



# Kelleys Life

Explore Our Island

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## Explore Our Island, Explore Our Newspaper



Kelley the Teddy Bear

Sharon Leidheiser, Publisher of Kelleys Life Newspaper

"Explore Our Island" three simple, but very inviting words. Guests will be amazed with the natural wonders on Kelleys Island. Visit our Glacial Grooves, Inscription Rock, State Park, nature preserves and parks, old-abandoned quarries, and hiking trails while witnessing our island charm.

In this May issue of Kelleys Life, we introduce a new mascot named "Kelley" the teddy bear. She was hibernating on the Island until April 29th. Starting on Friday, April 30th, she began appearing in local establishments. Over the next few months, she will visit numerous places on the Island which will change every time we publish a new issue of our newspaper. You will have to look for her. She will have a colorful wardrobe that you cannot miss. If you see her, let us know on where she is through Facebook and post your photo @ kelleyslifenewspaper@gmail.com.

We have a new vibrant newspaper logo representing the many colors of Lake Erie, a



Sharon Leidheiser, Publisher

bald eagle (as we have nests on our island), and other elements. Our new slogan is "Explore Our Island." We hope you embrace our newspaper changes. In addition, in May we started printing on white paper instead of newsprint to make our newspaper easier to read and find on our Island.

If you would like the Kelleys Life newspaper mailed to you, we can do that too. Just email [KelleysLifeNewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:KelleysLifeNewspaper@gmail.com) and we will take care of you for a nominal fee. Have fun exploring our Island!

## Road Closure – Annual 5K & 10K Run/Walk

Lisa Klonaris

On Sunday, June 6 the Annual Chamber of Commerce 5K and 10K Run/Walk will be held. The roads which are being used for the race route will be closed to all through traffic from 10:45a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the 6th. Be sure to plan any travel for before or after this time period. It is important to inform your renters and visitors of the road closures. Exceptions will be made ONLY for church services and emergencies.

The race will begin just before the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat entrance at 10:45 a.m. The 5-K will proceed west on Lakeshore Drive, a little past the trailer park and back to Memorial

Park. The 10-K will proceed up Lakeshore Drive, up Division Street, rounding the entire block before coming back to Division Street. Runners will then proceed north on Division Street, around Titus Road to W. Lakeshore Drive and head back to Memorial Park. All races will be led by a police cruiser and followed by a couple of golf carts. The 1-mile Fun Run will begin at noon at the intersection of Division Street and Lakeshore Drive and go around the block.

Please be courteous to our runners and take theirs and others safety into consideration as you travel around the Island during the race. Thank you for your consideration.

## From the Mayor's Desk

Ron Ehrbar, Mayor

I want to start by welcoming back our seasonal residents. Before living here fulltime, I remember how happy I was returning to the Island when the ferry boats started running again. It has been a long winter. We at the Village Office have been busy handling daily activities that keep the Village running.

The first Friday in April EMS Director Russ Maust along with Fire Chief Bobby Skeans set up meetings with the U.S. Coast Guard and Erie County Sheriff. Accompanying them, we first met with Chief Warrant Officer Adams of the Coast Guard to discuss several things with the most important being mutual aid. Russ explained to the Commander that in an emergency situation when EMS needs to get a patient off the Island, the Coast Guard is used as a last resort when no other options are available. The Commander was very receptive to Russ's thoughts on improving the partnership and assured us he would do what he can to meet this need when it arises.

Bobby then opened the discussion regarding possible help in case of fire. The Commander responded that they do not have a boat equipped for fire duty in Marblehead but several of the members are fire trained and would be available if needed. Their response time would be less because of their mode of transportation. As the former police chief, I mentioned we would use the Coast Guard for prisoner transport as a last resort. I explained in a normal situation we would wait for the first ferry in the morning. The Commander, being fairly new at this station, thanked us for the information and looks forward to us working together.

Following the meeting with the Commander, we met with Erie County Sheriff Sigsworth. Bobby and Russ explained to the Sheriff our needs with the 911 system and the changes they would like to make to better serve the Village residents and visitors. Changes that would enhance our response time and make record keeping easier. Sheriff Sigsworth was also very receptive to our needs. All in all, a very productive day.

I am sad to report on the fire at the Smith Home on Long Point. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. It was a hard-fought fire as the members of our fire department working tirelessly to control the blaze. Many factors went into fighting the fire

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## Scrap Metal Re-Cycling Day

Lisa Klonaris

Recycling is a great way to save money and make a positive environmental impact. The annual Kelleys Island Scrap Metal Re-Cycling Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or until the trash container is filled. On June 5, you can bring your scrap metal to the Kelleys Island Transfer Station and dispose of your items for no charge except there will be a \$10 freon removal fee per appliance.



# A Very Happy Easter Bunny!



By Janet Wermuth, Editor Kelleys Life

"I can remember hiding the eggs in the snow on Kelleys Island! It is a sign of a good year ahead when we are nestling the eggs in the green grass and bushes!" the Easter Bunny shared with us on Easter Sunday, April 4, at Memorial Park.

The Park was filled with children and their families eagerly awaiting the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Baskets in hand the youngest children scampered out into the Park when the Easter Bunny's helper, Tina Callari, sounded the whistle to commence the hunt! Easter Bunny sent a shout out to Annie Coulon, the Village Pump, Andy Stein, and Tina Callari for their help in planning and executing the event!

Photos: Easter Bunny and Easton Wolf VanBerg Family on Easter Sunday  
Meg Pucek of Meg's Makeshop and her family



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## From the Mayor's Desk

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including the wind and no water readily available in the area. The water issue is one the fire department has been working to resolve. The addition of the new tanker truck was a part of the resolution but more still needs to be done. Included with this article is a letter written by Assistant Fire Chief Charles Ehrbar (and, my brother) concerning other thoughts on this subject.

Speaking for the Fire Department, I would like to thank both Danbury

and Catawba for their help in controlling the fire. Also, a thank you to the members of our Fire Department. It turned out to be a very long and sad day.

I am looking forward to seeing more people returning to the island for the summer months and weather that cooperates us.

**Letter from Assistant Fire Chief Charles Ehrbar:**

April 3, 2021

Let me introduce myself as the

Assistant Fire Chief of Kelleys Island. Mayor Ehrbar forwarded me his concerns about water availability on Long Point.

The issue isn't having large volume portable pumps, the issue is having access to adequate water supply. In the past Camp Patmos had a dry hydrant which is a solution for such a secluded area; portable pumps are of no use if you can't get the hard suction to a deep enough portion of the lake and still have the pump within 20' of the water's edge.

A dry hydrant needs to be plumbed to a deep enough water pick up area. The suction fitting needs mounted to an area that can be easily reached, and attached to, by any of our three pumpers. A draft can then be secured for an adequate and unlimited water supply. A relay could be set up if the attack pumper is more than say 600' from the source pumper.

Initial install could be funded by assessing area property owners that would be protected by such an installation. One of the biggest problems is continuous maintenance of these devices which are subject to ice flows, erosion, freezing, zebra mussels, and other open water issues.

A dry hydrant could be installed near Camp Patmos and then one closer to the tip of Long Point. One down by Kempfe allotment also would be an unbelievable attribute for those structures with limited water supply.

The use of portable pools and shuttling of water is an acceptable procedure for rural areas. Our problem is immediate manpower and multiple water shuttle tanker vehicles. Our mutual aid takes hours if they can respond at all, as opposed to other rural communities that are not bound by ferry transportation. Most rural communities have multiple apparatus and manpower coming from surrounding communities immediately, some within fifteen minutes. Our best-case scenario is a couple of hours for mutual aid.

We do the best that we can and are always looking for ways to improve including our large diameter fire hose and our new tanker pumper with a portable pool. We just have a unique situation that makes training and knowledge of the job so important.

I think a consultant that specializes in these installations and other possibilities is indicated. A discussion with the Mayor, Fire Chief Skeans and myself will be forthcoming.

Respectfully,  
Charles Ehrbar, Assistant Chief,  
Kelleys Island Fire Dept

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# Celebrating the Burley Knob Society at Kelley's Island

Submitted by Jayne Derr

Summer camping trips to Kelleys Island State Park have been golden threads in the fabric of our family's life for almost 50 years. Having read an article about Kelleys Island in the Columbus Dispatch, my older sister, Cherie, decided that our family needed to make an overnight visit to the Island. We rented a room from Mrs. Conkle in her lovely home on Lakeshore Drive. While it was delightful, our first visit left us feeling that we had probably experienced all that the Island had to offer in just two short days.

We did return for a second trip... and that is when the adventure really began! We decided to camp at Kelleys Island State Park! Suddenly, the Island had more fun and adventure to offer than we could have ever imagined! The joy of camping at the State Park was something that we looked forward to year after year.

It was in 1991, when a new tradition began. It all started while getting out of the back seat of our packed car at our

camp site...my sister stepped on the end of a gnarly looking wooden umbrella handle and broke it off. Upon inspection of the handle, my husband, Jeff, spontaneously announced that this camping trip would be the beginning of the new "Burley Knob Society," otherwise known as the "BKS"!

We decided to elect a King or Queen each year to reign over the camping trip for the following summer. We still have the original burley knob on which we carve the initials of the King or Queen and the year in which they presided. Over the years, we have introduced new elements to our tradition as well.

We have a staff, made from a wooden table leg with a crutch tip on the bottom and a glass doorknob screwed on the top. We have added little things on the top of the staff, such as a "tickle bee" from a favorite childhood game. Of course, the King or Queen also wears a crown that we added from a trip to Put-In Bay along with the plastic "signet ring" that we

scooped up during the parade one year at Island Fest. Every year we add a little something extra to our celebration.

Each year, one of the highlights of our camping trip involves celebrating "Christmas In July" around the campfire complete with lights, Christmas songs and simple gifts for each other collected during our stay.

On the last day of the trip, once the campsite has been dismantled and packed up, we have our official ceremony to name the new King or Queen for the following year.

This year we are celebrating the 30th year anniversary of the "Burley Knob" Society. Although my sister Cherie, the one who started it all in 1991, is no longer here to celebrate with us, we continue to honor her memory. There are engraved stones for both Cherie and the establishment of the "Burley Knob Society" on the walkway in front of



Burley Knob Society

the museum on Division Street. Golden threads of family traditions not only bind our hearts to one another, but they connect each one of us to the special memories of the past and to the hope and anticipation of future joys, yet to be experienced on Kelleys Island.

# Kelly's island Make-A-Wish Swim and Golf Cart Poker Run 2021

Jeni Hammond

Greetings and happy spring! A quick Make-A-Wish recap of last year, \$20,200.00 was donated for 2020 that's 2+ wishes granted to very deserving children. We swam on Saturday, August 22 starting at West Bay to Portside and Marina. Three miles in one hour and 45 minutes, our shortest swim ever. Now on to 2021.

The Golf Cart Poker Run will be held on Saturday, July 31. Registration will take place at Dockers restaurant starting at 10:00 a.m. The Poker Run will start at 12 noon and end at Kelleys Island Wine Company at 4:00 p.m. with the 50/50, raffles, baskets, and more to fill your afternoon with

fun. All to support Make-A-Wish.

We, Jeni and Cindra, will be swimming into Portside Marina between 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon on Sunday, August 1st. This year so far, we have one Wish child who wants to swim in all five great Lakes. The second Wish child is currently on its way to being chosen. More information on our children in next month's Kelleys Life.

Make your reservations now so you do not miss this fantastic weekend. Be a part of changing these special children's lives. We appreciate everyone's support and always being there for us and the children. God bless and love, Jeni & Cindra.



# Walk and Talk at Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens

## JULY 24TH 1-4PM

This is an opportunity to hear "what he was thinking when creating" and for you to ask questions.



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# KI Chamber of Commerce Update

By Jordan Killam, Director

Since December, our phones have been ringing and ringing for mainly one reason - lodging! The requests have been rolling in steadily and at the end of March and into early April, the calls at the Chamber office reached about 100/week. Our lodging property members are working hard to accommodate everyone they can, but it seems the demand outweighs the supply. Such is life on our tiny, 4.5 square mile island.

I always get a chuckle when folks ask this common question in the cushion months, "Is the island open yet?"

Chamber Events. The events committee is hard at work planning our 5 & 10K Run/Walk which will take place on June 6. The premier sponsors for the 5 & 10K 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 and day of event \$25. This year's race will include a colorful t-shirt design and cinch sacks stuffed with goodies from our sponsors.

We will donate proceeds from this event to the Pollinators & Partnerships Project. The Project is an ongoing project on Kelleys Island focused on planting and nurturing native plants to support the population of mammal and insect pollinator species. The Chamber, along with the KI School, KI Audubon Club, and KI State Park, has supported the project from the very beginning!

Following the race, the Pollinators & Partnerships Project will host a ribbon cutting and dedication of the native pollinator habitats on the island at 4:00 p.m. This will take place at the

pollinator habitat across from the airport on Monaghan Rd. Following the ribbon cutting, everyone is invited to attend a reception at the state park pavilion that will include a brief overview of the project as well as refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

The Ohio Bike Week Dice Run, which would have taken place on June 2, has officially been cancelled by Ohio Bike Week.

It is also with deep regret that I announce the cancellation of Island Fest 2021. Several factors contributed to this decision, which was not reached easily or lightly. First, Ohio's current COVID-19 safety guidelines provided little information regarding how to navigate our event's biggest draws - the parade, our vendors in the park, and street dancing in the evenings. Many festivals are being cancelled due to the uncertainty of these guidelines.

Second, due to a huge increase of summer visitors, many hopeful returning vendors were unable to secure lodging, leaving us with a very small cadre of artisans for the festival. Many vendors were unsure about booking their lodging back in December and January when the scope of vaccine rollout was uncertain and found they were unable to do so when the time came. We felt that Island Fest could not work if all elements of the festival were not present as missing components would have a negative impact on the visitor's experience and business sales as well as ours.

As for the next Island Fest, we will use this year to plan a triumphant return next year. We know many of you were looking forward to the event this year and we are grateful for your continued support of our organization this year and in years past.

Planning for The Mad River Kelleys Island Bike Tour, KI's Got Talent (an in-person event!), Film Fest, and Treasure Island Day are in full swing.

Other updates. You may have heard that our visitor's bureau will no longer be based at Seaway Marina. As of April 15, we have not yet secured a new space but will continue to operate virtually. I will be available for on-island meetings and appointments. Starting the final week of April, I will be setting appointments with on-island member businesses to talk about marketing goals for the year.

The Chamber in conjunction with *Kelleys Life* newspaper has also created a photo contest! The contest will begin at noon on May 1, 2021 and entries will be accepted until midnight on August 31, 2021. Files can be submitted online through [kelleysislandcontest.com](https://kelleysislandcontest.com) and by using the hashtag #kiphotos2020 on our social media platforms Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. There will be both juried and viewer's choice prize winners. Photos will be judged in the following categories:

- Landscapes: Landscapes could include natural scenery, sunrise/sunset, flowers, trees, the shores, etc.
  - Wildlife: Wildlife includes any animals found on or around the island (mammals, birds, fish, etc.).
  - History/Structures: Images of manmade structures on the island or images from the past (that you have taken).
  - Life on Kelleys: What does Kelleys Island mean to you and your family? (people, events, vacations, home etc.)
- Online voting for the viewer's choice awards will start on August 1, 2021. Viewer voting ends on September 6, 2021. All winners will be announced on September 11, 2021 at Treasure

Island Day.

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What else? 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, I work with 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 is 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.

This quarter, the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Marketing Committee hired Consultant Roger Brooks, who has assisted nearly 2,000 communities with branding, tourism, downtown development, and marketing efforts for over 35 years. Roger will be assisting us in our project of focusing on branding Erie and Ottawa County as world-class destinations to live, work, and play!

I also serve on the steering committee for the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA). GLIA is a group of Great Lakes Islands-based elected officials, organization leaders, and private citizens dedicated to addressing complex, interrelated challenges. This

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## KI Chamber of Commerce Update

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 virtual event depending on vaccine rollout.

GLIA has also addressed a need to hire a dedicated staff person, who will be known as Program Manager. As a

member of GLIA's Steering Committee, I am also on the hiring committee. We have devised a job description and interview strategy. The position was officially posted on Friday, April 9 for current GLIA members who will receive priority in our search for the right candidate.

**Publicity.** Responses to a request for summer stories about Kelleys Island from news outlets (and even social media influencers!) have begun to trickle in. One of my most favorite things about being Director of the Chamber is pitching stories and engaging with the media. We look forward to working with WTOL and Sir Yacht (of Instagram and TikTok fame) soon. If you have any ideas

regarding stories to tell about our island, please let me know and I would be glad to pitch them to regional media.

A word about in-season content. We also like to keep our social media audience happy, as they are always hungry for beautiful pictures and other island content! Please feel free to share all images and anecdotes with us by emailing or tagging us in your posts. We will share this engaging content!

Upcoming Chamber Meetings will be held virtually (please email info@kelleysislandchamber.com to be on our notification list). The dates are Wednesday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

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## Chamber Sponsored Events Calendar

(also posted on our website)

**5 & 10K Run/Walk**  
Sunday, June 6

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

**KI's Got Talent**  
Saturday, July 10

**Film Fest**  
Friday, July 23- Sunda, July 25

**Treasure Island Day**  
Saturday, September 11



## KILA Korner: Welcome Back

Drew Algase, VP KILA

As I write this article, I am enjoying 80 degrees and sunshine in Michigan and it is only early April. Much better than the snow we saw at this time in 2018. KILA is looking forward to a full slate of activities this season. Events planned are all subject to COVID-19 conditions. Circle the dates.

• **May 15th – Welcome Back Pot Luck**

• **August 13 & 14th – HOMECOMING**

• **October 23rd – Family Hayride**  
As a charitable organization, KILA "acts to improve and enhance the village to benefit all citizens, residents, and guests of Kelleys Island." Some potential projects under consideration for 2021:

- Delivering meals to "shut in" seniors (like Meals on wheels)
- Dumpster Day in Spring & Fall for big trash (mattresses, furniture, etc.)

• Village Alert System - work with KI council

- Scholarships
- Big Sign for KI "Welcome"
- Downtown curbs improvement
- Electronic information sign
- Exercise stations on trails
- Recycling
- Rest stops around the Island; benches & trash cans

- Large, easy to read, light-reflective address signs for homes
- Bike lanes around the Island
- List of contractors for residents (plumber, electrician, handyman, etc.)

These ideas came from board members and feedback from members. This list will be narrowed down after our April board meeting. Funding for projects comes from membership dues and fund raisers like the annual raffle, homecoming, and donations. And, with any project, we may need some volunteers to help with implementation. Any assistance will

be appreciated.

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

Our members are who make KILA successful. Our projects and initiatives are made possible by active members. Please consider becoming a new member (landowner or associate) or renewing your current membership. See application below.

We have two membership benefits for all active members. First, the "KILA Kard" is back after being suspended last year due to COVID. It is good for discounts at several KI businesses. 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.

Donations are always appreciated. You may donate to KILA on our website [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks), by mailing to KILA at PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH, 43438. As a 501(c)3 charitable organization, your donations may have tax advantages. They may be deductible if you itemize or up to \$300 per person in addition to the standard deduction. You also may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA. See more details about this in the KILA Spring Newsletter or our website.

(Please consult with your tax advisor to be sure you understand the tax issues with these donations).

We welcome your input about what activities, projects or initiatives you suggest to help KILA improve KI. E-mail: [info@kila.rocks](mailto:info@kila.rocks).

**KELLEYS island CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**2021 coming events**

**June 6: 5 & 10k Run/Walk**

**June 26-27: Mad River Bike Tour**

**July 10: KI's Got Talent**

**July 23-25: Film Fest**

**September 11: Treasure Island Day**

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## The Bow Tie Author

**Janet Wermuth**

Grandson of Kelleys Island's Joan and Don Chopchinski, USA Today and International Bestselling science fiction author Zachary Chopchinski, has been chosen as part of a select group of authors to have his works loaded onboard the Astrobotic's lunar lander, The Peregrine Mission One. The works will be sent to the moon as part of a lunar time capsule. The project, Writers on the Moon, is the brainchild of Dr. Susan K. Quinn whose hopes are to provide a snapshot of indie fiction (independently published books) today through a sampling of writing from around the world to the readers of tomorrow. The launch is scheduled for the Fall of 2021.

Zach is the author of the multiple award-winning Hall of Doors Series, a cross worlds adventure with snarky yet loveable characters. And the Gabrielle Series, a young adult fantasy with a paranormal-historical-time traveling twist (try saying that five times fast). You can learn more about Zach at <https://zachchop.com>.



## The Parsonage Perspective

**Janet Killiam**

WELCOME BACK from your friends at the Parsonage Resale Shop! And congratulations to all for making it through COVID-19, one of the most trying times in our Nation's history. We salute you!

Surprises galore abound as you peruse upstairs and down in comfort at the Parsonage. Yes, it is true. We now enjoy heat and air conditioning, thanks to the KIHA board and our wonderful new president, Chris Carrig. Need cards or gifts Count on us! You can be assured your Parsonage Resale Shop will uphold this tradition for years to come.

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## A New Emergence: Monarch Winery & Butterfly Box

**Janet Wermuth**

Abbey and Rodney Rosado never stop evolving and improving their business ventures on Kelleys Island! This May the Monarch Butterfly Box they opened in 2020 will be emerging from its cocoon as a combination butterfly box and winery!

The Monarch Winery and Butterfly Box will continue to provide visitors with an opportunity to walk through the butterfly enclosure enjoying the multitude of butterflies; but now you can take a break and taste the fruit wines produced on-site. There are five fruit wine varietals all named after, you guessed it, butterflies: Viceroy (cherry wine); Pearl Crescent (pear wine); Swallowtail (apple); Painted Lady (peach); and Buckeye Butterfly (blue berry). The hours of operation will be announced soon!

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# Where to go in Texas when you want to be a tourist



Jack Wade with *Kelleys Life* in Texas



Starship SN 11



Carol and Jack Wade

## Jack Wade

As things somewhat returned to normal after the worst winter storm to hit south Texas since 1931, the pandemic, and three named tropical storms in the last year we went to the Rio Grande Valley following Governor Abbott opening the state. During our travels, we found many businesses along both sides of the border were unable to operate normally due to the pandemic and border crisis.

Due to the activity of the drug cartels in Texas, we monitor the State Department and Texas Department of Public Safety warnings so we know where it is safe to travel within the state. After checking the Border Patrol warnings, we canceled most of our travel plans to Mexico. Carol and some friends went to Progresso, Mexico a couple of times to shop; they had to wait a couple of hours in line to get back in the U.S.

I decided to go to Boca Chica, Texas instead of Mexico. I had to go through a Border Patrol Check Point to enter and leave Boca Chica as the Mexican border fence is a few hundred yards from that check point. I travelled there to watch the Space X Starship SN 11 launch.

Heavy fog canceled the flight on my first trip to the launch site. Carol traveled with me on my next trip to Boca Chica to watch the launch, but heavy winds canceled that flight! On the bright side, we did see Starship SN 12 and SN 13 being assembled about a mile from the launch pads. When you are near one of the Starships you feel very small - they are 393.7 feet high, the largest rockets ever made! Starship SN 11 was finally able to launch 5 days later. It had a failure in its second stage as it was beginning the landing protocol and had a rapid oxidation event, i.e. explosion. The data collected during the flight should help get Starship SN 12 and/or SN 13 back in one piece.

We went beach combing in the Gulf of Mexico a few hundred yards from the launch site. Then we went to a target range to do some target shooting a couple of miles from the beach. We could see Mexico several hundred yards away from the range. The gun shop/ target range is the only place Space X Security, Park Rangers, and Border Patrol will allow private citizens near the site if there is a launch scheduled. Space X has an agreement with Texas not to launch on Saturday or Sunday so the State Park beach can remain open to the public on weekends. If you rent time on the target range, you can get through the security check point to watch launches from the gun range since it is a private business.

There are several Civil War battle sites within four miles of the launch site. This includes where the last Union soldier was killed in the last battle of the war which occurred at the Palmito Ranch on May 12-13, 1865. Sadly, that was over a month after General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. There are several markers where Union and Confederate camps were located. One marker is a few hundred feet from a launch pad. Much of the desert near the Space X complex is protected nature preserve. There are many exotic plants and animals where the Gulf touches the desert. I hope to see a launch in the future to see how it compares to the Space Shuttle launch I saw at Cape Kennedy.

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## Wine Bottles – Shapes and colors that tell a story

Donniella Winchell,  
Executive Director, Ohio Wines

Intimidated every time you look for a wine at a wine shop or in the grocery store? Over the centuries, major wine districts in France and Germany have developed unique bottles to help consumers recognize the grapes and wines grown in their regions. Contemporary wine producers everywhere use those same colors and shapes for wines made in traditional European styles. This means a bit of bottle savvy can help a shopper select a perfect wine from among the myriad of options offered on a typical retail shelf.

Dark green bottles with high, rounded shoulders originated in Bordeaux. Around the world, they were and are used for cabernet sauvignons, merlots and for complex red blends. Clear aka flint bottles with the high Bordeaux shoulders contain luscious, sweet Sauternes, fine sauvignon blancs, and wines of similar styles. Clear glass in many shapes is often used to show off the lovely colors of blush or rose' wines.

Burgundy, known for both great whites and spectacular reds, established bottles with sloping shoulders as its standard shape. White wines were placed in lighter green bottles, red wines into darker green bottles. Expect to find chardonnays (white) and pinot noirs [red] in bottles with Burgundy sloping sides.

Wines in a Germanic style are placed in tall, very thin glass, also known as hock bottles. The green version originated in the Rhine and Alsace districts. Brown bottles are traditionally used in Mosel region. Varietals like riesling, gewurztraminer and stylistically

similar hybrids like vidal blanc, are often found in these graceful bottles.

Champagne (French) and Sparkling Wine (US) producers of bubbly wines use especially thick glass to contain the tremendous pressure created by the secondary fermentation that produces the tiny, trapped bubbles in sparkling wines. Some bottles feature a concave bottom, called a punt or kick. This unique characteristic dates back to the time when bottles were all hand blown. The indentation added strength to the bottle's body, helped to ensure that the bottle would stand straight after hand blowing and for the wines with all of that dissolved carbon dioxide, the punt provided some protection against breakage caused by trapped pressure. Modern, mass produced punt bottles are more costly than plain glass, so winemakers often use them for their most prized varietals.

Table wines are generally placed in 750ml bottles and contain about five glasses of wine. Ice wines, those rich, very sweet dessert wines, on the other hand, are usually presented in extremely tall, elegant and artfully painted bottles that contain only 375 ml of wine. Because they command prices double and triple that of regular varietals, little expense is spared when creating ice wine bottles. On a shelf they attract considerable attention; even empty, bottles become collectible.

Wine bottles in and of themselves tell a story about the wine contained within the glass. Knowing a little about the history of bottle shapes and colors helps a contemporary shopper make a good decision when selecting a wine for any occasion.

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## Serving Our Seniors Handyman Program Follow-Up

Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors

In the April Kelleys Life the Serving Our Senior Handyman Program was introduced. The Program is now up and running for Kelleys Island seniors. Below we provide more information on the Program.

**Q:** Is Serving Our Seniors able to send a Handyman over to Kelleys Island to help me do some minor home repair and maintenance.

**A:** Yes. If you are the occupant and the owner of your home and age 60+, Serving Our Seniors can help you. We do not do work on homes that are not owned by the occupant. That this the owner's responsibility.

Serving Our Seniors is taking requests, now, and batching the work requested, to manage the cost of time and travel. We will pay for the ferry service and for the handyman's time to travel to and from Kelleys Island, one day per month. If there is a small home repair job/home maintenance job that is necessary (not cosmetic) call our office to have your name placed on the list.

If you are unable to afford the cost of the work and have less than \$60,000.00 in savings or investments, you should call Serving Our Seniors (419-624-1856) and ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant. Inquire about Serving Our Seniors ability to help you pay for the portion of the repair cost that is not affordable

for you. This is known as "cost-sharing."

Serving Our Seniors defines a small home repair as a job that is \$400.00 or less. The maximum amount Serving Our Seniors can subsidize a repair is no more than \$399.00 in a calendar month.

**Q:** Is Serving Our Seniors still doing small home modifications for FREE to prevent falling?

**A:** Yes. Thanks to the Erie County Health Department, Serving Our Seniors received \$4,000.00 to fund our Handyman Program to do minor modifications such as: delivering, assembling and/or installing shower chairs, hand held showerheads, raised toilet seats, grab bars in the bathroom; fixing a broken wooden step; and, installing interior or exterior railings to prevent the risk of falling in later life.

Again, the occupant must be age 60 or older, living on Kelleys Island, not someone staying at the home as a guest or a visitor for the summer. If you are a full-time resident on Kelleys Island and renting your home or apartment, age 60+ and living with a disability, please call our office to inquire. We may still be able to help you, with the cooperation of the landlord.

To learn more about the Fall Prevention Program, call Serving Our Seniors 419-624-1856. Ask for a Senior Advocate Assistant.



# Kelleys Island EMS News



EMS Back Row: Brian Maust, Russell Maust, Chuck Poston, Rodney Rosado, Alfred "Fredo" Policy; Front Row: Hannah Lauren, Charlotte Maust, Isa Zettler, Erica Poston, Abbey Rosado, Mary Gaither



Fire Standing: Steve Wermuth, Alfred "Fredo" Policy, Fire Chief Bobby Skeans, Russell Maust, Brian Maust; Front Row Ray Schaefer, Christian Schaefer, Justine Smith

### Russell Maust, Village of Kelleys Island EMS Director

Spring is here! After this long winter, the promise of warm weather is fantastic. It is, however, important to remember to take the proper steps to stay safe and healthy while enjoying the nicer weather. One of the most important things to remember is to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Take your time, slow down, cool down and enjoy the Island. And, if you need assistance reach out to the EMS.

It has been brought to our attention that when new phones were purchased early last year the EMS non-emergency phone number was not published. There are many phone books in circulation that have the incorrect number in them. The non-emergency phone number is 419-503-2508. Please mark this in your phone books or in your phones. The old phone number will not forward you to the current line. And as always, in case of emergency, dial 911.

I would like to congratulate ten

individuals that participated in the Emergency Medical Responder class this spring. This class is an entry level educating participants in pre-hospital medicine. In addition, I also congratulate the seven individuals that participated in the Fire Class coordinated by the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department. These were very intensive and fast paced classes. It was an absolute pleasure working with each one of these Islanders. Their dedication to the classes and their desire to help the community of

Kelleys Island is to be commended. Finally, EMS week is coming in May. There will be a gathering of all of our Safety Forces at the Casino Dock on May 15 from noon to 2:00 p.m. We would love to see you down there. You will be able to meet our Island Safety Forces and see our vehicles. The Coast Guard will be attending and one of the Metro Life Flight helicopters will be landing as well. Be safe and enjoy the beauty of Kelleys Island!

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# Marketing During a Pandemic – Lake Erie Shores & Islands Update

**Larry Fletcher**

When completing our 2020 annual report, I did what all other destination marketing organizations had to do this year... include a footnote acknowledging 2020 as the year COVID-19 impacted our operation in ways we could not have imagined.

We had started the year having come off a very strong 2019 with all metrics we track being up.

The pieces were falling together for 2020 to be an incredible year and we therefore had set very ambitious goals.

2020 was in fact incredible, but not defined in the way we could have ever anticipated. In mid-March our organization quickly shifted our goals and expectations from making plans based on growing our business, to developing strategies for how to survive. Our initial main focus areas therefore became:

- The Health & Safety of Our Team: We closed our welcome centers to the public and staff however continued to serve our partners and guests by answering phones and emails remotely.

- Survival of Our Organization: We unfortunately found it necessary to eliminate our part-time travel counselor staff and reduce our payroll by 50% by utilizing SharedWork Ohio. We cut expenses across all other areas of our operation and adjusted our revenue projections down by as much as 70%.

- Support for Our Region's Businesses & Communities: Once businesses and activities began becoming available to people, we gathered and

promoted information about what was open. Throughout the year, our marketing messaging shifted appropriate to current travel policies. Messaging included what our businesses were doing to provide a clean and safe experience. We also served as an information resource for our tourism industry partners and continued to encourage residents to support their local businesses; work that continues today.

Advocacy for Safe Opening of Businesses: I was one of many from our region who served on one of the Governor's "Responsible Restart Ohio" committees advocating for the safe opening of our tourism industry businesses. I also joined others in providing testimony on this subject at several Ohio Legislative Committee hearings, and that advocacy has been ongoing.

Earlier I mentioned our setting ambitious goals for the year. While COVID impacted our ability to reach those goals, I believe we can look ahead with optimism as our region is well-positioned for a relatively quick recovery once travel can resume at near-normal levels. Reasons for this include:

- The increase in vaccinations and the decrease in COVID cases are contributing to ever-increasing consumer confidence in the ability to travel. Our social media, website, and telephone activity is trending up significantly over the past two months; people are planning their trips!

- The decrease in visitation and associated spending in 2020 did not drop as much as we had

originally projected. This, combined with our expense reduction measures, has resulted in our organization having sufficient funds to aggressively market once the time is right.

- Outdoor recreation activities spiked in 2020 and our region is rich with assets and opportunities to meet this demand. Youth sports showed resilience in 2020 and its impact on our region will continually increase moving through the new year.

- Tourism industry research is showing that moving forward, travelers will be staying closer to home and driving more instead of flying. Our region has always benefitted from having more than 100 million people living within a day's drive. We will realize that benefit even more so in the future.

- There is evidence that our county and region welcomed many first-time and "first time in a long time" guests in 2020. Many of these people will be back and hopefully next time, with more people in tow.

These are just some of the reasons I feel we can be optimistic. I say these things however knowing we have a long way to go before we are out from under the weight this virus has brought to us. And we cannot forget about the economic and human suffering already experienced by many. As we look forward with optimism, we must also do what we can to help the many who need our support.

As the vaccine plan continues to roll out, the Shores & Islands staff team, boards and committees will continue our work to keep the Shores & Islands region top of mind and have our marketing plans ready to engage at higher levels when the time is right.

In closing, I and all at Lake Erie Shores & Islands thank those on the front lines of this extremely challenging time. Our region's health care workers; first responders; service industry and retail workers; public officials, educators; transportation workers, and so many others. The risks and sacrifices of these individuals allow our communities to continue serving the needs of residents and visitors alike, and we are in their debt.

## The Passive Patient Receives the Worst Health Care: Aging, Diabetes & Your Feet

**Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors**

Twenty-five percent of older adults age 65+ living in Erie County, and in the United States, are diabetic. That is one in four people who are of Medicare age.

Diabetes is a chronic condition that is worth learning to control. Uncontrolled high blood sugar robs older adults of their independence through impaired healing of infections, wounds, and nerve damage – especially when it is in the feet.

Diabetic nerve damage, also called "neuropathy" causes the feet to lose feeling. This means if there is a blister, cut, or wound some diabetics will not feel it. The small wound can go unnoticed, become infected, and be slow to heal. In extreme cases, gangrene develops, and the cure is amputation of the affected area.

What should an older diabetic do to take care of their feet? Examine both feet every day after washing and drying them; be careful to cut or file toenails correctly to avoid unintentional cuts; tell your doctor when a change in color of the feet is noticed; do not cut calluses off your feet; wear white socks as this makes it easy to notice if there is any bleeding; protect feet from extreme heat or cold; and, never walk barefoot.

If you are diabetic, take control of your doctor appointments and make sure you are getting the attention you deserve from your health care professional. To do this, at your next doctor's appointment, take off your shoes and socks – before the doctor walks into the room. Inform the doctor that you would like him/her to examine your feet routinely as part of your regular health care appointments. My guess is your doctor will be surprised that you know to set this expectation of care from him/her.

If you are feeling ambivalent about communicating this expectation to your doctor...do not be! Remember, you are the customer. If you were unhappy with a meal that you are paying for at a restaurant, you would tell the waitress or the manager, right? The same is true for your health care appointments. The difference is that as a "customer" of health care services, the health care consumer is not always knowledgeable enough to set a standard of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable health care service.

Now that you are armed with this health care knowledge, I hope you will use it. Remember, the passive patient receives the worst health care.



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# Kelleys Island Police Department News

**Chief of Police, Shawn M. Craig/#901**

Well winter has come and gone just like that. The boats are running, and spring weather has started. We had no major issues during the winter and most of all your house and business checks found everything sound and secured. Some reminders from your police department before the summer season starts.

Kelleys Island Police Department just updated our outdated computer systems which had components ranging in age from 6 to 10 years. I also continue adding and updating our policies and procedures based on the continual changes in law enforcement. Per the Ohio Attorney General's Office these changes can be made by the Chief of Police and then approved by our village solicitor. Final operational update, the hiring process for the Kelleys Island Police Department has been completed. You will see some new faces behind the wheels of the cruisers driving around learning the rules and regulations and the geography of Kelleys Island during their Field Training Program.

With the uncertainty of this coming season relating to COVID-19 directives from the Governor's

office, some of our larger events will continue to be on hold. We are hoping to hold the Cops and Bobbers event on Father's Day, June 20th, and September 26th, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Portside Marina. Another outside event we will attempt again is the KIPD Suds & Bubbles car wash behind the Kelleys Island Town Hall on Mother's Day, May 9th, from noon to 4:00 p.m. and September 26th for the end of summer from noon to 4:00 p.m. as well.

Next, your K-9 Unit Dundee would like to thank everyone who donates to his K-9 fund and the Kelleys Island Police Association. With your continued support you allow him to be a major plus to the Village of Kelleys Island. If you wish to donate to the K-9 program you can contact myself or make checks payable Kelleys Island Police Association and mail to: C/O Kelleys Island Police Association, 122 Division Street, Kelleys Island, Ohio, 43438.

Lastly and the more frank information. As your Chief of Police, I am here to protect and serve, keeping your families and visitors to Kelleys Island safe so you can enjoy your time here on our

beautiful Island. So, for me to be able to do that we need to follow some rules. Last year several of the complaints I constantly received were the following: speeding, stop sign violation, allowing underage drivers, lack of child restraint (holding child in lap while driving), underage consumption, and drug activity. As is our procedure, we will continue to heavily monitor and enforce the laws that are in place to keep everyone safe.

We want everyone to have fun but please be safe while you do it and if you need assistance in anyway or need a courtesy ride do not hesitate to give your Police Department a call. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer and my door is always open if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

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# Kelleys Island History Museum

Leslie Korenko

Opening Day at the Museum is May 15; stop by and see what is new and exciting. We welcome Julie Valentine as our new Gift Shop Manager and cannot wait to see what fresh ideas she brings. Spring cleaning of the buildings under our care are underway and everything should be sparkling when we open. Masks are still required inside the buildings, mostly to protect our volunteers. We are looking forward and searching for ideas on how to reach more people. The Art Show is on again this year inspired by the great turnout last year even with the afternoon rain. There are still some spaces open for the Show.

We had a few donations over the winter including some display boards and two file cabinets from the Lakeside Heritage Association. Thanks to Leanne Bendetti we have a remarkable photo album with a velvet cover filled with loads of old, really old, photos of Island families (Moysey, Riedy, Seeholzer, and Miller). We will be

posting them on our Facebook page. Leanne first contacted us two years ago and we finally coordinated the delivery. Alexi Panehal has taken over the Oral History project and we are hoping to do more interviews this year. We will be playing Ben Elfer's interview in our museum library. Do YOU have stories you want to share as part of this project? Written journals or recordings are great – we can copy and return them to you. How would you like to see them used?

I continue to post on the History Blog; the last few posts were about the history of our cemetery and those early burials. We applied for but did not receive a grant to replace the windows in the parsonage house. The project will move forward with hope to get the project done this year; it will be expensive, and we can always use donations.

Photo: Leanne Pendetti donated this great photo album.





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have a gripping handle for lifting the dog back into the boat. Make sure you know the weight limits of the device.

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

A general internet search of "dog PFD" will locate a slew of options when it comes to flotation devices for your dog, including retailers, manufacturers, as well as numerous blogs about dogs (where you may find someone with the same type of dog as you). BoatUS has some good information on testing different dog flotation devices.



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# Camp Patmos News

**Kari Nelson, Camp Patmos Operations Director**

Hello to all from Camp Patmos! We are excitedly planning and preparing for our 2021 camp season and cannot wait to hear silly songs, have deep and meaningful conversations, and hear the joy in laughter around camp again! It is sure to be a full and fruitful year, and we would love for you and your friends and family to join us.

Check out our offerings, prices and dates on the included image or on our website at [www.camppatmos.com](http://www.camppatmos.com). Weeklong summer programs for children grades 4th - 12th, a Spring Marriage Retreat, a Fall Men's Retreat and Ladies Retreat, along with our annual Middle School/High School Fall Banished Retreat. Also returning this season are our 11:00 a.m. Sunday Church/Chapel services held in our chapel (first building you pass on your left as you enter our property). These services will run from Sunday June 13th - Sunday August 8th and are open for all.

A final decision on our Saturday open swims has not been made. As requirements stand now, we are unable to offer these, but we are praying there may be a change in the requirements. We are not willing to say no just yet so stay tuned.

Please join us in spreading the word about all these wonderful opportunities! Call or email our office with questions 419.746.2214 or [info@camppatmos.com](mailto:info@camppatmos.com). Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## 2021 Program and Price

	Dates	Program 1	Cost
Retreat	June 4 - 6	Marriage Retreat	\$275 (Per couple)
Event	June 6	Run for the Light - Scholarship Run, Jog or Walk (See our website for event details, to sign up and more)	
Week 1	June 21 - 26	High School Unplugged (9th - 12th)	\$499
Week 2	June 28 - July 3	Middle School Unplugged (6th - 8th)	\$494
Week 3	July 5 - 10	Family Camp (Call for availability and pricing)	
Week 4	July 12 - 17	Juniors (Elementary, 4th - 6th)	\$489
Week 5	July 19 - 24	Middle School (6th - 8th)	\$494
Week 6	July 26 - 31	High School (9th - 12th)	\$499
Week 7	Aug 2 - 7	Juniors (Elementary, 4th - 6th)	\$489
Retreat	Sept 9 - 11	Men's Retreat	\$135
Retreat	Sept 17 - 19	Banished 1, Middle & High School	\$135
Retreat	Sept 24 - 26	Banished 2, Middle & High School	\$135
Retreat	Oct 8 - 10	NEW Ladies Fall Retreat	\$150

## Lake Erie Walleye and Perch Status 2021

**JOHN HAGEMAN | NOVEMBER 2020**

As the 2020 season showed, biologists from Ohio and Ontario were correct to say that 2020 and the next several years was the best walleye fishing in Lake Erie in decades. Sorry Lake of the Woods—Lake Erie is indisputably the true “Walleye Capital of the World.”

Unfortunately, due to the Governor's pro-active approach to combating the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife (DOW) suspended sales of non-resident fishing licenses during April's stretch of fantastic jig fishing until early May.

After social distancing protocols were defined for charter boats, non-resident sales resumed in May. With unexpected spare time on the hands of many Ohioans, resident fishing license sales were up 11 percent according to DOW Chief Kendra Wecker during a wildlife diversity meeting in August.

According to Travis Hartman, Ohio Division of Wildlife's Lake Erie Program Administrator, Lake Erie's walleye population for 2020 began at 116 million catchable fish. A staggering 151 million fish are expected to enter the fishery in 2021 as legal 15-inch quarry from the 2019 year-class.

While the outstanding walleye hatches in 2015, 2018 and 2019 will sustain the fishery for years to come, other modest to good hatches in 2014, 2017 and 2016 add to the stockpile of older fish which provide numerous trophy opportunities.

An abundant but dwindling 2003 year-class may yet produce a record fish to replace the current Ohio record of 16.19 pounds which has been in place since 1999. State of the art aging techniques using the otoliths (ear bones) instead of scale rings have revealed that Lake Erie walleyes sometimes reach 25 years of age.

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## Field Station Camp Adventures



## Kelleys Island Field Station Updates: Meet Marissa and Jackie!

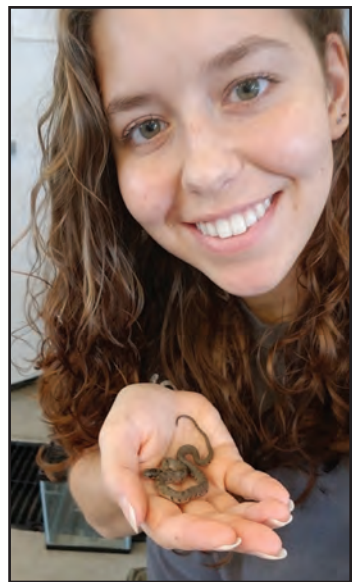
### Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station Director

Hello, I am Jackie Taylor and this will be my fourth year as the Kelleys Island Field Station's Director. I came to work on the Lake Erie Islands in 2012 as a Field Biologist Assistant for OSU's Stone Laboratory and was the Director of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. I have a degree in Natural Resources and Adolescent Education. My work with the Wildlife Center continues, preparing their nature camp programs and volunteering. I also enjoy being a member of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club.

Marissa Dowalter will be working with the Kelleys Island Field Station and Kelleys Island State Park this summer. She is originally from Fredericktown, Ohio and has always loved nature and the outdoors, with a very special place in her heart for reptiles. She graduated from Ohio University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife & Conservation Biology and has since worked for Aullwood Audubon, the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, and Stone Laboratory.

We look forward to sharing our passion for nature and science with everyone this season and meeting everyone. Please say hello as you see us around the Island.

Left Photo: Jackie Taylor  
Right Photo: Marissa Dowalter



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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 including insects, fish, birds, geology, and astronomy. There will be 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. Nature Camp Dates are as follows: 4-10 years old July 5-9; 11-14 years old July 19-23. For the registration forms visit our website: [kelleysislandfieldstation.org](http://kelleysislandfieldstation.org).

*Themes by day include:*

**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!

**Science Saturdays** will be held Memorial Day- Labor Day, every Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program is a partnership between Kelleys Island State Park, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island Field Station. This is a weekly series of events that features interactive exploration centered around a particular wildlife topic. Families and learners of all ages are invited to explore hands-on science fun during this free drop-in event. We have outstanding experts coming who have backgrounds in bees, geology, astronomy, bats, snakes, plankton, and more! This is one program you do not want to miss out on!



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## Kelleys Island Nature Camp Registration Form 2021

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 Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year-Check Age Requirements-Must be of Age by Camp Date)  
 Island Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home or Mailing Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used \_\_\_\_\_  
 Island Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle one)	YOUTH- SM M L XL	ADULT- SM M L		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preferred Camp Session(s)	<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Times:</b>	<b>KI Resident:</b>	<b>Nonresident</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Nature Camp (4yrs.)	July 5-9	9-10AM	\$15.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> My 1st Nature Camp(5-6yrs.)	July 5-9	10:30-11:30AM	\$15.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Camp (7-8yrs.)	July 5-9	12:30-2PM	\$15.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adventure Camp I (9-10yrs.)	July 5-9	2:30-4:30PM	\$15.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Adventure Camp II (11-14)	July 19-23	TBA	\$15.00	\$30.00

**KI Audubon Club 2021 Members receive a discount. Please refer to membership card for details.**

**KIAC Membership Level** \_\_\_\_\_  
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You have my permission to use photos of my child participating in Nature Camp. NO NAME will be used with online photos of Nature Camp.  
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### Permission Form

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Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Kelleys Island Audubon Happenings

Barb Zeller

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) is excited to return to a somewhat normal programming schedule this summer after having to cancel all our meetings and events in 2020. However, our schedule will remain somewhat impacted by COVID-19 measures in 2021. Our kick-off event in May, "Nest with the Birds," is cancelled and the bird banding station is closed to visitors this spring. The scientific study of birds migrating through the Lake Erie Islands, including Kelleys Island, conducted by Tom and Paula Bartlett, will continue as planned, but only invited assistants will be allowed at the station.

Our first gathering as a club will be a guided hike to view the Lakeside Daisies on May 20 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the Kelleys Island School and then head out to see these rare and

beautiful daisies. Regular club meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Addison Street Pavilion on the 3rd Thursday of each month, beginning June 17. At the June Meeting, Alexi Panehal will provide a presentation entitled "Birds of Ecuador".

Membership in the KIAC helps support the natural beauty of Kelleys Island as well as a variety of nature programs on the Island. New to 2021, a KIAC membership also includes a KIAC tote bag as a thank you and discounts on registration for member's children and grandchildren for the KI Field Station Nature Camp. Details can be found on our Facebook page, Bird Kelleys Island, the KIAC website at <http://www.kelleysislandnature.org/> or the KI Field Station website at <https://www.kelleysislandfieldstation.org/>. Please consider joining us as a 2021 member in the Kelleys Island Audubon Club.



Photo: Common Redpoll by Bartlett McClain

## OBITUARY



Kenneth E. "Ken" Reddinger Sr., 78, of Elyria passed away Monday, March 8, 2021 at University Hospital Elyria Medical Center

after a short illness. He was born November 7, 1942 in Hammond,

Indiana moving to Elyria at the age of 2. He was a graduate of Elyria Catholic High School (1960) and attended Kent State University and LCCC. Ken worked for Thew Shovel in Lorain (Koehring), was an Elyria Firefighter and left the Fire Department to continue to help build the family business started by his father "Ed" (Buckeye State Welding and Fabricating, Inc.). He was a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary/ Station Lorain.

Ken and Kathy were owners of Bag The Moon Bar/Restaurant on Kelleys Island for 26 years. He enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley, Sunday Fundays, cigars, and good bourbon but especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of 57 years Kathy (nee Schmitz); daughter, Kellie Reddinger of Elyria; sons, Ken (Donna) Jr. of Elyria, Keith (Heidi) of N. Olmsted, Kevin (Jenell) of Elyria; grandchildren, Ryan, Danielle, Sierra, Jaydin, Kollin,

Kohle, Kayla, and Kevin; great grandson Justin; brothers, Patrick and Christopher (Nancy). He was preceded in death by his parents Edward K. and Helen Reddinger (nee Musnicki).

In lieu of flowers family suggests those who wish may make donations in Ken's name to his favorite charity, Back to the Wild Inc., 4504 Bardshar Rd. Castalia, OH. 44824. A Celebration of Ken's life to be held on Kelleys Island at a later date.

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# It's 1854 And Our Island Cemetery Is Established

By Leslie Korenko

This is the history of our Island cemetery which is quite old. It is a source of meditation, interest, research, and an occasional lawsuit. In fact, Ned Williams, and a couple of others, are combing through old newspapers to locate and add obituaries of our Islanders who have passed on. These can be found at FindaGrave.com; a great place to find interesting items about Island family members.

The Island Cemetery was officially established in 1854 with this deed. "Know all men by these presents; that I Elizabeth K. Webb of the County of Erie and State of Ohio in consideration of the sum of \$18.00 in hand paid by J. E. Woodford, E. Ward, Chas. Carpenter, as Trustees of the Kelleys Island Cemetery Association...do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Woodford, Ward and Carpenter and their successors in office forever, the following Premises, situate in the county of Erie, in the State of Ohio and in the Tp. of Kelleys Island..."

This is the first and oldest section of the cemetery, which is located on Division Street. It is possible that the lot was used as a burial site much earlier. There are monuments for Eliza and Samuel Titus and Steven and Prudence Titus dated 1851, and were probably memorial headstones, and there are several references to a cemetery in 1853.

The original cemetery layout was much more ornate than what we see today. Many plots remain unidentified as their headstones, some made of wood, are now gone. At one point, even the original layout vanished and in 1894, the Cemetery Trustees were instructed to find the original chart of the cemetery "if it could be found."



CEMETERY LAYOUT

Officially, the cemetery contained just 2/3 of an acre. It was expanded in 1881 by 1/2 an acre purchased from Fredric Meyer for \$450 and a burial lot. Officials considered another location for the cemetery instead of increasing its current location. In 1894, the Cemetery Trustees reported to Council on a new cemetery plan. "We think to take up land in another location and start a new cemetery, the right course to take, and aside from being a much drier and more beautiful spot and one that can be kept up in better shape. The difficulties now existing in the old cemetery can be more easily and satisfactorily settled." Their concern was that the cemetery was located adjacent to the North Pond and had recurring drainage problems. The lot they considered purchasing was located on the southeast side of the island. That purchase was not successful and after much debate, in 1895 another 1.33 acres was purchased from Fred and Matilda Meyer. The boundary of this last expansion was marked by a Maple Tree one foot in diameter, the stake being on the North side of said tree.

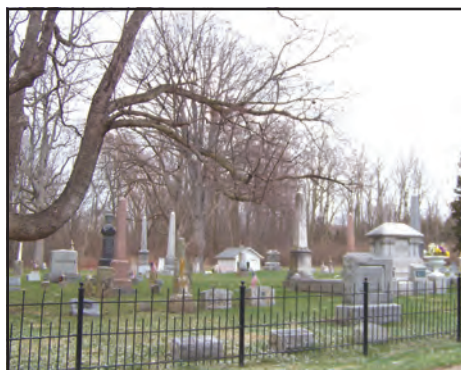
The cemetery sits adjacent to a stream that runs into North Pond. The pond use to drain, but recently, its access to the lake has been blocked by a high sand barrier and the swamp water often threatens to flood Division St.



As the cemetery expanded, roads were laid out, marble tombstones were added to the family plots and a fence was installed. The old fence is still stored on the cemetery lot.



The old fence, which had fallen in disrepair, was replaced in 2001. The project was made possible by a joint gift from Edward Kuchar and Jerry West and the installation by O. Hugh Lange and James Palladino. It really showcases this beautiful, interesting, and historic area.



Prior to the establishment of the cemetery, the dead were buried where convenient. Bodies found in the lake, called floaters, were often buried near where they came ashore. There are occasional references to the Old Burying Ground located on the farm of Addison Kelley near the South Pond, but that was assumed to be an Indian burial area. A very few Indian skeletons were uncovered in the area over the years.

The cemetery in 1861 was described as nothing rich or extravagant with no grand roads to drive upon, no costly iron fences, and no desire to put up any better tombstones than what is there already. However, just a few years later residents lamented the overgrown condition of the grounds and the youth of the Island banded together to clean it up and cut back the overgrowth.



On June 16, 1885, the Township Trustees ordered the Clerk to compile a cemetery record and arrange names of persons buried in the cemetery in alphabetical order. That record begins in 1854. The cemetery record does not, however, indicate which plot the deceased was buried in, which makes locating many of the graves impossible now. Since the old records of the Cemetery Board are so incomplete, those buried without benefit of a lasting headstone now lie in unmarked graves. In later years, an occasional report of plot sales would be given at Council meetings that identified which lots had been sold or paid for and by whom.

In November 2004, the cemetery book, which had been missing for several years, reappeared after being microfilmed at BGSU. It may have been the one identified above. The odd thing is that many names that appear on the cemetery list do not appear on the county death list and people who appear on the death list may be buried in the cemetery but do not appear on the cemetery list. In addition, several people who are on the cemetery list are not actually buried in this cemetery but elsewhere. To make matters even more confusing, some entries in the cemetery ledger are dated before the actual date of death, likely just a clerical error in transcription.

Many of the monuments or markers that were installed, are now gone and it is likely that many of the original graves were marked with wooden crosses or markers. In 1913, Lydia Ryall described the Island cemetery this way. "With its green sward and flowers, its shrubbery and drooping trees, its artistic and costly monumental designs, the spot is one of rare beauty and attraction to lovers of 'the quiet places.' Attention is soon diverted, however, to the humbler portions of 'God's acre,' where rows of black crosses mark corresponding low mounds. Here rest the bones of Hun and Slav, of Portuguese, Italian, Sicilian, and other representatives of European peasantry." Lydia had a poetic spirit. She wrote mainly about Put-in-Bay.

On March 1, 1886, for the purpose of keeping the Cemetery Record correctly, it was ordered by the Trustees that persons wishing to bury friends in the cemetery should procure from the Township Clerk a Burial Permit and before the permit was given, the permit had to show the name of the deceased, the age and cause of death. Unfortunately, burials in the cemetery were not without controversy.

*Disagreement over a cemetery monument*

November 10, 1893 – "A singular action was filed in the Common Pleas court on Thursday. The plaintiff is Alonzo B. Dwelle and he names as defendants Christina Schaedler, administratrix of the estate of the late August Schaedler, Christina Schaedler individually and the village of Kelley's Island. In a lengthy petition filed by Messrs. King and Hall, the plaintiff says that he has been a resident of the village of Kelley's Island for more than 42 years. On or about Sept. 8th, 1891, he bought a lot in the village cemetery, described as lot 12 in the addition. The defendant, as administratrix, claims some right, title or interest in the cemetery and in pursuance of the same has commenced the construction of and has nearly completed the foundation for a monument on the line which separates plaintiff's lot and lot No. 11, one-half of the foundation being on plaintiff's lot. The defendant has purchased a monument to put upon the foundation

so constructed and threatens to erect the same in a very short time. Plaintiff prays that an injunction may be issued restraining Mrs. Schaedler from erecting the monument, that an order be made for the removal of the foundation so far as the same has been constructed and the restoration of the lot to its former condition. A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Kelly, pending the trial of the action."

Whatever the problem it appears that it was worked out as Schaedler's monument is tall but not overly large. The name on Schaedler's monument (the most common spelling) is spelled Schaedler.



The tall monument is Schaedler's as well as the smaller monuments. The Dwelle headstone is in the lower right of the photo. The Schaedler monument is inscribed: August Schaedler, Died March 25th, 1893, 63 yrs, 7 mos. Albert, Died March 1st, 1891, age 24 years, 4 mos., 11 days. There are individual headstones for Andrew 1858-1927, Mother Christena, Albert, and Father.



The Dwelle headstones are smaller:

- George F. (1883-1907);
- Alonzo W. (Father) (1846-1909);
- Mina D. (Mother) (1859-1931);

- Norman A. (1882-1913);
- Rose F (1887-1971);
- Nelson P. (1880-1967).

Visit my BLOG to learn more. In my next post, I will share stories about those first burials.





## Life Jackets Save Lives

It is important to choose a life jacket that you will wear, that meets the needs of your boating activity, and that works for the boating environment it will be exposed to.

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

Life jackets must be:

- Coast Guard approved, in good and serviceable condition, and the appropriate size for the intended user.
- There should be a wearable life jacket (that fits!) for every person

onboard the boat. The type and size of your boat determines if a throwable PFD is required. (See Required Equipment for more info)

Ohio law REQUIRES life jackets to be worn:

- while riding a personal watercraft (PWC or jet ski).
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It is particularly important to WEAR a life jacket:

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- when boating alone.
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- during rough water/waves and severe weather conditions.
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  - Each PFD must be the appropriate size for the person who wears it. Size, weight ranges, and recommended uses are listed on the label.

## April showers bring more flowers That is what the bees are singing right now

Dale Olson

April can be a cruel month. It has days of beautiful sunshine followed by days of snow. The old adage of you knowing when summer is finally here when the daffodils have been snowed on three times. This comes true as the beekeeper has to continually monitor the bees. As the weather warms in the spring the bees and the beekeeper get very busy cleaning the inside of the hive and getting ready for summer. The bees are in hyper-activity starting to bring in pollen and nectar into the hive. The queen begins laying more eggs, both worker (female) and drone (male) eggs. Beekeepers must time their visits to open the hive when the temperature is the warmest and sunny.

Temperatures should be in the 50-60's or long-sleeve weather is best, otherwise the bees may get cold and the brood chilled.

The snow has melted, and you begin to think in a few days the hives will be loaded with bees. This is not what happens. The earth is slow to warm up and a few good days does not mean we are over the worst weather. The beekeeper has to be tough and spend more time on their hives constantly checking to see if they have enough honey stores readily available to the bees. If not, they will need to supply the bees with sugar syrup. This will also activate the queen into laying more eggs as she thinks there is a honey flow coming on. And once you

start feeding you cannot stop until the real honey flow comes on in May.

Along with this the beekeepers can make or buy protein patties even though the bees may start to bring in pollen from maple trees or other flowers. Some of the pollens are hard to digest for the young. So, the bees will mix the pollen with nectar/honey and saliva and then let it ferment. After it has fermented the pollen will be easier for the young brood to digest. The bees need lots of pollen which is a protein used to raise young bees. The store-bought versions are just as good, and beekeepers can spend their time doing other beekeeping duties.

Compounding all of this during the last weeks of the month the

beekeeper has to contend with colonies building up faster than other colonies and begin preparations to swarm. This is how the bees propagate or split in half with the old queen flying off into the sunset and leaving a new queen in the hive with the other half of the bees. April is such a pivotal month between good and bad weather. Beekeepers must pay extra attention to their hives or suffer the consequences of losing one to starvation. If the beekeeper can get through April, then they do not have to worry until in the fall when they may have to feed the bees to get them ready for winter.



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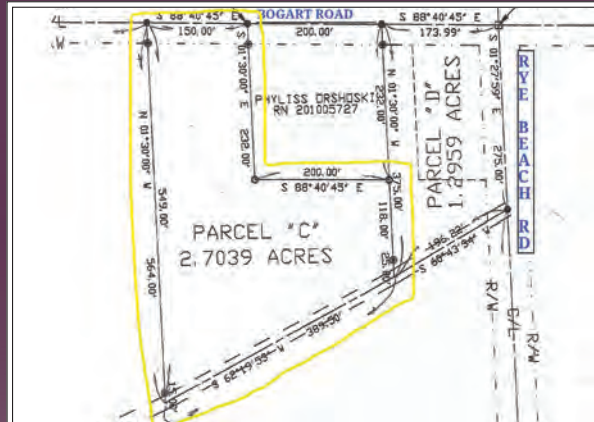
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