

Fighting The Good Fight



Shelly Burdue, RN administers injection to Laura Jean Phorence.

Caroline Jorski

Seventy Kelleys Island residents, age 62 and up who previously registered with the Erie County Health Department, came to the Kelleys Island Library on Friday, February 12, 2021 to receive their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. Appointments were scheduled at 15-minute intervals. The medical staff from the Health Department included: Dr. Max Pavlock, DO; Shelly Burdue, RN; Pam Poggelman, RN; Heather Westcott, RN; and Nicole Lunato, Clerk Specialist.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series one month apart. Twelve days after receiving dose one, the vaccine gives 52 percent efficacy; following the second dose one month later,

efficacy increases to 94 percent. If you receive one dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, you should receive a second dose of the same vaccine one month later. The second dose of the vaccine will be given on Friday, March 12 in the School Library and each resident was given their specific time to return to the library to receive their second injection.

It was inspiring to see many younger Islanders helping the elderly, who could not drive or walk, come for their appointment and then checking up on them later to make sure they were safe.

Our thanks to the Erie County Health Department and the medical staff for their service to Kelleys Island. We appreciate you.

From the Mayor's Desk

Ron Ehrbar

January and February are usually slow months on the Island but here at the Village Office we have been very busy. For starters, EMS Director, Russ Maust, has been cleaning up the old clinic, throwing out expired material, and doing a basic overhaul. Russ has also been working with Fire Chief Skeans considering different communication system options for EMS and Fire, this includes upgrading our Village wi-fi. They have also been exploring different grant opportunities for communications and necessary equipment. With spring not too far out, the transition to MetroHealth will be mostly complete and ready to go for the busy season.

The Village also has been in contact with Erie County Health Department in connection with the Covid-19 vaccinations. I would like to thank Pete Schade, Health Commissioner,

and Shari Greene, Chief Health Planning Officer, for supporting us in getting those 65 and older scheduled for our vaccinations. Due to orders from the federal level and Ohio Governor's office, this was a tedious process to say the least! We must also thank Nataliya Skeans for conveying the members of Erie County Health Department who manned the Covid-19 vaccination clinic on the Island to and from the airport. If you have been watching the news, not only has there been shortages of the vaccine, but distribution of the vaccine has made the administration very difficult throughout our country. Again, a big "Thank You" to Erie County Health Department.

The police department has also been busy updating policies and procedures for the Kelleys Island Police Department. Due to sweeping changes with policies by the U.S.

2021 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Lisa Klonaris

Don't miss the Kelleys Island Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children of all ages are invited to participate in the egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 4th, at Memorial Park. The event will start promptly at 12:00 Noon.



The Skeans Family Enjoying An Island Easter Egg Hunt

Be sure to arrive early, bring a basket or bag for the many eggs to be collected, and dress for the weather. Many thanks go out to Annie Coulon, The Village Pump, Andy Stein, and Tina Callari for all of the treats, stuffing the eggs and preparing the park.



The Easter Bunny Getting Ready to Deliver Treats!

(Photographer Lisa Klonaris)

Department of Justice in the last five years, Chief Craig is working through a website, "Lexipol" to update and develop new policies for my review.

Now to recognize other people that make our wonderful island life even better. I would like to thank Tom Griffing and Griffing Flying Service for their effort in providing us a safe service and unscheduled emergency trips. Without them we would be looking for other ways to go back and forth during these winter months. Also let us thank Robby Quinn for his efforts of providing us with the opportunity to have something different for dinner on Friday nights.

Let us all enjoy the serene quietness of the remaining days of winter because soon the hustle and bustle of the new season will be here. Be safe and Happy Easter to all!

The Parsonage Perspective



Janet Killam

From the Parsonage's Perspective...ALL holidays should be celebrated in a very, very big way. St. Patrick's Day is no exception!

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Patti Johnson and Doug Muranyi

Welcome to our preseason. We are readying to return to the Island in mid-March this year. Doug will be brewing in April, but our opening day is still to-be-announced.

We will be purchasing a small canning operation so along with our 32 oz growlers, we will be selling 16 oz crowlers while maintaining our traditional style ales, featuring the Island Devil. There are a couple of new breakfast items to share and a plan for you to enjoy your brew and view with us. Bring your party or family down for a pint, a meal, or a cocktail and leave with a variety of carry out desserts and items for your rental or home.

A second edition of the Scavenger Hunt and a new game called Tales from the Tavern which we have created will be introduced. These are fun ways to introduce and entertain new and returning visitors to the Island. Just come on in and ask a server for a copy, take as much time as you need to complete it and submit for a chance to win prizes each week.

Also, we are looking for seasonal employees that want short term bar and serving responsibilities from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The delicious beers, a cocktail menu that is fun and easy, and foods will keep you wanting to come back for your next shift. Email us as to your availability and we will put you on a flexible schedule that will help you and us support our island habit!! See you soon.

KI Chamber of Commerce Update

By Jordan Killam, Director

Though it may be February as I write this, I feel like we are inching to the top of the seasonal rollercoaster, ready to take off at rocket speed on a steep incline into summer! The Chamber has been all kinds of busy coordinating and planning the best comeback ever, and I would like to share a bit about what we have been working on.

The board created 4 working committees: bylaws, budget, membership, and events. In January, we solidified the new updates of our bylaws. The work of this committee also included implementing staggered terms for board members and redefining the tasks of the nominating committee for future board members.

The budget committee's work will include a retail component, designed to establish another revenue source for the Chamber other than dues. Board Treasurer, Dan Hazard, designed two graphics which we are planning to use as Chamber postcards and t-shirt designs.

The Membership Committee will soon begin a planned membership drive aimed at acquiring membership in two key groups. The first group focuses on off-island service providers that will be beneficial to homeowners and business owners alike on the including house painting, plumbing, construction, carpentry, anything associated with wedding planning, etc. The second group is on-island businesses and organizations that are not yet part of the Chamber to increase our

arsenal of lodging offerings to our ever-growing population of tourists. Volunteer ambassadors of the Chamber will be reaching out to their contacts to forge these new relationships.

The events committee is hard at work planning our 5 & 10K Run/Walk, whose premier sponsors will be Cousino Restoration/FRST Team and Lake Erie Shores & Islands. Sign-up for the race is available on the race's event page on our website and on the Facebook event page. Pre-registration costs \$20, day of event \$25. Once again, a portion of our profits will be donated to Back to the Wild in Castalia. We are also working to cultivate a robust cadre of event sponsors for future events so we can bring you bigger, better, and more enjoyable events in 2021 and beyond.

Finally, we also like to keep our social media audience happy, as they're always hungry for winter content! People love to see pictures of Island life and read stories about what it's like to winter on the rock. Please feel free to share any and all images and anecdotes with us by emailing or tagging us in your posts. We will share this engaging content!

Other updates

- We participated in the virtual Progressive Cleveland Boat show, where I gave a presentation about family friendly activities on Kelleys Island.

- We launched a blog! Here, you will find stories about our members, events, and other points of interest on Kelleys Island. Visit www.KelleysIslandChamber.com/blog to

begin reading.

- We are working on our 2021 paper map, which will be available in April just in time for new visitors.

- The Chamber applied for and received a PPP loan back in January. We used the majority of this loan to pay advertising costs.

To further our association with mainland partners, in late 2020, I was appointed to serve on the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Marketing Committee, solidifying Kelleys Island as a very visible and important focal point of travel in our region. On this committee, are influential folks from other Lake Erie Islands and powerhouse mainland entities like Cedar Fair, the City of Sandusky, Kalahari Resorts, Erie and Ottawa County Commissioners, and more. The focus of our committee work will be looking at our region's branding to see if we are communicating clearly and effectively to our potential visitors. Another aspect of this work will be strategizing how to encourage people to live and work in our region as well as visit for tourism purposes.

I also serve on the steering committee for the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA). GLIA is a group comprised of Great Lakes Islands-based elected officials, organization leaders, and private citizens dedicated to addressing complex, interrelated challenges. This includes access to public services and quality education, supporting a diversified economy, managing natural, cultural, and historical resources across public and private boundaries, and

changing demographics (size, age, seasonality, ownership, economic status, etc.). The goal is to discuss and implement best practices for tackling these challenges. We are working to plan our 2021 Islands Summit, an annual conference which is slated to take place on our Lake Erie Islands October 3-6 but may be a hybrid virtual event depending on vaccine rollout.

Upcoming Chamber Meeting

Dates are listed below. The meetings are held virtually. Please email info@kelleysislandchamber.com to be on our notification list.

- Wednesday, April 14 @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, June 9 @ 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 8 @ 5:30 PM

2021 Chamber Sponsored Events Calendar

(also posted on our website)

Ohio Bike Week Dice Run
Wednesday, June 2

5 & 10K Run/Walk
Sunday, June 6

Mad River KI Bike Tour
Saturday, June 26 &
Sunday, June 27

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Ed Curilla Preserve



Betty's Pond

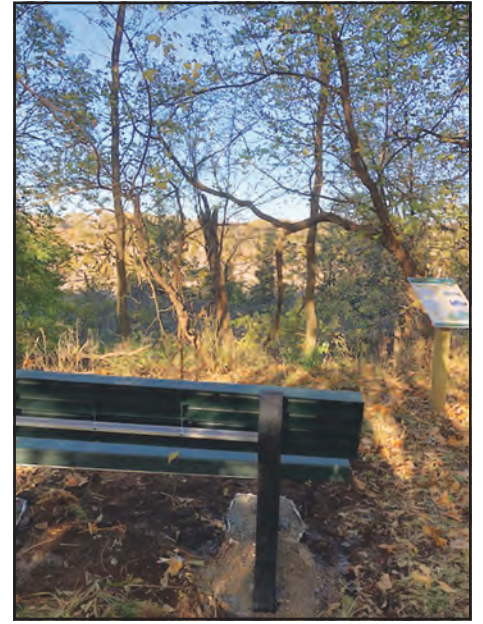
Tom Pieratt, Kelleys Island Park District Recreation Board
Ed Curilla Preserve is located off Huntington Lane, about a half-mile west of Kelleys Island's downtown.

Ron Curilla sold the 15-acre plot to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy in 2018. The Conservancy then donated the land to Kelleys Island Park District

Recreation Board. This is when the Ed Curilla Preserve was established in memory of Ron's father who often spoke of preserving the big woods and quarry pond.

The Preserve is ten acres of woods and five acres of old quarry. The Curilla Preserve exhibits some of the history of the Island. The wooded part of the preserve contains both hardwoods, such as oak and walnut, and softwood trees, including cedar which was used to fuel the boilers in boats in the 1850s and support posts for grapevines. The quarry part of the Preserve contains fossils from 419 million years ago when Ohio was south of the equator. The Erie Indians used this area for an earthwork that protected them from rival tribes. This area was also used to grow grapes that supported the Island's wine industry. The northern five acres of the preserve was used to support the quarry industry on the Island. On the north end of the wooded property is a hill made from the dirt the quarry moved off the rock that was to be quarried.

Deer trails wander through the woods and migrating birds land in



Quarry Bench

the trees after crossing from the mainland. Betty's Pond names the half-acre quarry hole which has become a natural pond with cattails, amphibians, and fish. Betty is a long-time anonymous benefactor to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and donated generously to the purchase of Curilla Preserve.

The Park District board decided to create a half-mile trail on the preserve. A grant from Erie County Metro Parks was used to purchase interpretive signs for the trail. The Park District also purchased a bike rack and a bench that overlooks the old quarry. There is a parking lot at the trail head and a message board that has information about other trails on the Island. The interpretive signs are scattered around the trail, so as you walk the trail, you can stop and read about the Island's history. The trail is wide and well-groomed, so it is family friendly. The trail is flat except the north end where you can choose to walk up the hill to see the quarry or choose to walk the trail at the bottom of the hill. There is work that needs done on the north end of the wooded trail to make it easier to move from the woods down to the quarry. All trails require a certain amount of maintenance and the Park District is always working to improve the trail. The wood chips from last year's storms that are in the trail parking lot will be spread throughout the trail.

We at the Park Board District hope all of you can make it to the trail to experience the beauty of the woods and all the wildlife you encounter while hiking the trail. Find us on Facebook, Kelleys Island Park Committee.

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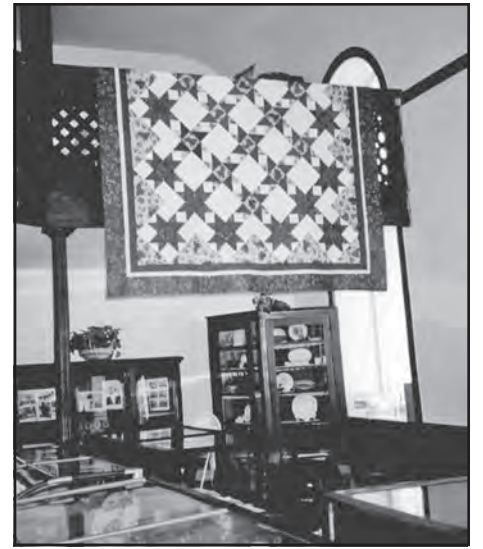
Things have been pretty quiet around the museum and resale shop. Be sure to check the BLOG on our website for stories about some of the more interesting people, places, and things from our Island's history. Speaking of people, we have collected several oral histories and are now exploring ways to share them with the public. Any suggestions? They are incredible insights into Island life in days gone by.

After 10 years of volunteering and two years of serving as the gift shop manager, Leslie Korenko has officially retired. The search is on for a replacement. Leslie recalls when our whole operation was in the church which served as both the museum and the gift shop. In honor of her service, President Chris Carrig nominated Leslie for volunteer of the year with the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board. Wow, was she surprised to be recognized for all the time and effort she has donated to the organization.

Leslie manages the website and Facebook page and writes the History Blog. Her accomplishments over the years include: organizing the archives and uploading the entire inventory so everyone can see what we have in our collection; serving as curator and revitalizing the layout and displays in the museum; designing the posters; and, applying for and receiving grant funds for two historic markers: The Island House downtown and the Church & Parsonage on our grounds. She designed our new sign and more recently, undertook the project of getting all our old newspapers online, some going back to the 1930s. The list of her accomplishment goes on with her setting up a page for our school's history, scanning and uploading all the yearbooks from our collection and her personal files; compiling several videos (available on YouTube) about this Island's history and our museum, including two extensive walking tours. In her leisure time, she produces



Leslie Korenko recognized for her dedication to Kelleys Island history



At one time the church was both our museum and gift shop

our quarterly newsletter. We are so glad that her contribution to our organization and the history of this Island has been recognized.

As we look forward to a new year, we begin, in earnest, to plan our opening day on May 15. We are working on a couple new displays (no hints yet) and cleaning and sprucing up everything. The Parsonage Resale

Shop has been busy with people shopping for Valentine's Day gifts and Easter items. The staff there responds to all requests, but there are no set hours yet. We applied for and hope to receive a grant to help pay for the new windows in the house.



KILA Korner

Drew Algase, V.P. KILA
 "If winter comes, can spring be far behind" (Shelley) is what we all are probably thinking. So, in anticipation of spring, KILA had a winter virtual meeting to begin planning for 2021. We are hopeful that our scheduled events can be held.

- May 15th – Welcome Back Pot Luck
- August 13 & 14th – HOMECOMING
- October 23rd – Family Hayride

K I L A continues to encourage everybody to "Keep Kelleys Safe" by wearing face covering / masks, keeping a safe distance, avoiding large groups, and getting the vaccine. To remind folks of this, we will be placing more of our yellow signs



Keep Safe Poster

around the island. We also have a few cloth KILA masks available in case someone needs one.

Our members make KILA successful. KILA projects and initiatives are made possible by active members. Please consider becoming a new member or renewing your current membership. We welcome your input about what projects or initiatives you suggest to improve and enhance the village to benefit all citizens, residents, and guests of Kelleys Island. E-mail: info@kila.rocks.

We have two membership benefits

for all active members. First, the "KILA Kard" is back after being suspended last year. It is good for discounts at several KI businesses. This was suspended last year in view of the uncertain business climate. But gladly, most KI business survived and even thrived. Second, to raise awareness of protecting our environment by proper septic system maintenance, all active members will be eligible for a drawing for a free Septic Tank cleaning/pump out. The drawing will be at Homecoming August 14th. THINK SPRING!

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2021 coming events

June 2: Ohio Bike Week Dice Run

June 6: 5 & 10k Run/Walk

June 26-27: Mad River Bike Tour

July 10: KI's Got Talent

July 16-18: Island Fest

July 23-25: Film Fest

September 11: Treasure Island Day

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Islanders Happily Picking Up their Pizzas

Janet Wermuth

You look across the lake and see the mainland and imagine all the restaurants open and your cravings start! But it is the middle of winter and not practical to travel and secure a quick food fix! To the rescue is fellow Islander, Robby Quinn, a Bowling Green State University aviation student.

Fridays at 5:30 p.m. you will find a line of cars waiting at the Kelleys Island Airport for a most unusual pizza delivery vehicle, an airplane! At the controls is Robby with a cargo of Domino's pizzas, wings, and salads. He lands and the small crowd comes forward as Robby and a few helpers distribute the orders the Islanders have made over the phone with the Port Clinton Domino's. There are an average of twelve orders each Friday.

This Island service stems from

Robby's childhood when his father would bring Domino's pizza to the Island in the winter for a few families. "Years ago, when we were living on the island year-round, my dad would once a week bring Domino's back to Kelleys Island using their Huron location," he said. "So, I just adopted that idea and ran with it and took it a little further."

Robby lives along the airport runway near the KI airport. This Friday trip is his weekend commute from Bowling Green State University. The Quinn family has called Kelleys Island home for many years, in fact, Robby attended the Kelleys Island School for his preschool, first, and second grade. Now attending Bowling Green State University, Robby returns to the Island on the weekends and during college breaks. His goal after graduation is to become a pilot for a major commercial airline.

Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Swim & Poker Run

Jeni Hammond

Welcome to 2021 everyone! Last year was a strange year but thanks to wonderful people like you, we raised \$20,200.00 (funny how that worked out). We swam from West Bay Inn to Portside in 1-3/4 hours. One of the easiest swims to date. With very few fundraisers last year Make-A-Wish was way down in granting Wishes. But, we did raise enough to grant 2+ wishes as each wish costs approximately \$8,000.00.

Save Saturday, July 31st for the 2021 Poker Run with registration scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at Portside Marina. Cindra & Jeni will swim into Portside around 11:30-12 on Sunday, August 1st. Hopefully we can return to normal this summer & really have some fun! God Bless everyone until we see you on Kelleys. Don't forget to make your boat reservations now, so you don't miss it. Love to you from Cindra & Jeni!



March

- 4—Cory Vetovitz
- 4- Genevieve Mack
- 12- Tracy Quillen
- 13- Gary Finger
- 13- Elic Watkins
- 14- Carol Vogler Bright
- 16- Dora Jean Elfers
- 16- Katie Kranyak
- 20 - Eve Janota
- 22—Jim Bechtel
- 22 - Madeline Priebe
- 25- Kyle Joyce
- 27 - Mike Mielke
- 28 - Jeff Hedley
- 29- Denise Elfers
- 30 - Christian Leckler

April

- 2—Amy Bechtel
- 2 - Rory Bianchi Hassinger
- 4 - Elliot Algase
- 4 - Logan Schroer
- 5 - Jake Hedley
- 7—Sean Vetovitz
- 7 - Henry Brian
- 8—Erin Krafty
- 8—Chip Schmidt
- 10—Mary Lou Gilles
- 10- Robby Zettler
- 11—Caroline Jorski
- 12- Mikey Krafty
- 15—Sondra Vetovitz
- 17 - Zoey Washio
- 18—Bernie Koshla
- 18—Kate Vetovitz
- 19- Taylor Zechman
- 19- Rusty Zettler
- 20- Beth Kranyak
- 20- Barb Schnittker
- 22- Vi Feyedelem
- 22- Barb Shadle
- 22 - Wyatt Dugan
- 23 - Tiffany Ehrbar
- 25 - Ethan Ehrbar
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Kelleys Island Police Department: 2020 Yearly Report and Community-Police Relations

Shawn M. Craig, Chief of Police

2020 Yearly Report: 2020 marked my sixth year as Chief of Police with the department. We continue to progress and move the department in a positive direction.

This year was one of the most tumultuous years on record for various reasons. The Covid-19 pandemic that gripped the nation beginning in late February brought the world to a screeching halt. It affected all walks of life physically, mentally, and financially. New cases and patient deaths skyrocketed as the year came to a close. It forced us to rethink our enforcement strategies to protect the safety of our officers. We can only hope that 2021 brings us closer to effective therapeutics and viable plans from federal, state, and local governments to distribute a proven vaccine to everyone in a timely fashion.

Officer turnover within the part-time seasonal ranks continues to be an issue. KIPD lost a total of 7 officers in 2019-2020 with most going to fulltime positions, with better pay and health insurance. The recurring problems we faced were exacerbated by the state closing the training academies down for almost half the year. When training finally resumed, candidates were getting snatched up by larger departments who saw a record number of resignations and earlier than expected retirements, mostly due to the political climate and negative view of how the general population views law enforcement. Officers across the country are being scrutinized and villainized like never before. Adding to our local problem was a positive Covid-19 test from an officer which put further strains on our ability to effectively staff. I have been in contact with local Lake Erie chiefs of police and have been given information on part-time pay in their communities. I will be sitting down with finance councilmen Greg Richie and Eric Longbrake and talking about how to compete with these departments with the pay to keep officers longer.

Although I continue to place an emphasis on training officers, Covid-19 again hampered our efforts. My annual in-service training was cancelled because of Covid-19, but online classes were looked to for advanced public records webinars sponsored by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. In addition, all officers completed online courses offered through the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (eOPOTA). Some of this training and the updating of policies and procedures continues from my first day as Chief of Police.

Community fundraising was also a struggle this year with all of our events such as Cops and Bobbers, The KIPD Pig Roast, and K-9 13.1 Marathon being cancelled.

Community-Police Relations: In December 2014, my first year as Chief of Police, Governor John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-06K, announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenges between the community and police. The task force included 24 members representing the governor, legislature, attorney general, the Supreme Court of Ohio, local law enforcement, organized labor, local community leaders, the faith-based community, business, municipalities and prosecuting attorneys. On April 29, 2015, after a series of public forums held around the state, the task force delivered its final report to the Governor, who in turn signed Executive Order 2015-04K, establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations.

On August 28, 2015, the Ohio Collaborative, a 12-person panel of law enforcement experts and community leaders from around the state, established state standards for the first time in Ohio's history to help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. The standards focus on use of force including use of deadly force and agency employee recruitment and hiring. These new standards hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public. The Collaborative works closely with

partners, including the community and law enforcement agencies, to implement the new standards. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations.

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, communicated those new standards to Ohio's nearly 960 law enforcement agencies. The Ohio Collaborative also provided model policies as a resource for agencies, and OCJS serves as a contact and is available to assist agencies with implementation. OCJS published a report on March 31, 2017, listing which state and local law enforcement agencies have adopted and fully implemented the new minimum standards.

More than 500 agencies employing over 27,000 officers in all 88 counties, representing 79 percent of all law enforcement officers in Ohio and most of Ohio's metropolitan departments are participating in the certification process. As of 2021, we have been certified and compliant with Ohio Collaborative every year. On January 4, 2021 we achieved full compliance OCLEAC status on Exec Order standards from Kelleys Island Chief of Police written policy.

For those that have asked and question what is the Collaborative and what is the Executive Order 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, Executive Order 13929 was issued by President Donald Trump on June 16, 2020. The purpose of this Executive Order is "to ensure that law enforcement agencies continue striving to provide transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of

services to communities."

The U.S. Department of Justice has designated independent credentialing bodies in each state across the country. In Ohio, the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) and the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification Program has been selected as the independent credentialing body. As the independent credentialing body, OCJS will be responsible for certifying law enforcement agencies. To receive certification, agencies must be compliant with two mandatory safe policing principles:

1. Adherence to applicable laws; and,
2. Prohibition of choke holds.

This certification will be required for agencies to be eligible for Department of Justice discretionary grant funding in 2021. Agencies must be certified by January 31, 2021 to be eligible for these federal funds. The certification will be valid for three years. Which we did accomplish.

I will continue as Chief of Police of Kelleys Island to always make us better and continue to strive to be the best police department for our community. I will continue to do this by asking council to approve teaming up with Lexipol Company on updating policy and procedures. Lexipol uses entire risk management solution for public safety and local government. They start by developing comprehensive, continuously updated policies for public safety agencies. Then they use online training, grants services and an electronic policy management platform, as well as the digital communities Police1. Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification also works alongside of Lexipol to make it easier on police departments to exceed in their certification.

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Camp Patmos News

Dave Sellers, Executive Director, Camp Patmos

It has been said that hindsight is 20/20, but this year most of us are more than ready to put 2020 out of sight. As I look back on 2020, I never would have guessed the challenges and blessings God has given us, but through it, God has proven to be more than sufficient.

One of my trustees told me it reminded him of Nehemiah. If you recall from the book of Nehemiah, he was the Cupbearer to the King. Nehemiah heard of Jerusalem's torn down walls, the burnt gates, and its people in trouble. (Neh 1:1-3) The news brought Nehemiah to his knees, and he wept and mourned and then repented. As Nehemiah was going before the King, he could not help but show his sadness. The King noticed his sorrow and asked him why he was sad. Nehemiah said a quick prayer and laid his heart before the King. The King granted his desire and gave him all that he needed to go back to Jerusalem, repair its walls, rebuild its gates and encourage the people. (Neh 2:1-8)

Like Nehemiah, we were very saddened to cancel summer camps, retreat season, and all activities in 2020. We wept and mourned for the ministry that would be lost over a whole season. The realization of going through 2020 with no income for the camp was also a very challenging thought. Even with slashing our budget, we would still have a \$300,000 deficit. We

prayed for wisdom and asked God and his people to provide what we would need. God showed himself more than sufficient through the generosity of His people. From March 31st to December 21st, together, we met our goal and people are still giving! Because of God's mercy on our finances, Camp Patmos is able to open this season without adding debt in spite of losing our normal flow of income last year. This is an amazing feat!

With 2020 behind us, we want to update and cast vision for this season and beyond. With specific savings from our buildings and maintenance budget, volunteers did much needed repairs to a significant leak in the roof of the Lakeview Lodge (Dining Hall). Additionally, we were able to do painting projects in the girls' dorm and bathrooms and prepped for painting in the boys' bathhouse. These savings will also be used to replace the two diving boards at the pool and make some needed upgrades to our FDA-regulated, drinking water system.

Lord willing, we have other projects planned this season. We will continue our chapel project by beginning a new expansion. The Chapel's expansion will be a 35-foot by 35-foot foyer with two ADA compliant bathrooms, sound booth, and a mechanical room to install heat and air conditioning in the Chapel for the first time ever! Moving the current sound booth and mechanical room into this new

area will increase our Chapel's seating capacity. We have \$38,200 committed towards this specific project already and continue to receive donations designated toward its completion (select Improvement Projects/Chapel Refurbishment on our donation page). We will also continue replacing the roofs on our circle cabins as money is specifically donated and until we complete the remaining 23 cabins. Each cabin costs about \$700 to replace the old shingles with a longer lasting metal roof (select Improvement Projects/Roof Replacements on our donation page).

We are currently overjoyed to be planning a season of Summer Camps and Retreats; all the while remaining flexible and keeping a close eye on updates to federal and local regulations. This year, our summer camp program follows the sixth year of walking through the Bible in seven years. How amazing that God prepared this message six years ago to study Christ - Journey to the Cross! Our children are under such tremendous stress, God knew they would need this summer to look beyond the things of this world and focus on the eternal work of Jesus Christ! Summer camp applications are being taken online at www.camppatmos.com. We cannot wait to have our island kids and families at camp this summer.

Thank you for your support and your prayers as we move forward in another season with many unknowns. God has and will continue to use us all to keep Camp Patmos fruitful in His sovereign plan this year. We cannot thank you enough! All praise to Him and all glory be to Christ in what we "get" to do through His ministry, Camp Patmos.



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Small Home Repairs on Kelleys Island – Pilot Project

Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors

Serving Our Seniors has a program known as "The Handyman Program." Its purpose is to help older adults, age 60+, maintain their homes by keeping small home repairs small, rather than ignoring them until it becomes a major expense. The other purpose of the Handyman Program is to make minor modifications to support functional independence. For example, installing grab bars and stair railings is a minor modification that reduces the risk of falling. Installing a raised toilet seat or a shower chair are other examples.

The Handyman Program also provides consumer protection to older adults in need. When the Ohio Attorney General's office reviews crimes against older adults, home improvement scams are one of the most common. A common rip-off tactic is a person knocks on the door and offers to do the repair work. The contractor asks for 50% down. He takes the money and then never returns. All the older adult has to show for their money is a bogus business card from a fraudulent home improvement business.

Another consumer protection the Handyman Program offers is being free of liability. If Serving Our Seniors' Handyman injures himself while doing work at the older adult's home, this handyman cannot come back on the homeowner to pay for his medical bills. Because the handyman is an actual business, who has a business contract with Serving Our Seniors, it cannot be said that the handyman was a household employee. Therefore, the homeowner is not responsible to pay should they injure themselves.

Serving Our Seniors would like to experiment with arranging for its "Handyman Program" to come to Kelleys Island one time per month. This would help older adults maintain their home using a legitimate business who has a contractual obligation to render quality service in a timely manner. This means the Handyman carries liability insurance, an honesty bond, passed a criminal background check, has a duty to provide a written estimate and to wait for the estimate to be accepted before commencing work. Serving Our Seniors then follows up with the retiree to ensure that the work was completed as estimated and the Erie County senior citizen is satisfied with the small home repair/modification.

The cost savings benefit to older homeowners on Kelleys Island is that Serving Our Seniors will pay the cost of the Handyman's roundtrip travels to Kelleys Island. Therefore, the cost quote only includes the time to obtain the materials and doing the work while on Kelleys Island.

For those, who lack the finances to afford a minor home repair, Serving Our Seniors can partially subsidize the repair cost. In other words, Serving our Seniors can pay for the portion of the repair that is beyond the retiree's ability to afford.

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Kelleys Island Ice Party or Melt Party

Janet Wermuth
 Islanders of all ages and "breeds" enjoyed the annual Kelleys Island Ice Party hosted on the West Bay patio Wednesday, February 24. The gathering of Islanders is truly a celebration of our unique winter habitat surrounded by a vista of frozen Lake Erie. In years when the ice is thick enough to support ice fishing, the gathering takes place along one of the Island shorelines with food and beverage stations on the ice. The milder February temperatures in recent years have stopped those activities but the event is still a welcome gathering with thoughts turning to spring.



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EMS News

Russell Maust, Village of Kelleys Island EMS Director

It has been a productive and exciting winter for Kelleys Island EMS. In preparation for the upcoming season, we have been working hard on upgrades, organization, and new programs. Much progress has been made.

We are preparing to have our first Emergency Medical Responder class in association with Cleveland MetroHealth. The schedule for this class is on track. We have twelve participants which equates to 1/10 of the winter population on the Island. It is good to have this many year-round residents involved. This class will be completed by the end of March and will provide a huge increase in EMS manpower.

New and much needed equipment has been purchased using individual and business donations. All new equipment bags have been acquired for storage of supplies for universal placement in the trucks. This will allow

for easier access and faster response. We have invested in the latest technology to lift and transport patients. This new inventory of vacuum mattresses and Binder Lifts will provide more comfort and stability for injured patients and increased safety for EMS personnel.

The anticipated Doc2Go program is moving along as well. We will be setting up an access point at the EMS station. Higher internet speed is being installed as well as hotspots in both ambulances. This creates the ability to share critical patient information with our Medical Control Doctors in real time.

In summary, progress is being made to build a stronger EMS service. Profound thanks for the generous contributions and volunteer time. This support is crucial in helping us build a safer Island. It is a pleasure for the EMS staff to serve the community of Kelleys Island.

Enhanced Medical Services on Kelleys Island

Steve Wermuth, Village Administrator

Not sure if your allergies are acting up or if it is a sinus problem? Dreading the thought of a ferry or plane trip off the Island to visit your doctor on the mainland? Now, you have a new option through Doc2Go, a service affiliated with MetroHealth our new emergency medical service and life flight provider.

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The Kelleys Island Field Station Receives Hancock-Wood Electric Grant

Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station

The Kelleys Island Field Station of the Kelleys Island School is beyond thankful. We have been working hard this winter working on a variety of funding opportunities for the community of Kelleys Island. We just learned we received \$2,587.50 from Hancock-Wood Electric Corporate for Nature Camp Supplies!

The supplies will enhance the Nature Camp program offered by the Kelleys Island School and Field Station each year. The camp supplies will be used for outdoor education

provided to a broad audience including citizens of Erie County, the Kelleys Island Local School children (K-12), Island residents, Field Station participants (STEM Groups), and visitors to the island. This will enable a personal connection to learn about Kelleys Island and Lake Erie's ecology by getting more of an up-close and hands-on experience outdoors. We will do this by providing programming focused on nature-related subjects with different themes each year. All are designed to encourage natural curiosity of the outdoors.

Together we are Making a Difference!

Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station and Chris Ashley, Kelleys Island State Park

The seeds are in the ground! After several years of planning and precreation, last June thirty species of pollinator friendly seeds native to Kelleys Island were planted. With the support and help of the Division of Wildlife and Pheasants Forever, 150 pounds of seeds were "drilled" into the seventeen acres of State Park property.

All the seeds are of plants that have been documented on Kelleys Island. The Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) was a big help with the seed list. Dr. Jim Bissel from CMNH and Mark Witt from the Division of Wildlife provided guidance and suggestions to make this list as thorough and manageable as possible.

After the seeds were planted, the Island went over three weeks without

rain. The lack of moisture certainly got the seeds off to a slow start. However, there were signs of germination. Milkweed, Butterfly weed, Blue Vervain and grasses were doing well as we monitored these habitats over the growing season. We were pleasantly surprised to discover that a State threatened species, Philadelphia Panic Grass (*Panicum philadelphicum*) came up on its own from dormant seed already in the seed bed! Other species are there just waiting for the competition from non-natives to be removed so they can have a chance to grow again.

When spring arrives, and the soil warms, we hope to see more of our seeds germinating. There will be much work to do as invasive species will still need to be controlled. Canada thistle and Mullein are the two in particular that are already proving to be a nuisance. These plants cannot be allowed to get rees-

tablished so spot spraying and pulling weeds will be required.

In a few years when these plants are growing strong and have become established there will be benefits to all the wildlife who either lives here or passes through these habitats. Our hope is to reestablish these unproductive acreages while making Kelleys Island a more attractive place for wildlife to use and for our visitors to enjoy.

Your continued support of the Kelleys Island Pollinators & Partnerships is deeply gratifying to us and we hope it is the same for you. Through your donations we have been able to accomplish so much! We continue to work towards promoting the health of pollinators critical to Kelleys Island ecosystem through conservation, education, and research. You truly have made a difference for the pollinators and Kelleys Island.



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Kelleys Island 2021 Nature Camp

Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station Director

The 2021 Nature Camp Theme is "Everything Under the Sun." Each day will focus on a different topic and habitat, insects, fish, birds, geology, and astronomy, with an evening night sky program for campers and their families. Campers 9-14 years old will kayak one day. Campers will be provided professionally developed materials (including many hands-on activities) designed to appeal to campers' sense of wonder and curiosity, connecting them to nature. Themes by day:

Birds: Campers will get to inspect a variety of physical bird adaptations- including characteristics of beaks, feet, legs, wings, and colorations while going on a bird hike. AND they will get a chance to design their own original bird!

Fish: Campers will participate in a Fishing Program. The program consists of hands-on participation in four areas covering the basics of Angling in Casting, Fishing Knots and Rigging, Fish Habitat and Handling and Local Information.

Geology: Campers will go on a hike through one of Ohio's most geologically interesting areas in Ohio, gathering a variety of evidence of the island's ancient history discovering wild caves, rock formations and glacial grooves.

Insects: Campers will be Insect Investigators while going on an insect hike collecting live insects to observe and handle, and illustrating their investigations.

Astronomy: Campers will get to be Astronomers for the day. They will join an Astronomer to view the sun, examining sunspots and discover how the sun supports all living things. Campers will also make Sun Prints!

***Night Sky Program:** All campers and their family members will be welcome to join our Astronomer for any one of the 3 evening night sky programs. Participants will get views of the planets, star clusters, and moon. Each camper will receive a planisphere!

****Kayaking** - Campers 9-14 years old will get an afternoon to Kayak around Gibraltar Island, learning boating safety, paddling strokes, and kayaking games!

Use the registration forms on this page or visit our website: kelleysislandfieldstation.org

Kelleys Island Nature Camp Registration Form 2021

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name _____ Parents Name _____

Birth Date _____ (Month/Day/Year-Check Age Requirements-Must be of Age by Camp Date)

Island Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used _____

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Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____



Kelleys Island Audubon Club



ZION MATTERS

By Pastor Virginia Park

Hello to all year-round residents of Kelleys Island, to those who are summer residents, and to those who come to the Island for a short visit or time of rejuvenation. Greetings to all of you from the members and friends of Zion United Methodist Church, sometimes also referred to as The Community Church.

Our building is located at the corner of Division and Chappel Streets. Our time of weekly worship is at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and usually takes place in the church sanctuary. However, currently we are meeting only virtually by phone or computer. Everyone is welcome to join us and it is easy to listen in to worship by phone from no matter where you are located. Any time after 10:15 a.m. simply dial 1-234-805-1038. When the phone is answered you will be prompted to give an access code (pin number). So then just dial 642 962 210 # where you likely will hear some pre-church chatter from those of us already on the line.

When it is time for worship to begin you will hear a recorded church bell tolling followed by religious music. Then our spoken service begins and it includes everything that would comprise a service in the church building. People from various places participate, the

Island, Florida, Michigan, Sandusky, North Ridgeville, Columbus, Gahanna, Sandusky, Defiance, and elsewhere. Remember that if you have friends or relatives in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, etc., this is a good way for them to hear a worship service and they would be most welcome.

On the first Sunday of each month, we partake of the Last Supper. Participants bring a small piece of bread and a sip of wine or juice to the phone. We consecrate these elements before the communion liturgy begins. All of this is different, certainly, from what we are used to. But we must find new ways to do what needs to be done to continue worship services during these difficult times. Feel free to join us no matter what your denominational preference is and no matter where you are. You will surely be welcome.

We are now in the church season of Lent, the period that takes us from Ash Wednesday to Easter. This year that is Feb 17 to Apr 4. There are 40 (or 46) days in Lent - depending upon who is counting! The 40 days is the more usual number used as the 6 Sundays during the season are often not counted. The 40 days are reflective of the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness resisting the temptations of Satan. This was near the beginning of the ministry

of Jesus.

In today's church, Lent is designed to be a time of preparation for Easter, the holiest day of the year for Christian believers. Many people make sacrifices during the Lenten period in order to stay focused on the coming observation when Jesus arose on the day of Resurrection. I encourage each Christian to engage in a daily sacrificial act during Lent.

I also encourage all Christians to read the Gospel of Mark during this Lenten season. Mark is the shortest of the four Gospel books and is action-packed.

Usually at this time of year at Zion Church on Kelleys Island we would be announcing dates of our spring, summer, and autumn programming. However, because of the pandemic, no one can say officially exactly what or when we will be able or even permitted to do. There are a few things I can bring to your attention at this time:

The place of Zion's Easter services is not yet determined as we now await decisions from state government as well as counsel from our Bishop. Please watch the marquee sign in front of our church for additional information as it becomes available.

The World Day of Prayer observation is cancelled. Generally scheduled in early spring it will not take place again this year. Again, this is due to the

current pandemic restrictions on gatherings.

We hope to host Vacation Bible School this summer. If this can safely take place the dates will be July 19-23 with our Sunday worship led by the VBS students and teachers on July 25.

We also hope to host the Island's Thanksgiving service. If this is possible, we will be serving a Saturday morning breakfast followed by a sanctuary program at a date to be determined. Likely this will be in mid-September so that more people can attend before leaving the island for their winter sojourn.

I will conclude with a warm wish of congratulations to St. Michael's Catholic Church. The new building being erected on their campus looks wonderful and promises to be an additional religious asset in our community. All Islanders are pleased to see it going up and our prayers will be for the early and successful completion of this wonderful place.

Remember that you are always welcome to worship at St. Michael's Church or at Zion Church. At either church you will find spiritual renewal and religious worship. May your Lenten Season and the coming Easter holiday bring God's gracious blessings to you and to your family and friends.

OBITUARIES



Stuart L. Humphrey,

85, longtime resident of Kelleys Island, Ohio passed away on December 26, 2020. He was born on June 11, 1935, to

Charles and Donna Humphrey in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Raised on a farm he developed his love of nature, especially birds, and always enjoyed the wide variety of migratory species that visited the Island. While he was in high school, in addition to working on the family farm, he was employed part time at the Anderson Boat Company in Oak Harbor, designers and builders of handcrafted wooden boats. After graduating from Oak Harbor High School, he served in the U.S. Army, National Guard, Tank Division, honorably discharged in 1962.

Stuart married Phyllis (nee Liebeck) in 1958, and they had one daughter, Tama. He began full time employment for United States Gypsum, Genoa, Ohio, retiring in 1993. Stuart and Phyllis moved to Kelleys Island and made their seasonal home into their full-time residence. Stuart worked for

the Village retiring for a second time in 2003. His most enjoyable part of the Village job was meeting and talking with people. Stuart started a lawn mowing business and stayed active with it for many more years. He enjoyed playing the piano on occasion at Zion Methodist Church for worship services. Stuart truly loved and embraced the Island.

He could always be seen puttering around on his golf cart with Phyllis and the dogs running errands, post office visits, or grabbing a bite to eat at some of his favorite Island restaurants. As most Islanders know, a run in with Stu would involve a joke or a story, but most importantly a big smile. He had a sweet tooth which perhaps was his key to living a long happy life.

Stuart loved all his grandchildren, Jessica, Rachel, and Jonathan and spoiled them over the years. He and Phyllis looked forward to their extended stays in the summer before school commenced and, in the winter, picking them up at the airport for a weekend visit. Some of the grandchildren's fondest memories of grandpa were walking with him while he shared funny childhood stories, or on the beach collecting glass and driftwood. He enjoyed taking them fishing in the quarries and marina and mini day trips on the infamous orange boats to run

mainland errands together. He will be long remembered for his kind, patient, and gentle soul, his steadfast faith in God, and as a true and honest gentleman, husband, father, and special grandpa.

Stuart is survived by his wife Phyllis, daughter, Tama (Mark) and grandchildren, Jessica (Kevin) Rachel (fiancée Brian) and Jonathan (Hallie) sisters, Marilyn Weitzel (Marietta,

GA) and Marty Brown (Port Clinton, Ohio) Stuart is preceded in death by his parents and brother Lowell (Joan). Memorial contributions in memory of Stuart can be given to the KI EMS, Kelleys Island, Ohio or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Danbury, Ohio. The Gerner-Wolf-Walker Funeral Home and Crematory in Port Clinton, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements.



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Richard "Dick" Schwab passed away Sunday, December 20 at home after a long and courageous battle with MDS. Dick

was born in Attica, Ohio to William and Geraldine Schwab, the oldest of six children.

His father died when he was 14 years old and he shouldered many responsibilities at an early age to help to support his family, a circumstance that guided many of his future experiences; he was generous and helpful to all. Dick prided himself on being a lifelong loyal employee having only had three jobs in his lifetime. The first with the local drugstore and fountain shop in Attica as a high school student, the second at National Machinery in Tiffin, Ohio and then a highly successful 44-year career as an insurance agent with State Farm Insurance in Sandusky, Ohio. His large, warm, and gregarious personality served him well, and he often proudly shared that his customers always became his friends.

Dick bought his first boat in 1969. He

was an avid boating enthusiast piloting the "Q-Tip", and over the years owned 9 different boats (first Lymans, then Sea Rays) and traveled extensively through the Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay areas and Lakes Ontario and Huron, including the Trent Severn waterway. He enjoyed spending time at many Lake Erie islands and ports, especially Kelley's Island and was involved with several boating organizations over the years including the Sandusky Yacht Club, the Huron Yacht Club, the Catawba Island Club, and Sandusky Power Squadron. He was honored last year with a 50-year membership recognition by the Sandusky Power Squadron.

Dick confronted his MDS diagnosis with conviction and valor. He committed himself to a challenging schedule of "forever" chemotherapy and blood transfusions always remaining positive and maintaining a great attitude. He participated in an immunotherapy clinical trial through University Hospital's Seidman Cancer Center believing that it was the right thing to do to learn about interventions for future patients through his experiences.

Dick graduated from Attica High School, and married Janet Andrews Schwab April. They raised three children: Randy (Patty) Schwab of Norwalk; Lorna (Dan) Strayer of Put-in-Bay and Brad (Laurie) Schwab of

Vermilion. He was very proud of his eight grandchildren Tricia (Brian) West, Nicole (Ryan) Brisch, Megan (Blake) Moran, Alex Schwab, Bryant Strayer, Weston (Kelsie) Strayer, Marcus (Kim) Schwab, and Hannah Schwab. He took great pride in his seven great grandchildren: Brock, Gianna, Myra, Joni, Amelia, Anabel and Sophia.

Dick married Donna Schwab and they were married for 32 happy years. Together they enjoyed traveling, boating, wintering in Cape Coral, and spending time at Kelley's Island. They were well known for their annual Lighting of the Luminaries party at their home in Huron, hosting neighbors, family, and friends for the past 20 years to kick off the holiday season. Donna lovingly supported him in his final days at home, honoring his final wishes. He is additionally survived by his step-children: Gary Kimble of Attica, Mark (Rochelle) Kimble of Attica, Kim (Dave) Smith of Willard, and Susan Smith of Sarasota and step grandchildren: Alex Kimble, Michael Holden, Bryan (Melissa) Holden, Kailey (Ray) Robinson, Jacob Jester, Wesley Jester, Jerrad Jester, Addison (Brandon) Ott, Gillian Hicks, and Kameron Kimble (deceased) and four step great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Donna, and his children, Dick is survived by his sisters, Janice (Skip) Sisinger of Delphos,

Nancy Featheringill of Willard, June Stone of Carey, Donna Weithman of Willard, sister-in-law Jeanette Schwab of Republic and brother, Buddy (Brenda) of Old Fort. He was preceded in passing by his brother, Leonard Schwab, of Republic.

At Dick's request, cremation has taken place. The family wishes to recognize the tremendous support they have received from clinicians at the University Hospital Seidman Cancer Center, especially Dr. Benjamin Tomlinson and the nurses and nursing assistants there, Firelands Hospital Seidman Cancer Center nurses and staff, and Stein Hospice nurses and staff and Dr. Jeffrey Garman and Michele Poulos, Nurse Practitioner. Their outreach, medical expertise and guidance to Dick and family members during an unprecedented pandemic and a terminal diagnosis is well appreciated.

Memorial contributions may be made to University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center (in memory of Richard Schwab, UH Institutional Relations and Development, P.O. Box 94554, Cleveland, OH 44101), Catholic Churches of the Sandusky area, 429 Central Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870 or Sandusky Power Squadron (Local Safe Boating Campaign, 215 E. Market Street, Sandusky, Ohio 44870), or the donor's personal selection.



Anne Rutherford Sennish, 90, Kelleys Island, died Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Laurels of Coldwater. She was born July 18, 1930, in

Cleveland, Ohio to George and Jeannette (Hamilton) Cleary. Mrs. Sennish was a great, great, great granddaughter of Datus and Sara Kelley who founded Kelleys Island along with Datus' brother Irad Kelley in 1833.

She had many stories of growing up in Euclid, OH and moving to Highland Park, MI where she and her sister Caroline had many adventures there and on Kelleys Island. She went to Middlebury College in Vermont for a year before she married James Sennish of Cleveland/Kelleys Island on August 19, 1949 in Detroit. Mrs. Sennish earned a master's degree in Social Work at the University of Michigan at Dearborn, going back to school after her marriage and working while raising five children.

Mrs. Sennish was a member of the Kelleys Island Historical Society for many years. She had traced her family tree back many generations, making lots of notes to pass on to her family, and was very knowledgeable about the history of Kelleys Island. She was an avid artist painting with watercolors, acrylic and oil paints. Mrs. Sennish

was also a very adept writer and was working on a historical novel based on the American Revolution. She was proud of her family and always made them a priority in her life, including her extended family.

Mrs. Sennish is survived by her children Dr. John (Robbie) Sennish of Coldwater, MI, Mary Sennish of Kelleys Island, OH, Jane Sennish of

Kelleys Island, OH, Joseph Sennish of Carmel, CA, and Frank Sennish of Delaware, OH; grandchildren Andrew (Jessica) Strang, Corey (Sarah) Strang, Melissa Sennish, Holly (Mark) Diamond, James (Katie) Sennish, and Tommy (Chelsea) Strang; three nieces and numerous grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 61 years, James M. Sennish;

her sister Mary "Caroline" (Richard) DeBoard; her son-in-law Kyle Paine; and her nephew Richard "Richie" DeBoard.

At her request cremation has taken place. A memorial service and burial will take place at a later date on Kelleys Island. Memorials may be directed to the Kelleys Island Historical Association or the Kelleys Island EMS.

Nancy L. Taylor (nee Unkefer), 73, of Kelleys Island passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021 at her home. She was born February 25, 1947 in Cleveland. Survivors include her daughters, Rachel (Jason) Lantsberry of Wakeman, Faith Donley of Lorain; sons, Clifford (Victoria) of Elyria, Brett Donley of Parma; five grandchildren; brother David (Monica) Unkefer. She was preceded in death by her parents Merle and Lillian Unkefer (nee Adams).

In lieu of flowers family suggests those who wish may make donations in Nancy's name to Love-A-Stray Dog at <https://www.facebook.com>.

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Life in the Winter on Kelleys Island – Part 1, Travel over the Ice in 1874

From the book: *Kelleys Island 1872-1876 the hotels, the telegraph & the Lime company*, by Leslie Korenko

Today we have the luxury of an extended ferry season and travel by airplane all year round. The airport is our lifeline during the winter months, providing regular flights to Port Clinton, bringing us the mail, and transporting our school students. However, back in the 1800s, we did not have these options. Mail, freight, and travelers had to travel over the ice to get from here to there.

C. C. Townley, manager of the Island House hotel for several years, may have left the island but his heart was never far from the friends he made there. He became involved in the Mansfield Lyceum and read the following paper about life on the island. "Those only who have had the experience can form but little conception of what constitutes Island life in winter. To the novice it presents itself in two different characters; that of novelty and monotony; while to those native and to the manner born, the situation is accepted as one of the most natural things in life. ... During the long and dreary days of isolation, we stand on the icebound shores of our little island, getting a glimpse of the outside world in the dim distance. Gazing on the scene before us, we wonder is it possible that the same busy life is there as when we left it? And wonder more, does the world still move? After days and weeks of inactivity, we try to rouse ourselves from this dull, listless life, with but little success and at times warm our blood, it seems to course the more sluggishly through our veins; we almost cease to live. We only exist with scarce a single thought or hope, save an earnest longing for the appearance of the ever welcome steamer and with it a release from our fetters of ice. After living 17 weeks without seeing a



stranger's face, we feel that could we even meet a stranger dog, we would throw our arms around it in sheer gladness at the sight of something new.

The exigencies of the war invented the iron-clad boat for safer and quicker transit. But before the days of iron-clads, the trips across were like 'angel's' visits. The pioneers tell us that when President Harrison was inaugurated, the same mail that brought an account of it also brought the sad news of his death when it occurred, as you are aware, a month later.



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experience is [that] the most eligible place to be found is within hailing distance of a red hot stove.

The water in the Lake does not always freeze. Some can cross on the ice, usually solid ice forms near each shore, leaving an open space in the channel. When this occurs our mail carrier has an iron-clad boat which rests on runners. He puts on his skates, gets behind the boat and pushes it before him over the ice till he gets to open water, then launches the boat and rows to the solid ice. By this means he gets across, but frequently having to change from ice to water a half a dozen times in the transit. The work is laborious and it takes a man with a cool head and steady nerve to accomplish it in safety.

Our mail carrier is a personage not to be despised. One whose movements are watched with greater interest than all else combined. On him depends the receipt of all news and almost our entire communication with the world. He is an introvert in a small way and makes all bow subservient to him. When he does not think it safe to cross, he hugs the stove and complacently smokes his pipe, nor heeds the complaints or urging of the impatient Islanders.

He will carry for you a very small package for a good-sized consideration. That is, he will bring you a can of oysters worth 25¢ and charge a half-dollar for carrying it across. He is



always glad to have passengers along, charging a good round fare, with the understanding that they (the passengers) will not only walk on the ice, but help push the boat along as well. The boat is only for safety and to cross the gaps of water. Lady passengers without skates are his aversion for they can neither walk nor help push the boat.



Our former mail carrier, an old pioneer, was a character in his way, equally cool in every emergency and never at a loss to extricate himself from difficulty. On one occasion, while crossing with the mail on foot, his companion unfortunately stepped on thin ice, which broke through, plunging him into the lake. The old man came to this assistance in lending a helping hand, but the ice being slippery, he was afraid of being deluged also, when a happy thought struck him, telling his companions to 'hang on a minute.' As the weather was intensely cold, he gruffly got down on the ice and his clothes were frozen to the substance, when as he expressed it, he 'got a foothold an' and pulled his companion safely out.

The mail carrier is a thankless position, as he scarce ever attempts to cross without incurring great danger and is poorly paid by the Government for his labor.

Part 2 of Townley's story will be appearing on our History blog in mid-March.

Small Home Repairs on Kelleys Island

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We call this "cost-sharing."

To qualify for cost-sharing, the older adult must be the person who is homeowner of the home on Kelleys Island. This must be their only home/property and where they live there full-time. (Cost-sharing is not offered if the retiree is renting on Kelleys Island.) If the older adult's individual resources (i.e., savings/investments) exceed \$60,000.00 they would not be eligible for cost-sharing. Nor can cost sharing be offered if the retiree owns any recreational assets, i.e., boat, RV, camper, motorcycle, etc. Finally, the retiree would fill out paperwork, disclosing one's household income and household expenses. After subtracting expenses from income, the calculation shows that the retiree cannot afford the minor home repair, Serving Our Seniors will pay the portion that is unaffordable.

For more information about Serving Our Seniors' Handyman Program and/

or cost-sharing; and how it can help you maintain your home on Kelleys Island, call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856. Ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant.

On another topic, a question we are receiving: Will there be a Senior Lunch Group on Kelleys Island this spring/summer? Answer: Currently, the Governor's orders are for senior centers to test older adults for Covid-19 before permitting groups of older adults to congregate for lunch. This testing requirement is cost-prohibitive. Serving Our Seniors is willing to fund the luncheon groups on Kelleys Island 2 x per week. The Senior Center is willing to do their part to manage it. We simply cannot do either one, until the testing requirement is lifted. It is our hope that the vaccine will be administered so we can hold the senior lunch groups in late summer or early fall 2021. However, we will not sacrifice safety in order to do so.

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