi Starr a 13-year-old from Cleveland Heights, Ohio discovered our mascot Kelley at the Charles Herndon Art Studio and Gallery. Kelley spent the month of June at the Gallery learning to paint and had the privilege to live amongst the amazing works of art found in the Gallery. Carmen and Lisa who work in the Gallery kindly looked after Kelley and provided her with a painting smock and paint brush. We appreciate Chuck and Cindy Herndon for allowing Kelley to stay in their studio.

Watch for Kelley in July to be at a picnic with her friends celebrating the 4th of July. Take a photo if you spot her and post it on Facebook: @KelleysLifeNewspaper OR email your photo to: KelleysLifeNewspaper@gmail.com. First one to post Kelley in July gets their own Teddy Bear from Kelleys Life Newspaper. Good Luck!

There's a new kid in town



Caroline Jorski

Actually, there are TWO new kids in town, Angela Sommers, owner and stylist and Maddie Biedrzycki, stylist who are already

serving satisfied customers at the a la Chic Salon on Kelleys Island. Angie opened a la Chic Salon on June 8, 2021 which is located in Caddy Square at 123 Division Street.

She obtained a Business Degree after going to the University of Toledo and opened a Cyber Cafe but then decided to enter Ohio State School of Cosmetology in Columbus, Ohio. She then realized her true calling and her ability to create and make people beautiful. She traveled to New York City to the Matrix Global Academy for a week long internship of advanced color training. She has been a stylist for 19 years.

At the age of 25 and having worked at a salon for five years, she decided to open her own salon. In downtown Bellevue she opened a la Chic Salon but after five years she was ready to go bigger. She took an old house and made it into another salon, in Bellevue, where after 10 years, it is still going strong with the assistance of six stylist and two assistants.

However, her dream was to open a salon on an Island so here she is--with us on Kelleys Island. She travels daily on an early boat and is becoming used to the idea since the lake is so beautiful and the people are so friendly and welcoming. Angie says she hopes Kelleys Island will become a second home to a la Chic II and she can take a more active role in the Village.

Welcome to your new home, Angie, and we are over-joyed that you are with us. To make an appointment and check salon prices call 419-217-0854.

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brush off the markers as they went about their work. There was one “spotter” following behind making sure they had not missed a veteran’s marker.

VFW members Jim Erne and his son-in-law Chuck Poston coordinate the event securing the flags and organizing the students. There were 120 flags placed on gravestones honoring

veterans dating back to the Civil War.

It was a joyful yet somber experience. The children’s excitement at helping to honor our veterans was uplifting; but it struck me that here on our Island I was standing in a “field” where over 100 people who have fought for our country rest for eternity.

From the Mayor’s Desk —continued from page 1

The Village roads have been getting some much-needed care as many of the potholes were filled and Addison was paved. There was also crack sealing done to help prolong our existing roads. The Village now is looking at getting our sidewalks replaced in some areas and possibly some new sidewalks where pedestrian traffic is heavy and there are no sidewalks presently.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce 5/10K race went off

without a hitch. There were many participants who made the day very successful. We are looking forward to the many other events planned for this summer.

Again, I would like to thank KILA for our new trash containers that have been placed throughout our Village by Bobby Skeans and our maintenance department.

Be thoughtful and stay safe throughout this summer season.

Kelleys Island Brewery Activity

Patti Johnson

June was a beautiful month here on the Island and the Kelleys Island Brewery hosted two local family parties, a celebration of life for Joanne Golias and the 75th birthday party for Moe Kaminski.

The Golias Family mass at St. Michael Church was just lovely. The service, designed and executed by Joanne's family and priest, included all of Joanne's favorite parts of the weekly mass. The pictures, words, and the time spent with the family helped us feel Joanne again here on the Island that she and her husband Bob adored.

The party for Moe was a surprise party held on the day of the 5 & 10K Race, so it was a little bit of a finger

biter to pull off; sometimes those are the best. We made a great video of the group as Moe arrived and his reaction to the surprise. Food and drink provided through the Brewery was available for self-service and the family loved the cake supplied by Denise Feasby.

This month on the Brewery Lawn we will be offering Mindful Meditations on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Thirty-minutes of stretching and time for you to dedicate some time to your practice. Come enjoy the view and the community and get into a rhythm of moving your body and clearing your mind. Different leaders will come and facilitate this, so make it an event in

your calendar and come practice some wellness with us.

We will be open June 20 and 27 and July 4 for Brewery parties. We will have Island Devil and Dawg Bizkit Brown available for carry out and to enjoy at our BINGO PARTIES. Come join the fun and enjoy some free food, play some games, and enjoy

our beautiful view. Maybe you will want to create your family memories on our lawn sometime soon.

Our rentals are on stayonki.com as Great Escape East and West and Lakeview Upper and Lower. Thank you for passing on the word.

Cheers!
Patti and Doug

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Time to Eat!

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The Kelleys Island VFW is hosting the first chicken dinner of the season On Saturday, July 24, 2021, Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm Tickets for the dinner cost \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the VFW. Come out and enjoy a good dinner and conversation.
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Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Update

Jordan Killam, Director

Events. June felt almost miraculous as we opened the month with one of the best attended 5 & 10K Run/Walk races in recent memory. We clocked in at 530 registered runners and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to our premier sponsors, Lake Erie Shores & Islands, Cousino Restoration, and FRST Team and our other corporate sponsors: Eaton Plumbing, Clemons Boats, South Shore Marine, Hurricane Marine Transport, Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales, and Kademenos, Wisheart, Lines, Dolyk, and Wright Co. LPA. Special thanks also to our in-kind donors: Franklin Sanitation, Northern Haserot, Polar Pure, and North Shore Running Store.

Staging such a successful event would not have been possible without the help of David Camerino and DMC Timing and the North Shore Running Store! Volunteers Tina Callari, Ellen Hoffman, Donnie and Missie Huntley, Lisa Klonaris, and Dawn Soldner were especially instrumental in planning such a successful race. From the proceeds of the Run/Walk, the Chamber of Commerce made a donation to the Kelleys Island Pollinators & Partnerships Project as a show of support to this very important initiative. For more information about the project and its goals, visit KelleysIslandFieldStation.org.

Additional thanks to our other sponsors: Russell Real Estate Services - Lisa Yako, Kelleys Island



2021 5 & 10K Race

Yacht Club, Margaret Guerra, Pedego Electric Bikes Sandusky, Simonson Construction, Kelleys Island Adventours, Ken's Bar - Sandusky, Chicklet's Closet, and Kelleys Island Clothing Company.

Parking begins at 7PM, restrooms on site.

New event alert! As we emerged from the pandemic, the Chamber felt it was time to show our appreciation to the community, its businesses, and organizations in a very visual way. So, we conceived an idea to "Light Up KI." The event is designed to be a family friendly, promotional activity for our island and a family-friendly alternative to in-town revelry in the taverns. We hope that when folks are making their Labor Day Weekend plans, they will be enticed by an event that does not center around alcohol and encourages them to explore the island at night. Island homes, businesses, and boats docked at our marinas will be encouraged to decorate with lights and decoration during Labor Day Weekend 2021 as a show of pride for our community. We will be partnering with a fellow island nonprofit, the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA), to advertise this event to homeowners. We will also be partnering with the local businesses, specifically the marinas, to encourage their patrons to decorate. More information to come.

Next up, we had the Kelleys Island Motorcycle Tour on June 26-27! This event was generously organized by the Ohio Motorcycle group. All registration fee profits solely benefited the Chamber. We collaborated with Mad River Harley Davidson in Sandusky and Lake Erie Motorcycle in Avon to stage this event. Participants paid a \$10 registration fee, received a wristband and a scorecard, which granted them a special discounted rate on the ferry boat. Scorecards featured a map with selected locations and as each location was visited, the scorecards were stamped to commemorate the visit. Completed scorecards were then sent back to Mad River Harley Davidson and one lucky winner won a fabulous Kelleys Island vacation package! Special thanks to the Kelleys Island businesses and rental properties who donated gift certificates. This fun-filled, multi-day event facilitated overnight stays on the island and helps boost our local economy!

In the month of July, we'll be hosting our 2nd (should have been third, thanks COVID-19) Kelleys Island's Got Talent! The event's inaugural year was 2019 and we are thrilled to be hosting an in-person talent show again on Saturday, July 10! Twelve finalists will compete in a juried talent show in multiple rounds, judged by notable islanders, sponsors, etc. The show will feature musical acts, martial artists, aerial acrobats, and more! There will also be a kids/ competition preceding the adult competition. The fun begins in Memorial Park at 10am with the kids' competition, followed by the adult competition at noon! Sponsors for this event include Remax Above and Beyond, Motto Mortgage, Merrill Lynch (Hoy-Bernsdorf Group), Lake Erie Shores & Islands, and the Glazen Family.

July 23-25 at the KI ballfield on Addison & Woodford, do not miss Film Fest 2021, with Hancock Wood Electric Cooperative generously serving as our premier sponsors once again! What is on the marquee this year? These blockbusters:

- Friday at dusk: The Big Lebowski (sponsored by Allan Glazen and Alenka Banco)
 - Saturday at dusk (double feature): Tom & Jerry (sponsored by Chicklet's Closet), followed by Tenet (sponsored by The Kelleys Island Brewery and The Lake View Venue Rental)
 - Sunday at dusk: Step Brothers (sponsored by the Munoz family)
- Bring your golf cart or car, your blankets, your rafts, whatever!

New location and hours. The Chamber has settled into our new home at the Golias House, 117 Addison St., next to the KI Municipal Building. Our hours will be 10am - 3pm every day except Tuesdays. I am the only staff person in the office so the office will be closed if I am needed at Island events or running errands. We appreciate the support of our community during the transition. Members, please drop off your promotional materials and brochures so they may be distributed.

Housekeeping. Reminder to sign up for our photo contest and be eligible to win \$500! Visit kelleysislandcontest.com to enter.

Upcoming Chamber Meetings, held virtually (please email info@kelleysislandchamber.com to be on our notification list) Wednesday, September 8 @ 5:30 PM.

2021 Chamber Sponsored Events Calendar

(also posted on our website)

- **KI's Got Talent**
Saturday, July 10
- **Island Fest**
Friday, July 16 - Sunday, July 18
- **Film Fest**
Friday, July 23 - Sunday, July 25
- **Light Up KI**
Friday, September 3 - Monday, September 6
- **Treasure Island Day**
Saturday, September 11



2021 coming events

July 10: KI's Got Talent

July 23-25: Film Fest

September 11: Treasure Island Day

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KILA Korner

Drew Algase, V.P. KILA

It is finally summer; heat, humidity, little bugs, and a nor'easter. We await the annual Mayflies. But, KILA has been busy. We have continued our efforts to improve and enhance Kelleys Island.

KILA purchased 13 new trash containers for the village. The containers were delivered to KI and installed by Bobby Skeans of the Village Maintenance Department in early June. Please do your part by using them to keep KI rubbish free.



KILA's Donated Trach Containers in Memorial Park. Left to Right- Mayor Ron Ehrbar, Bobby Skeans, Chris Arnold, Tom Behlen, Tom Pieratt.jpg

The KI VFW Post 9908 purchased and installed American Flags along East & West Lakeshore, Division, Chappel, and Addison Streets. They really dress up the downtown area. KILA was proud to donate \$500 to the VFW toward this project. The donation was made to VFW Commander Paul Burns at the Memorial Day ceremony by members of the KILA board of directors.

KILA's annual Homecoming Celebration is moving forward. This family event is open to ALL residents and visitors who are interested in a fun filled family weekend. We begin on Friday at 5:00 PM with an evening of entertainment from Island favorites "Frank & Dean." Snacks, Burgers, Gyros & sides, and beverages will be available.

The "big show" begins on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with a parade down W. Lakeshore through downtown ending at the Pavilion. The theme this year is "KI Activities." So, participate in the parade with a float, car, cart, bicycle, etc., decorated with your favorite KI activity. The Edison High School Marching Band will be sure to energize the parade participants and audience.

Following the parade, the Pavilion on Addison St. will house activities and entertainment for the whole family. Entertainment will include the Edison Chargers Band and the always KI favorite Fat City Band. Activities include the pie contest (baking, not eating), kid's games (Marshmallow golf, Twinkie eating, and more), craft & gift vendors and organization booths, the "beer slide," silent auction, Snickers the balloon artist, and more surprises. The KILA volunteers will be serving snacks, burgers, dogs, sides, and beverages.



The always popular KILA Raffle will be back this year. A maximum of 500 tickets at \$20 will be sold. Prizes will be as previously: 1st: \$2500, 2nd: \$1000, 3rd: \$500, 4th: \$250, 5th: \$100. The Drawing will be at Homecoming on August 14th. KILA board members will be selling tickets. Get yours before we sell out.

Funding for projects like the

containers and VFW flags comes from membership dues and fund raisers like the annual raffle, Homecoming, and donations. Please consider becoming a new member (landowner or associate) or renewing your current

membership. Donations are always appreciated. You may join, renew, or donate to KILA on our website www.KILA.rocks or by mailing to KILA at PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH. We welcome your support,

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Klonaris Family

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Congratulations and best wishes Danielle! "Go Pilgrims!"



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Saturday, July 31 will be the golf cart poker run, registration starting at Dockers restaurant, Portside Marina, at 10:00 a.m. To play, the cost is \$10.00 per hand, no limit as to how many hands you play. We will end at the Kelleys Island Wine Company at 4:00 p.m. where baskets will be raffled, 50-50 will take place, drawing for lottery tree, and much more.

Cindra and I, (Jeni) Will be swimming into Portside Marina between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon on Sunday, August 1. There



Trinity

will be no party afterward, but we hope to bring the party back next year. This year's swim is in honor of Carmen Paladino who was an avid supporter of our swim since our beginning. We will be swimming from West Bay Inn to Portside marina.

Our two children for this year are Trinity and Rylee. Trinity, 12 years old, has a wish to swim in all five great Lakes. Trinity has ESES which is a form of epileptic encephalopathy. Trinity is fun sweet and is a very brave little lady. Rylee, 13 years old, wishes for a hot tub. Riley has REIT syndrome and is nonverbal but that does not keep her from being silly and sassy and the happiest member of her family.

To donate mail your tax-deductible donation to: Make-A-Wish, US Bank, 205 W. Perkins Ave. Sandusky OH 44870; or, Make-A-Wish PO Box 517, Kelleys Island, OH 43438.

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Wine and Art Festival 2021

Janet Wermuth

The annual Kelleys Island Wine Co. Wine and Art Faire will now showcase artisans at the three Kelleys Island wineries. You will be able to discover artists and purchase their creations at the Kelleys Island Wine Co., Crooked Tree Vineyard, and the Monarch Winery and Butterfly Box. The expanded event, renamed the Kelleys Island Wine and Art Faire, will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from noon to 6:00 p.m.

The Wine and Art Faire will be the launch of the Kelleys Island Wine Trail. The wineries will keep you posted via Facebook as plans are finalized. Cheers!!!



Blending – art in the bottle

Donniella Winchell, Executive Director, Ohio Wines

In a winemaker's bag of 'tricks,' one of the most critical tools is his ability to take a variety of wines, mix them together and make the sum larger and better than its individual parts. Blending wines offers a chance for his 'artistic' side to shine.

When you select wine from a local store shelf, often there is no 'varietal' name on the label. Rather than 'riesling,' 'chardonnay,' 'cabernet,' 'catawba,' or 'vidal,' the label reads a fanciful name like Sailor's Red, Sweet Belle, or Island Chablis. An internationally recognized red blend is known as Meritage.

What is the difference? In the case of a grape-name label, by law, that bottle contains juice primarily from fruit of a specific variety. The more

fanciful names are used for 'proprietary' wines. These are almost always blended from a number of vintages [harvest dates] and different grape types. The initial goal is to create a wine that is more interesting than any one individual component.

When a new blended or 'proprietary' label is created, numerous individual batches of 'finished' wines are brought into the cellar's laboratory. In his mind, the winemaker assesses each lot for compatibility in oak and sweetness levels, color intensities, vintage dates, and numerous other things. With a clear goal for a final product in mind, he creates a series of combinations, each carefully recorded and numbered. A tasting panel is assembled. While often only the winemaker and his assistant make

the final decision, other winery staff and sometimes even regular customers are asked for input. It is essential that the final blend meet the taste expectations of a winery's most loyal clientele.

Once a proprietary wine is released and gains acceptance, the winemaker then must work to replicate those prior blends regardless of the annual variations provided by Mother Nature. That is easier said than done. At the end of one season, any wine from the same grapes grown in the same vineyard and fermented in the same cellar will taste different that of the previous year, if only because it is more aged. To deal with this dilemma, the original blend's notes are resurrected, and similar base wines are prepared. Minor adjustments are made and carefully

noted until the potential new samples imitates the original wine. Tasting panels are gathered again. Several approximate options are compared against the original vintage. Additional adjustments are made until a comparable match is identified. Blending and tasting notes are recorded to assist in replicating the specific combinations for the next year's wines. While final product will be very similar to the original in taste and flavor components, there are always subtle differences from one year to the next. As noted above, if winemaking can be described as a balance between art and science, blending offers the vintner a chance to show off his 'creative' side.

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Erie County EMA Brings ENS

Steve Wermuth

The Erie County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is offering the Wireless Emergency Notification System (ENS) to local communities throughout Erie County. This system will allow local community agencies to develop and send alerts out to residents regarding weather events, boil orders, road closures, and other important

information. Kelleys Island residents will be receiving information about WENS and how to sign up in the very near future. Residents will be able to choose from several different ways to receive information. This will be a great asset to the residents of Kelleys Island. More information will be shared by the Village over the coming weeks.

Kelleys Island History Museum News

Leslie Korenko

Opening Day at the museum was pretty exciting. A 50% off sale on almost all the old gift shop stock had people lined up out the door. New this year will be consignments from local artisans and loads of nature items. It seems that people are embracing the more historic aspect of our community.

We answer all sorts of questions about houses and people and often share stories about our displays. We were on the tour for Visit Northwest Ohio and what a great group that was. One lady freaked out when she looked down and saw that 'creepy doll' staring at her! So many people think she looks like Annabelle from the movies, but quite frankly, we do not see the resemblance.

The August 7th Arts & Crafts Show promises to be a big one with 16 vendors already signed up. Looks like we will be taking over the back yard. If you have not seen our latest quilt for the annual raffle, check our Facebook page or visit the museum to get your



Quilt raffle

tickets - just \$5 for a pack of six.

Looking forward, our Annual Meeting is August 8th. Be sure to stop by our table at Celebrate Kelleys Island (July 17) and mark your calendars for our Members-Only Cocktail party at the museum on August 21. Not a member? If you join now, you will get next year free!

The Parsonage's Perspective

Janet Killam

HAPPY 4th of JULY, Kelleys Island! Since 1776 Americans have been feasting and sipping on LIBER-TEA !!

The Parsonage Resale Shop has become an amusement venue for celebrants, the curious, and a must-see destination on the Island. Some say it is the very first place they visit when they get off the ferry boat! It is so much fun inside!

We have dozens of patriotic RED, WHITE, and BLUE ways to help you celebrate our nation's birthday. Expecting company? Count on us for sparkly decorations, colorful table wear, barbeque utensils, beach floats and toys, sand umbrellas, and oh so much more! There is also a large selection of your favorite authors to read; or pick up that steamy beach read you have been eager to sink into.

The Parsonage celebrates

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Camp Patmos Update

David Sellers

You will be amazed at what God has done this last year! Though a year without campers or guests, God has provided in miraculous ways through people just like you.

We have so much for which to be thankful and we want to share it with you. Your giving has been so encouraging to our staff and the Camp Patmos Board. Your support has kept us above water and sailing in a Windward direction. We had a goal to raise \$300,000 by June 1st of 2021, and you helped us to surpass that goal by November. In the end, we raised \$342,715.34, plus we had additional designated gifts that totaled almost \$90,000—bringing the total to \$430,155.34!

I shared these verses when speaking about Camp Patmos to give glory to God in what only He could have done. “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

You may be asking, “What does this mean for Camp Patmos?” In March of 2020, we applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan (\$37,942) and an Emergency Disaster loan (\$296,400) from the SBA. We initially used some of those funds to meet our immediate needs, but we did not need to draw any more from that loan or add any more debt to camp due to your giving. We are holding that loan as an emergency fund if any further COVID issues come our way. It is at a very low interest rate, and we are paying

the interest on that loan. We are also happy to say that we did not need to use our line of credit during this time as we kept spending under our proposed budget. In the end, it was people just like you that have helped us start this season in better financial shape than we ever have in the history of this ministry.

We are starting to make progress on the Chapel Renovation and Expansion project. The project will include adding a 35' x 35' addition to the East side of the building, consisting of two bathrooms, storage, a sound room, and a mechanical room to house the HVAC units. We are also planning on updating the chapel flooring, lighting, ceiling, and stage. The good news is that we have already raised \$56,827 of a rough estimated cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000.



We are currently working to transition our maintenance department to a location that is safer

and more efficient. We were running out of room in our current maintenance building, and it was a liability to have all the sharp rusty things in the middle of the camp. So, on May 1st, we had a workday and moved the majority of the maintenance equipment to the old Rec-Center (Big Blue Pole Barn). As part of this transition, we will be converting the old maintenance building into a recreation room and meeting space, and the “Craft Room” will relocate to cabin 13. We are calling this new space Craft 13, combining the Craft Room and Cabin 13. This move allows better access for campers to be creative and have fun.

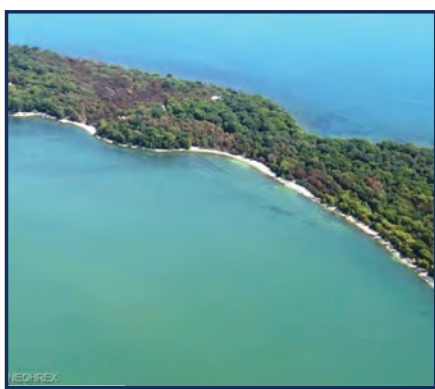
The other ongoing project is replacing cabin roofs with metal roofing. Metal roofing will extend the life of our cabins and adds a refreshing blue color to camp. We estimate it will take \$700 per cabin, and we have fifteen cabin roofs to go, plus the office and laundry room.

We appreciate your generous giving that is impacting lives for Christ at Camp Patmos. Thank you so much!

Camp starts on June 21st for grades 4th – 6th, 6th – 8th and 9th -12th. Apply to be a camper at www.CampPatmos.com/summer-camp, or to sign-up for our fall retreats go to www.CampPatmos.com/retreats.

We will once again be hosting Island Swim starting on June 26th until August 7th. Due to upkeep on the pool are asking for a suggested donation of \$3 per person swimming in the pool.

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What You Didn't Know About Aging Your Thirst Changes Between Ages 65 – 80+ Years Old

By Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors

Did you know that your thirst changes in later life? I interviewed Dr. Ardeshir Hashmi, Cleveland Clinic Endowed Chair for Geriatric Innovation, about common physical changes that occur in the body of one who is age 80+, compared to one who is age 65. He said there are many changes that occur in the body over that 15-year period, one of which is thirst.

He said, “As we progress from age 65 and 80 years old – especially after the age of 80 -- the thirst signal becomes very diminished or completely goes away. This means, a person at age 80 can be dangerously dehydrated and not even know it. Instead, of feeling thirsty, the older person feels symptoms of being light-headed or dizzy. In more serious cases of dehydration, he/she will actually faint.” Dr. Hashmi explained that these symptoms are occurring because certain bodily functions are starting to shut down, caused by the dehydration.

To counter-act this physiological phenomenon in later life, Dr. Hashmi advises that people of older age, chiefly those 80 years and older, should schedule themselves to drink fluid at regular intervals even though they do not feel thirsty. Just as a patient follows a schedule when taking certain medicines to treat a health problem, think drinking fluid as a form of preventative medicine. For example, drinking enough fluid could prevent falling and breaking a hip or striking your head on the floor.

For those who are not diagnosed with congestive heart failure, “The medical guidance for the amount of fluid to drink per day is 64 ounces. If you cannot drink 64 ounces/day, 48 ounces also has preventative health benefits, too.” he said. “Beverages with caffeine or alcohol do not count. This is because caffeine and alcohol have a diuretic effect, which promotes dehydration.”

Dr. Hashmi went on to say, “Water is the best thing to drink. I have found for most of my patients, it is difficult to drink that much water. So, it can be flavored water, fluids with electrolytes or your favorite juice.” He also advises to drink as much of the fluid in the morning and the afternoon – not in the evening. “Drinking more fluid will cause a person to use the bathroom more often. So, drink your fluid early enough in the day so it does not interrupt your sleep at night.”

Other Serving Our Questions and Answers

Q: I'm a resident of Kelleys Island and age 72. I need a ride from Kelleys Island to Cleveland Clinic main campus. I can drive, but I am not familiar with the Cleveland Clinic, and I am not comfortable

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Septic System Maintenance

Craig Ward, REHS, Erie County Health Department

The Village of Kelleys Island has no municipal sewage treatment facility. All sewage on the island is treated in home sewage treatment systems (HSTS) or commercial package plants/small flow systems. Some systems on the Island are new and some are old. The age of the system does not always determine when or if a system will fail. Numerous problems can occur with any septic system. Some of the problems are caused by human error and others are caused by Mother Nature. Some of the signs that your system may be failing included the following.

- Sewage has begun to back up into the house or into the septic tank causing it to overflow or drain slowly.
- Odors of raw sewage are noticed outside or inside the residence.
- The soil on or around the septic system has become soft and "spongy"

from moisture. This area can usually be identified with lush green grass.

- Well water is contaminated with bacteria.

Should any of the signs listed above be observed, they should be further investigated. If one is detected, it may be for other reasons besides a failing household sewage system. Sometimes these issues above can be simple repairs instead of a costly replacement of the entire septic system.

Household sewage systems can fail because of human errors such as the overuse of the septic system. It is not uncommon for homes to be designed as a two-bedroom home and later converted to a three- or four-bedroom home. This new addition can increase the amount of water flow put into the system and can cause pre-mature failures. Sometimes Mother Nature can play a role in the failure of a system. If a system becomes oversaturated with

groundwater it can cause sewage to rise and break through the surface of the ground. Tree roots can also cause system problems. The roots can cause blockages in pipes leading to a backup of sewage into the home or septic tank. These are some tips to prolong the life of your system.

- Conserve as much water as possible by using low flow fixtures, taking shorter showers, etc.
- Never dispose of paper towels, plastics, tissues, greases/oil, paint, feminine hygiene products, or "flushable wipes" into your septic system.
- Make sure downspouts and groundwater sump pumps are not discharging into the septic tank.
- Divert downspouts and groundwater sump pump discharges away from the septic system; especially the secondary system (leach bed, mound, etc.).
- Limit the number of renters at your homes.

- Maintain your system by maintaining pumps, having your septic tank routinely pumped (one every 3-5 years), and have tank lids to grade and easily accessible.

If you suspect that your system may be failing, malfunctioning, or in need of routine servicing you should contact a registered service provider or registered septage hauler. Registered service providers can be found on the Erie County Health Departments website. Service Providers: <https://eriecohealthohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Service.pdf> Septage Haulers: <https://eriecohealthohio.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Haulers.pdf>

If you are interested in finding a record of your septic system, please contact me and we will assist you in finding a record of your septic system. Craig Ward, Erie County Health Department, 419-626-5623 Ext. 5118, or cward@echdohio.org



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Kelleys Island Police Department News



Bolo Wrap Training



Memorial Day



May Waves

Shawn W. Craig, Chief of Police

Well for some reason some of us feel as if we are in the middle of summer but it has only begun, and we are tired already. In 14 years as an employee for the Village of Kelleys Island I have never seen the Island this busy with day visitors. So hopefully we can get through to Labor Day with only some minor bumps and bruises. In this article I would like to discuss several things going on with your Kelleys Island Police Department (KIPD) including the new tool purchased called the Bolo Wrap, the Memorial Day weekend storm, Celebrate KI event, and the new police levy.

First the Bolo-wrap. Allegations of police excessive force continue to make headlines across the Country. On May 6th, Officer Goldberg and I became instructors for the Bolo Wrap. Only a handful of police departments in Ohio have purchased these tools; we are the only department in Erie County or the surrounding counties

that have taken the initiative to investigate these products. As some departments reevaluate policies and tactics when dealing with suspects, one valley-based company has developed a new tool that it says will keep officers and citizens safe in those unpredictable encounters. The tool sounds like a gun, but it may just be the tool that prevents officers from needing to use them. It is called a Bola Wrap and it is based on the Argentinian bolero, a type of lasso. It is designed with one purpose. "It shoots an eight-foot Kevlar tether that wraps around the suspect and then it restrains them so it can be used very early in a confrontation before it escalates and requires a higher level of force." Wrap Technologies is a Tempe-based company that invented this tool four years ago. Some officers may want to use the Bola Wrap initially instead of handcuffs as officers are able to stay 10 feet away from the subject rather than having to be right next to them. Using the piece

of technology is super easy: it is as simple as attaching the cartridge, turning the safety off, hitting the activation button, and deploying. "You won't see it. It happens in the blink of an eye, then suddenly, it's wrapped around you, and you have this cord, and your mobility is restrained, and you can't move." So far, it is being shipped to more than 30 countries and it is already being used by more than 200 law enforcement agencies nationwide including the Kelleys Island Police Department.

The Kelleys Island Police Department has one Bola Wrap and officers had it available in the field starting Memorial Day weekend. The Department will be doing a demo for the Perry Township Police Department. The department is pleased with it and sees it as another option to de-escalate situations. Acceptance of the tool is growing and is appropriate to use in certain circumstances. This is an invention

that aids law enforcement in doing their jobs safely and effectively for themselves and their communities.

Second, on May 28th, 2021, during my history on Kelleys Island I have never seen such damage caused by Lake Erie on this island before that weekend. The police department was busy with road closers, down trees, and assisting the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department (KIVFD) and Emergency Medical Service (KIEMS) escorting renters and homeowners from East Point Road and Martin Lane. Officers Sorg and Goldberg and I located Woodford & East Point Roads which were underwater. Officers Sorg and Goldberg were placed into immersion suits and entered the water alongside KIVFD and KIEMS. The team escorted at least 10-15 people from their homes. As the Chief of Police, I can say I have never been prouder of our safety services on Kelleys Island that day, especially for my officers.

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Third the Celebrate KI event will be held during the weekend of July 16th – 18th 2021. Friday and Saturday there will be a street dance and parts of Division Street will be shut down starting at 6:45 p.m. On Saturday at 11:00 a.m. there will be a parade starting from the Old Newman's Dock to Kelleys Island Village Hall. During this event at the Memorial Park, they will have beer tent, music, vendors, bake sale, concessions, t-shirts, and KIPD w/fingerprint kits for the kids and cooking hot dogs and burgers. Saturday night there will fireworks around 9:45 p.m. So do not forget to come on out and say hello.

Lastly, the KIPD levy that will be on the ballot in November. I will cover some minor points of this levy, but I hope Island residents will come out to the Kelleys Island School and ask question or voice your concerns during the meet the candidate's forum to be hosted by KILA. I am not asking voters for funding of new equipment or for extra officers nor for larger

wages. I am asking for monies in the amount of \$30,000 per year for 5 years to keep the Kelleys Island Police Department fleet updated, in great condition, and in rotation of purchases of cruisers every 4-5 years. This levy will also keep maintenance costs down allowing for the savings to be used on major expenses when needed.

I have served this community for over 14 years and as your Chief of Police for over seven of those years. I have always had and will continue to provide superior public safety to the Village of Kelleys Island residence and visitors. If you have any questions or concerns, just remember my door at 122 Division Street is always open. I have posted some pictures of training with the Bolo wrap instructor certification class. Happy to share some pictures of Memorial Day weekend storm and 2021 KIPD photo. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

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The Museum's Creepy Doll

Leslie Korenko, Museum Curator

Every museum has a ghost story (except maybe us), and every museum has that one item that is a showstopper. Ours is "that creepy doll."



Of course, we do not think the doll is creepy; she is quite charming. The doll was donated to the Museum by Lydia Bechtel. She is wearing a lovely pearl necklace and earrings, socks and lace-up black shoes, a blue skirt, white blouse, and cloth sweater. In researching her, we discovered an advertisement for a similar doll with this description that closely matches our doll. A doll made by Simon & Halbig, which has a smooth, creamy bisque face with crisp facial modeling. She has four upper teeth, small ears, molded and feathered brows over deeply set, spiral threaded eyes that close for sleep with upper and lower lashes. Her hair is a Mohair wig, which likely had spiral curls at one time. The scariest thing about this doll is how much little girls love to touch her. In fact, one mother almost had a heart attack when her little girl came running around the corner of a display dragging this doll by the arm. She wanted to know if she could play with it. Stop by and see for yourself if you think our sweet innocent doll is a killer in disguise...



Annabelle from the movies. In addition to our current resident doll, We have several lovely old dolls which we are working at bringing back out into the museum.

Kelleys Island Nature Camp Registration Form 2021

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Permission Form

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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Calling All Gardeners!

Barbara Christy

Do you have leftover seeds from your spring planting? Would you like to try growing flowers that you know your neighbors have had success with? The Kelleys Island Seed Library is again available in the Kelleys Island Library during regular library hours. The Seed Library is found in an old card catalogue (remember those?) on the far wall of the library. Though our seed supply is low right now because of the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we have some vegetable and some flower seeds free for the taking. They are in individual labeled envelopes with some information about where to plant. Visitors to the island are welcome to take and bring seeds as well.

You can bring half empty (or new) seed packets to donate and browse through the drawers to see what is available to take for your own garden. We hope as the season progresses that island gardeners will bring seeds from their mature plants to build up our resources for the 2022 season. There are envelopes provided and empty plastic pill bottles for your seeds. Kelleys Island is already beautiful but the is always rooms for more plants.



Map of Pollinator Habitats



Chris Ashley, Jackie Taylor and Pat Hayes

Chris Ashley, Jackie Taylor, and Barb Zeller

On June 6, the Kelleys Island Pollinators and Partnerships organization was the recipient of an outpouring of community support through the efforts of Island residents, visitors, the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce, and the KI Audubon Club. The day kicked off with the 5K/10K race, sponsored by the Chamber, with part of the proceeds from the race designated to the Pollinators and Partnerships efforts. An information booth set up at Memorial Park helped people become familiar with the project and provided them with the opportunity to contribute their financial support.

Later in the afternoon, supporters and interested community members gathered at the largest pollinator habitat on the Island which was planted in June 2020 and located on property owned by the State of Ohio west of the KI Airport and extending back to the woods surrounding the State Park East Quarry trails. At that time, four informational signs were unveiled and the official "ribbon cutting" of the habitat was celebrated. Remarks were made by Pat Hayes, KI Audubon Club President, Chris Ashley, KI State Park Manager, and Jackie Taylor, Director of the KI Field Station, all of whom were instrumental in the establishment of the habitat and the design and purchase of the signs.

Later this summer, the signs will be permanently installed to provide information to visitors about the importance of native plants to the ecosystem of Kelleys Island. Partners are listed on the signs and include many Island organizations as well as off island supporters such as the Ohio Division of Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife, and the Erie County Metro Parks.

In the meantime, you can view these plants as you bike, walk, or ride around the island, especially along Monaghan Road by the airport. It will be satisfying to see all the habitats

continue to develop and thrive in the next few years and to see the butterflies, bees, birds, and other animals benefit from these new habitats.

Donations in support of the project can be made through the KI Audubon Club, which is a 501(c)3 organization, at their website kelleysislandnature.org or by mail at PO Box 42, Kelleys Island, OH 43438. Please designate the KI Pollinators and Partnerships when donating

Kelleys Island Pollinator Habitat Benefits from Community Support



Pollinator Fauna Sign

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Zion Matters

Pastor Virginia M Park

Zion Activities. Zion Church is currently busy with summer activities. We had our first "in-person" council meeting on June 12 after a long time of meeting virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic. It was good to be able to be together once again. We are putting together a new contact list so if you want to be included in our mailings, please call Barb Christy. Barb is also actively looking for a few more people who would be willing to assist once each week or even occasionally on church landscaping. This includes weeding, watering, etc. If you can help with that call her, please, at 313-802-7655. She has designated small areas around the church for individuals or couples to take care of.

Christian Crafters is comprised of a group of women who meet at the church 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays to knit and crochet items for people in need. The Crafters seek donations of yarn, fabrics, and thread of any color. They also collect personal hygiene articles and package them in cloth bags to be given to homeless people. If you can assist this ministry with donations of these items you may bring them to Zion Church at the appropriate times on Wednesdays afternoons. Or Shari Herman will pick up these items if you call her at 440-864-0497. We will be grateful for your donations.

It is such good news that we can affirm that Zion Church will host its traditional Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer from July 19-23. The students, teachers and aides will then present at the Sunday, July 25, morning worship at 10:30 a.m. You are all invited to come to the worship service, enjoy the program and stay for a hotdog and ice cream out on the lawn afterward.

"Destination Dig" is the VBS theme and the subtitle is "Excavating the Truth about Jesus." All

lessons are age-appropriate for children in the various classes. Children aged 4 -14 are invited to participate; children older than 14 are also welcome to attend and to assist as helpers. The school will encourage children to learn about the life and ministry of Jesus. Each day will feature another aspect of his life. Each day the students will progress from Monday's lesson on Jesus being born, then his ministry, the crucifixion and resurrection and on Friday the focus is the Bible.

Each day the children will be taught important lessons, have craft activities and games, and enjoy snacks. All snacks and beverages will be pre-packaged to protect the health of the children and staff. The COVID-19 guidelines for worshipping in a United Methodist Church have been relaxed somewhat and may be even more lenient by the time the VBS takes place. Be assured that Zion Church will continue to follow all COVID-19 guidelines established by the local church leadership council under the direction of our Ohio Bishop. Of course, we want the kids to have fun together, but we will be careful to follow all rules that are in place when we gather for VBS. For more information about Zion's VBS call Annalee (Director) at 248-505-0614. The registration form is printed in this newspaper for your convenience.

Ten Year Anniversary. It does not seem possible that I have now been pastor of Zion Church here on Kelleys Island for ten years. I was assigned to begin work here on July 1, 2011. Since that time, it has been a great pleasure for me to be part of many island festivities, festivals, and other celebratory events. The Island has welcomed me to many of their special community and family observations and these have been happy times. There have also been many funerals, memorial services, and graveside services for people that I had grown to love.

It is a source of real pleasure to have been cordially invited to attend St. Michaels Church on many occasions. People at St Michaels Church have been wonderful to me and just as welcoming as the members of Zion Church. For example, when I land out at that airport on a cold wintry morning there is always someone there to meet the priest who has arrived on the same plane. Unfailingly, the driver who is there to take the priest to St Michaels has always offered to drive me to Zion Church; and often I have accepted the invitation.

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Q: Will the Senior Lunch Group meeting this summer on Kelleys Island?

A: We are waiting on guidelines from the Ohio Department on Aging. As soon as definitive guidelines are issued we will work to resume the Kelleys Island lunch group as soon as it can be accomplished safely and responsibly.

Serving Our Seniors is a geriatric social service, funded by the Erie County Senior Services Tax Levy grants and private donations. Its programs and services are designed to support Erie County residents, ages 60+ to maintain their health and functional independence while growing older in Erie County.

Zion Matters

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Allen and Diane Nickles have been great neighbors whenever I stay at the Zion parsonage. They were among the first persons I met when I came here. They immediately said I should let them know if I needed assistance of any sort and I've taken them up on that offer when needed. I am grateful to them - and to many others like them - for responding to whatever I have asked.

Annalee has been the Church Council Chairperson since I came here and we have a great working relationship. From my home in Port Clinton to her home in Michigan we have had some lengthy long distance discussions when needed. I appreciate her generosity of spirit and her attitude of serving the Lord from our church.

Paul Finnegan and Knut Lahrs have always been "go to" people for me. From them I could get answers and help at a moment's notice - and that is not an exaggeration.

There have been numerous others that have given their time and talents willingly. So many. Yes, so many. I wish I could name them all, but it is not possible. So please just know that even if I did not mention you by name if you have assisted Zion Church in any way, I am grateful. And to those of you who have become personal friends, realize that you are truly part of my life and of my joyful memories.

In the United Methodist Church pastoral assignments to lead a certain church are made on a yearly basis and pastors serve from July 1 to June 30. So, on July 1 I will begin my eleventh year with Zion Church on Kelleys Island by assignment of Bishop Tracy Malone. I am extremely happy to continue to work with (and have fun with) church members and many friends in this beautiful place.

Zion Methodist Church Vacation Bible School – July 19-23, 2021 Ages 4 -14

REGISTRATION FORM

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

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Mailing Address if different than above: _____

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Dismissal Information - Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day?

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Spring Bird Banding Update

H. Thomas Bartlett, Research Associate, Cleveland Museum of Natural History

This year, 2021, begins the 26th year of our team's avian research project on Kelleys Island. To recap, the year 2020 was our most productive year in the 25 years of the study. Over 3,500 individual birds of 104 species were banded and 174 of them were northern saw-whet Owls (a record!). So, in early March 2021 we setup the owl nets to see if we could recapture any of the owls from the fall of 2020. In six nights, we managed to capture 12 saw-whets. Four of them received new USGS bird bands but eight of them were birds we banded last fall. It appears that for the winter of 2020-2021 some of the owls stayed on Kelleys Island. Who would have

thought that winter on Kelleys Island would seem like Florida to saw-whet owls?

During March of 2021 we also set up nets at the bird feeders by the state park manager's house for two days. We banded 72 individuals of 11 species. The best bird was a sharp-shinned hawk which was trying to get birds at the feeder. We also recaptured a black-capped chickadee which we originally banded in 2016.

Our normal spring year begins the third week of April and ends the last two weeks of May. We followed this routine again in 2021. In April, we lost one day to snow, almost five inches on Long Point, but we managed to band 104 individuals. Spring migration of 2021 was moving along at a very slow pace, and it continued to be slow well



Female and Male Orchard Oriole

into May before things opened up.

The third week of May was one of our most productive weeks in 26 years. We banded 804 individuals of 50 species in six days. On Wednesday (May 18) we banded a record 279 individuals of 35 species. Highlights of the day were an alder flycatcher, a white-eyed vireo (a southern species), 17 species of warblers including 15 Tennessee warblers, a Connecticut warbler, 11 mourning warblers, 114 magnolia warblers, 14 bay-breasted warblers, 18 chestnut-sided warblers, 11 Canada warblers, and 11 Wilson's Warblers.

Migration the fourth week of May slowed down but we still managed to

band 248 individuals of 39 species. Highlights included 8 ruby-throated hummingbirds, 55 Yellow-bellied flycatchers, 2 Acadian flycatchers, five great crested flycatchers, and 14 species of warblers. Two of our better finds of the spring were recaptured birds: a chipping sparrow which we banded in 2013, making it a minimum of 9-years-old and an indigo bunting which we banded in 2016, making it a minimum of 6-years-old.

For the spring of 2021 we banded birds for 21 days (17 days for songbirds and six days for owls). We managed to band 1,232 individuals of 66 species making it one of our better spring results. During that time, we banded



KI School Field Day



Male Connecticut Warbler, Male Mourning Warbler, and Female Mourning Warbler

our 21,000th individual on the island and are well on our way to the 22,000th individual this fall.

COVID-19 restrictions were beginning to be lifted and we welcomed some visitors to the banding station. For the first time in over two years, we welcomed the Kelleys Island School students and staff to the station under COVID protocol. They did a great job and had a fun time. It is great to see that many of the older students remember what we do, why we do it, and how to handle birds to be released. It appears that we will be open as usual in the fall but may still require social distancing.



Sharp-Shinned Hawk

Special thanks to our dedicated team; Paula Bartlett, Alexi Panehal, Chris Ashley, Sandy Teliak, Nancy Welter, Shane & Laura Roberts, Emily Beal, Tom Behlen, Jim Zeller, Christy Frank, and Tom and Jennifer Pieratt. The fall banding will begin on September 19 for a week and then again on October 13 for the next month. It looks like we may have a Kelleys Island Owl Festival this fall. It is scheduled for November 5-7, so watch for details.



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Kelleys Island lakefront lot. Enjoy spectacular sunrise views from the east point of the island. This .63 acre lot has approximately 80 feet of frontage on Lake Erie. City water and electricity is available. Septic and building will be subject to local and county approvals.



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