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Kelley's Island School Running Club Races to the Finish!



Jodie Smith

The Kelley's Island School Running Club attended the St. Joseph Streaks .71-mile Youth Races, on Saturday, September 25, at Walsh Park in Fremont, Ohio. Our day began with a ferry boat ride to Marblehead where a taxi picked us up and took us to the meet. Rainy weather accompanied us on the drive there, but when we arrived only drizzle greeted us. After watching a couple of races and gaining valuable strategy points as we reviewed the course, the team shed warm clothing for their racing singlets of Kelley green and made their

way to the start. At cross country meets, all the runners are called together to stand around the Starter. The Starter gives instructions and, in this case, made the young runners comfortable with a few jokes. With instructions heard, the runners returned to the starting boxes and listened for the gun. With six runners strong, Kelley's Island was visible in a solid start sporting the Kelley green colors.

The race was not team scored but individuals were awarded age group ribbons. Kelley's Island runners brought home three

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Meet your neighbor



Natalia Makarova-Skeans (aka Tasha)

Caroline Jorski

Natalia Makarova-Skeans (aka Tasha) came to Kelley's Island in 2007 as an exchange student from Glazov, Russia where she

graduated as a Biologist. Her cousin Nikolay introduced her to Kelley's Island, while he worked at the Village Pump. She soon started working there, where she met Bobby Skeans who assisted her with waiting on customers while she learned the English language. Their friendship soon developed into a lasting relationship and they were married on Kelley's Island in 2008.

They have two children, Viktoriya and Nikolay who attend the Kelley's Island School. Natalia loves children and supports the Kelley's Island School where she has been on the School Board for six years. She assists with different school sport activities, especially the Kelley's Island School Running Club.

She loves to walk with her Golden Retriever, Lilly Pad, and also enjoys hiking, wood working and many sports. Her love of travel will take her back to Russia in November where she will visit family and friends. Natalia developed a soap company in 2012 called Alive Soap and uses the soap recipe from Russia. If you are interested in finding out more about the ingredients you can check her website at Alive.com.

Someone once said, "The people with whom we travel are much more important than the place to which we travel". So, it's a good thing to meet your neighbor and get to know about them.

100,000th Bird Banded

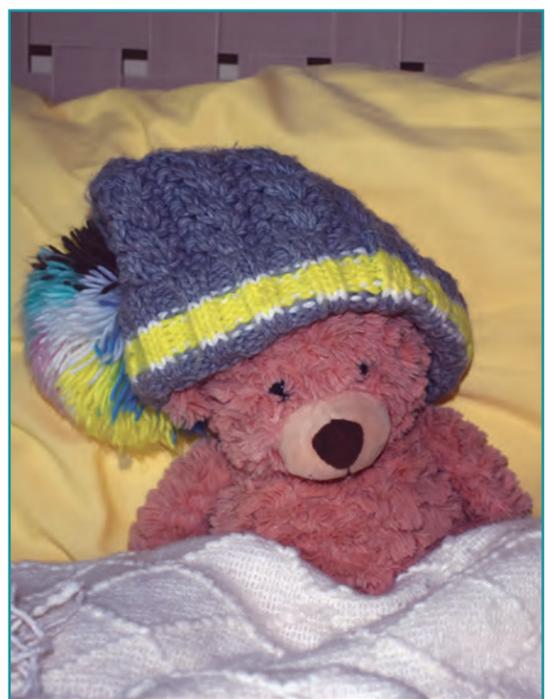


Left to right: Lisa Brohl, Chris Ashley, Laura & Shane Roberts, Alexi Panehal, Tom Bartlett, owl, and Paula Bartlett, Ed Toll, Tyler McClain, June Campbell, Mariah Scherer, and Patti Wainwright-Haley

Tom Bartlett

With the support of my bird banding crew and the cooperation of a Northern Saw-whet Owl, this fall I banded my 100,000th bird. This milestone occasion in my 51 years of banding birds occurred, fittingly, on Kelley's Island. My work is not yet done with more birds to be banded!

A Winter's Sleep



Sharon Leidheiser

Kelley, our mascot teddy bear, is in hibernation until next spring. Kelley visited many places this year including the Island Market, Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden, Island Fudge Shoppe, Kelley's Island Library, and the Kelley's Island Historical Association. She was welcomed by the local establishments and discovered by our readers and Island visitors. She had a wonderful time on the Island learning how to paint, picnicking at the fudge shoppe, and reading at the library. In 2022 she'll return with more fun and adventures. Watch for her return.

Kelleys Island Brew Pub Update

Patti Johnson

There has been a lot of talk in the wellness world about mantras, and since the word has been so Westernized like so many other things, we at the KI Brewery chose to 'embrace change.'

When we first chose to close our doors, we didn't know what opportunities would come. In physics they say, you don't know what you don't know. We decided to start with a rental venue with three events to see and entertain our supporters. It has quickly turned into some of the best

parties we have had and looking back, there have been a lot with all bringing much fun!

Our stories have brought back so many great memories and important lessons. We are glad that we will be staying here as the Kelleys Island Brewery Presents: The Lake View Venue Rental. We will continue to make Island Devil and Dawg Bizkit Brown. Our webpage is www.lakeviewki.com and our last event for the public was the 1st Annual Breakfast, Bloody's & Bingo for Breast Cancer.

With the help of Candy Voltz,

Scott and Gino Puma, and Debbie Druick, we produced an old-fashioned Brewery breakfast while Jen made the Bloody Mary Bar shine with her assistants Amy, Luke, and Hannah. Thanks also to Kelly Bradford and Lisa Ehleringer for bringing the LOVE and all the hard work and stories from the past.

The Island Devil and Dawg Bizkit Brown flowed, and we appreciated our supporters spanning 32 years of breakfast to pay homage to some home fries. The Corned Beef Hash and Hash Brown Hades were the

favorites and guests said they would return next year!

We raised \$4,350 for the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer NE OH. Candy raised the additional to make her \$5,000 goal in 2021. Quite an accomplishment in memory and celebration of our ladies that have inspired us throughout our lives.

It felt great to have a place and event to express our gratitude and experiences. Thank you again for your support.

Kelleys Island School Running Club Races to the Finish!

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blue ribbons: Vik Skeans in the girls' 6th grade race, Henry Pucek in the boys' 4th grade race, and Nik Skeans in the boys' 3rd grade race. Other teammates included Ella Pucek, Charlie Poston, and Caleb Poston. All runners ran a personal best! After a 5-minute warm down run, the

runners hung out at the playground and ate their lunches. The sun graced us and the taxi ride to the boat was filled with anticipation for one more adventure. Browns Dairy Dock provided a refreshing ice-cream treat that was enjoyed while we walked to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat dock

and waited for the boat. The "small" boat rolled and bobbed its way back to the island with us sitting on the deck in a spot of sunshine, protected from most of the spray by the cars around us. Happy parents and tired runners greeted each other on the dock. Excitement radiated as the

children began to tell of their day and happy goodbyes were made. Thank you to Emily and Natalya for helping Coach Smith and the team be successful at this meet!

Congratulations to the Kelleys Island School Running club!!

Joyous Noel

At this holy time of year, we'd like to join you and your family in a pray for peace on earth and harmony between people of all nations.

For all of the goodwill you've shown us we are deeply grateful.

Kelleys Life Staff



Peace

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from the
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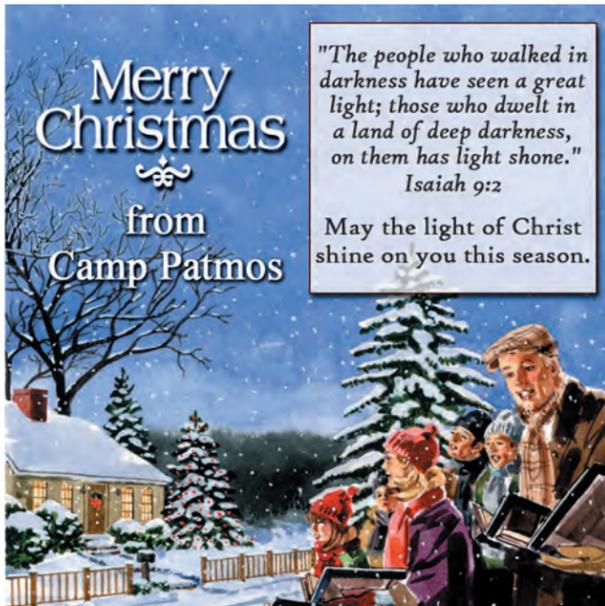


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Christmas

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"The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great
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Sisters at the Gallery



Cindy Herndon, Kim Watkins, and Lucy Collins

Cindy Herndon

Longtime resident Kim Watkins and her sister Lucy Collins enjoyed a visit to the Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden in September. The beautiful weather presented a great opportunity to stroll through the grounds and enjoy the sculptures, birds, and beginning of fall colors. A perfect setting for a sister's visit.

Thank You

The VFW 9908 members would like to thank the people that helped out at the Turkey Shoots this year. Especially the food committee Jim and Karen Erne, Sue Taylor, Beth

Hebb, Twila for the 50/50 tickets sales, Bobby Skeens and Russ Maust for their "great" special soups.

Thank you, for a wonderful job.

The Parsonage Perspective

Janet Killam

IT'S A PARTY!

And you are invited! Yes YOU!!!
We are having our wonderful, annual, festive holiday open house!
When? Saturday, November 20th
Where? Our entire Historical Museum Campus
Time? Noon until Dusk
Why? For fun, of course!
Who's invited? EVERYONE!



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and gift giving. ALL holiday items in the museum are slashed to 1/2 off! And the prices in the Parsonage 'ain't' so bad either.

Both shops give you an opportunity to buy unique, one of a kind island items that also double as souvenirs. No long, long lines, no shortages, like in the big stores on the mainland, and a supreme shopping experience. We promise, you'll have fun. If you don't, you can pick out something for free! (Just kidding) See you there! Julie, Jodie, Sonia and Janet

Happy Birthday

November

- 3 - John Fisher
- 3 - Stephanie Allan
- 4 - Bob Coulon
- 6 - Michael Krzynowek
- 6 - Jack Wade
- 7 - Mac Bechtel
- 7 - Robin Benvenuto
- 7 - Shirley Selig
- 8 - Izaak Elfers
- 10 - Olivia Schnittker
- 12 - Shawn Craig
- 14 - Lloyd Burns
- 15 - Brandy Kluding
- 15 - Matt Sandvick
- 17 - Eddie Ehrbar
- 17 - Alex Mack
- 18 - Katie Brian Mack
- 18 - Knut Lahrs
- 18 - Donna (Elfers) Lusk
- 18 - Debby (Elfers) King
- 18 - Philip Kitzmiller
- 19 - Twila Joyce
- 20 - Carol Nelson-Burns
- 20 - Stacey DeBoard
- 23 - Frank Dodson Sr.
- 23 - Anne Eddowes
- 24 - Lynn Maiers
- 24 - Samantha Schmidt
- 25 - Scott Smith
- 25 - Derrek Wagner
- 26 - Julie Thomas
- 26 - Joel Hassinger
- 27 - Jacquie Kranyak
- 27 - William Charles Welly
- 28 - Carlie Quillin
- 29 - Rose Herndon
- 30 - Cindi Jenkins
- 30 - Todd Patterson

December

- 1 - Jeremy Smith
- 2 - Marvin Robinson
- 2 - Evan Sandvick
- 2 - Elizabeth Leugers
- 3 - Michelle Maher
- 3 - Mike Maher
- 3 - Sharon Vetovitz
- 5 - Erin Joyce
- 6 - Dan Schroer
- 8 - Julia Martin Kennedy
- 8 - Craig Vetovitz
- 9 - Will Toldy
- 11 - Sierra Cremean
- 12 - Maggie Quillin
- 13 - Erin Fuller Brian
- 14 - Barry Brian
- 14 - Ava Gonzalez
- 16 - Kit Killen
- 16 - Nick Walker
- 18 - Kayla Maher
- 18 - Sarah Weaver
- 19 - Sonia Taylor
- 20 - Lynn Cooper
- 24 - Mike Mielke
- 24 - Griffin Bates
- 29 - George Kitzmiller
- 29 - Joe Zeilmann
- 30 - Emily Hedley
- 31 - Jacci Croudup
- 31 - Teanna Brunnet

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Chamber of Commerce Update

Jordan B. Killam, Director

Well, KI community, we made it. What a fantastically productive, fun-filled, and profitable season this has been! Thanks to all who made this possible - it was definitely intense, but well worth the effort.

October was robust with visitors and great events like Breakfast, Bingo, and Bloodys for Breast Cancer at the Lake View Venue Rental, Family Halloween, and the Village Pump Alumni Party which was hopefully a start to an annual tradition. We lucked out with favorable weather and loads of smiling tourists!

And the fun doesn't stop there! November brings with it some fantastic events including Owl Fest; Thanksgiving Potluck; Sights, Sounds, and Scents of the Holidays; and the OSU vs. Michigan Tailgate Party.

Elections. The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce will hold the 2021 fourth quarter meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Kelleys Island School gym. Members are encouraged to attend in person, but arrangements will be made for attendance via Google Meet. A link to join this meeting will be emailed to the membership. During the meeting, the annual election of Board of Director members and officers will be held. Each full (on-island) chamber member is eligible to place one vote; please note you must be present either in person or via Google Meet to vote. A full chamber member may send a representative to attend the meeting and place their vote should the primary representative not be available to attend. If attending virtually, a link to a Google form ballot

will be made available during the meeting. Only votes made during the voting phase of the meeting will be accepted. There are four open Board of Director positions - two general positions (non-officer) and two officer positions (President and Secretary).

Credit Card Processing. Don't want to send a check to pay membership or registration fees? Visit KelleysIslandChamber.com/Pay and you can easily pay remotely via credit card. This is a functionality that we had been hoping to adopt for a long time and it's finally available.

A Fond Farewell. Once again, I'd like to thank the Island community for the opportunity to work for such an impactful organization and shape its future for the past four seasons. It has truly been a privilege to serve as Chamber Director, but I'm excited to

move on to other projects! Don't worry, I'm not going to be a stranger! I will still retain my position on the Lake Erie Shores Marketing Board and Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) Steering Committee. Therefore, you can count on me to continue to advocate for Kelleys Island on a macro level. See-ya round on the rock!

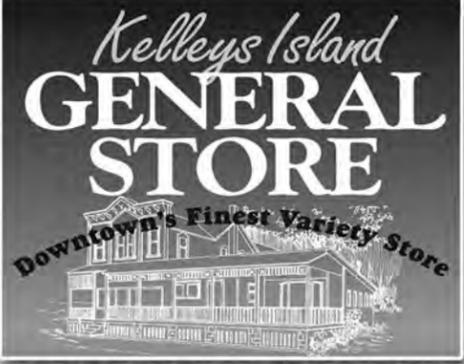
2022 Chamber Events Schedule. Please keep checking our Chamber website, Facebook, and Instagram for updates.

- **Ohio Bike Week Dice Run**
Late May or early June
- **5 & 10K Run/Walk** - June 5
- **Kelleys Island Motorcycle Tour**
June 25 & 26
- **Light Up KI** -
Labor Day Weekend (September 2-5)
- **Treasure Island Day**
September 10



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Drew Algase, VP KILA

It's mid-October as we write the final KILA Korner for 2021. The weather is still pretty nice for this time of year. We had a fun filled "Kid's Halloween" weekend highlighted by the KILA Hallow-Ride Adventure created and led by Jennifer Pieratt.

October 16 was a chilly, chilling, and all together fun afternoon, as the KILA "different kind of Hayride" took place. While we gave out over 100 maps to potential Hallow - Ride participants, only 70 made it to the final secret destination for a chance at extra prizes. The reviews on this format? Well, they were amazing! Kids and parents alike really enjoyed the games, treats, crafts and clues that were placed all over the Island.

It took many Islanders, offering their yards/garages to host these Halloween Goblins. There were rubber band guns to shoot mouse traps at Zellers; bean bag throw at Zettlers; cans to knock over at Johnsons; balloons to break at Leonards; and a big straw (from Millers farm) mound to find gold coins in at Algases. It seemed to be the most fun just to roll in and throw the straw. There were marshmallows to toast at Becks; sun-catchers to paint with June Campbell; sand art at Millers; even an Easter Egg hunt at Hanes and delicious treats given at several locations including popcorn balls at Schmoldts and hot cider with donuts at Arnolds. The Kipfers had a special clue on a deck of cards with Snoopy the Ace overseeing the event in their yard and Megs Make It shop had great rock painting. The clue stops were all designated with one of the Peanuts Gang murals painted by Robin Benvenuto several years ago. Many enjoyed having their picture taken with Stanley the turkey at Behlens and flipping

those little ducks into the pond at Shoemakers. Lucky riders found amazing sweets at Rothwells and Chans; and the little ones always enjoy the spin for a prize game at Colemans.

The Kelleys Island 4-H camp which has housed and co-hosted this event for many years, provided hot dogs, chips and drinks at their beautiful facilities. This is always a great chance for Islanders and visitors alike to see all the great opportunities the camp has to offer. A big thank you always to the folks at the camp for sharing this event with KILA.

The change in format was due to the Corona virus recommendations to distance and not to have large crowds inside. Even though the participants this year thought the format was so much fun; some missed the togetherness and party atmosphere of the indoor event and hayride. What will next year bring? Who knows! Stay tuned to Kelleys Island Landowners Association as they support, and promote Kelleys Island with great activities, fund raisers and information.

KILA looks forward to 2022 and events for all:

- Welcome Back Pot Luck - May 21st
- Homecoming - August 12th & 13th
- Family Hayride or Hallow-Ride - October 22nd

We welcome your support, volunteering, and suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island via email to info@kila.rocks. Please consider joining, renewing membership, or donating to KILA on our website www.KILA.rocks or by mail to KILA at PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH.

Kelleys Island EMS Update

Russ Maust, EMS Director
The Kelleys Island EMS Association would like to start by saying thank you for your support financially and of our goals this year. We appreciate all the donations and kind words of encouragement received from residents regarding the services provided and the events we sponsored.

As we head into the holiday season, we have a few items for you to keep in mind during the coming months. First off, we have many elderly Islanders who spend the winter as fulltime residents. Please remember to register with the Kelleys Island Police Department for welfare checks and update your current contact information so that in the event of an emergency we have the necessary information. If anyone is interested in obtaining a medical alert system, we have researched several options and will be happy to provide you with the information that we have obtained for the different medical monitoring service companies.

In addition, we have had magnets made that can be placed on your fridge. The magnets include both the non-emergency and emergency contact numbers for Kelleys Island EMS so that if the need for help arises, you have the necessary contact information in a convenient location. We encourage anyone with rentals to place one of these on the refrigerator in all your rental units to ensure that visitors to the Island can reach us easily. These magnets are free of charge and are provided by the Kelleys Island EMS Association and can be found at the Island Market, Village Office, the Police Department, and the EMS Station.

Finally, as you head into the

holiday shopping season, we are hoping that you will be willing to support The Kelleys Island EMS Association in one additional way at no cost to you! Many of us use Amazon to shop for almost every kind of product for our homes and businesses. Living on an island as we do, it is certainly very convenient to be able to order items on Amazon and have them shipped to us within a few days. What many people may not be aware of is the fact that you can support the Kelleys Island EMS Association simply by signing up for a program called Amazon Smile. By easily going to the AmazonSmile page and logging into your Amazon account there instead of through the regular Amazon login page, you can choose the Kelleys Island EMS Association from the list of charities. By doing so, when you make a purchase, a donation will be made on your behalf to us by Amazon. AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Once again, we the crew of Kelleys Island EMS would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your support and kindness and we would also like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



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"KELLEYS ISLAND" or waking in the morning in a condo I could afford to rent and greeting a great blue heron from the balcony in my pajamas.

It was during this exhilarating yet quiet time that I was able to start and make great progress on my quilt which was featured in a previous Kelleys Life, capture Lois Giles's cottage on paper with pen and ink, sculpt the gargoyle that sits in a yard on Division Street, and visit Lois Whitacre Giles's gravesite as often as I pleased.

A wonderful winter indeed. I'm thankful for it and I wish yours as a pleasant 2022 hoping it is kind to all you hearty souls who keep Kelleys Island happy in winter.

Vera Ioannou

Winter 2017/18 on Kelleys Island was paradise for me. The Gallaghers of Kemphe Lane had some of us (Pat and Lori Hayes, Jack Wade, and some friends from the mainland) over for a lively, scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner. Adult art classes were provided by the school and taught by Bonnie Schoft to us tough souls who wintered on the Island. The library, Christian Crafters, and Sunday fellowship guided by Pastor Virginia Parks who flew in provided a small dose of socialization with the same hearty souls. Dottie, who drank beer from the can with a straw, was always up for a cup of tea and short chat in her "woman cave" if you needed to escape the chilling winds off the lake while walking or biking near Melody Lane.

It was sad to watch many of my new found friends leave the Island for warmer climes or more accessible shopping before the ferry stopped running, but I felt euphoric walking, after dark, down the middle of West Lakeshore Dr. with my arms raised proclaiming myself "Queen of



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Kelleys Life in Alaska

This is me, Sue Schmidt, enjoying a boat ride on Robe Lake in Valdez, Alaska. I was visiting my daughter Sierra and son-in-law Nick Haig. Sierra is serving in the coast guard and stationed in Alaska. I didn't forget to take along my copy of *Kelleys Life*!



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History Museum News

Leslie Korenko

By the time you read this, the museum will be closed for the season. However, we do have a special 2-day open house November 19-20 for holiday shopping.

This was quite the year with so many changes. A new gift shop direction featured more nature items and Kelleys Island books, jewelry, and Island themed items. We even had Jordan Killam tell a spooky story in the church on the kid's Halloween day. We started work on the church doors, repaired the steeple, and cut down a tree on the empty lot and removed those pesky prickly bushes which we could never control without drawing blood. As we approach the new year, we take stock of what we have accomplished and move forward on some much-needed projects. We had to table a couple of large projects (migrating our website to a new platform, building a new

storage building, and installing new windows in the parsonage house, repairing the bake oven) but hope to move forward on them this winter for spring completion. We post almost daily on our Facebook page and our recent BLOG include articles about Checkers (1869), Baseball (the old rules and how it was played on the Island in the 1860s), and a little history about our 'new' museum building.

As people clean out their houses, we are getting some remarkable items for our collection. Our thanks (yet again) to Jim Selfe who brought us a rare, well used, Steiff Bear. These were introduced to the American market in 1903 and this one was purchased in 1904 for Jim's uncle Lester Selfe. It was well used by the children in his family for years. This is likely a Bear 55 PB, the world's first toy bear with jointed arms and legs. The fur was mohair plush (mostly

gone now). The feet have five embroidered toes. This changed to four toes in 1906. The joints are the disc type, and you can feel the round disks under the fur. Shortly after the purchase, Steiff began adding the famous button in the ear. The bear is how held together with safety pins and has been repaired many times over the years. Jim's grandmother made the sweater. How amazing that this little bear survived over 115 years, and so many childhoods only to find its way into our museum.

Finally, we bid a very sad goodbye to Patti Fresch who died way too soon. She brought balance to the Board, decorated the church with her great floral arrangements, and arranged our parties, often acting as bar tender. We are now faced with the daunting task of filling her board seat.



An original Steiff Bear, 115 years old.



Patti Fresch

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Base Ball Fever – 1869

Leslie Korenko

The first reference to baseball on Kelley's Island appeared in 1869. Islanders embraced this new sport with enthusiasm. "We learn that a base ball club has been organized on the Island. Of whom composed we have not been informed. At present the zeal manifested by the baseballists is intense. It engages the attention of old and young and every other consideration is swallowed up in the interest and excitement it has created. At any time when the game is in progress, the old and decrepit may be seen vying with the youthful and the strong with energy and earnestness. How long the excitement will last we are unable to say but presume that when the busy season returns this popular amusement will be abandoned for the more useful pursuits of business."



The Island Base Ball team c1910

Commonly played in the summer, in the early days, Island baseball was played in the late fall or early spring. There wasn't time in the summer because of quarrying, grape growing, and working in general. March 9, 1871 - "Sunday – Wind west and a

very little snow on the ground in the morning which didn't look very propitious for playing ball. The sun came out however and melted most of the snow off and the great ball match between the First Nine of the High School and the Butter Fingers came off in the afternoon according to agreement. The Butter Fingers getting the choice opposition took the field. Everything went off lovely for the Laurels; they whitewashed their opponents promptly. In the 4th inning, Hettrick struck a hot fly to pitcher who received it handsomely on his stomach and retired. There were several very handsome flies caught on both sides and the Butter Fingers did some as pretty mugging as one could wish. The result was: Laurels 4/4 doz. to Butter Fingers 9. Hurrah for the Butter Fingers and long may they wave.

Tuesday – More Base Ball. Lecture in the evening by Rev. M. K. Holbrook, second of the series. Wednesday – More Base Ball. Thursday – Some Base Ball again. Jno. Rinehamer started for Sandusky with his pound boat but had to come back on account of the stiff head wind. Third and last of Mr. Holbrook's series of lectures, all of which were exceedingly interesting.

Saturday – In the afternoon the Cock of the Walks and Little Rocks joined their forces and played the scrub

Nine a game of Base Ball which resulted in a complete victory for the allied army. Score stood 32 to 9. The Scrubs whitewashed their opponents twice and only got served to that dish once. Give credit where credit is due.

Discover more about Island baseball on the history blog (KelleysIslandHistorical.org) and in the book Kelleys Island 1866-1871 the Lodge, Suffrage & Baseball by Leslie Korenko.

The 9th Annual Kelleys Island Owl Festival

Tom Bartlett

The 9th annual Kelleys Island Owl Festival is scheduled for the weekend of November 5-7th. Activities will start at 7:00 a.m. on Friday morning at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve with songbird banding until noon time. Owl banding will begin about half-hour after sunset at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Scheele Preserve and continue until we get tired. There will be a campfire at the North Pond State Nature Preserve parking lot from sunset until banding stops for the evening. State Park Manager, Chris Ashley will maintain the fire and monitor the North Pond trail owl nets. All owls will be processed at the Scheele Preserve but released at their capture location. All activities are open to the public free of charge, but donations are accepted.

On Saturday morning we will repeat the songbird banding at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve with songbird banding until noon time. Then break for lunch. At 2:00 p.m. there will be talks and more at the Kelleys Island State Park Pavilion. The featured talk will be by Dr. Kelly Williams of Ohio University on the science of the hearing by owls. I will give a short talk on the history of owl banding on Kelleys Island. There will also be raffle drawings to aid in the festival expenses. At sunset owl banding will begin again and continue until we get tired...

Sunday will be a repeat of Friday's schedule with songbird banding in the morning at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve with songbird banding until noon time. And owl banding at the Scheele Preserve from sunset until? The public is invited to all activities. This sponsored by the Kelleys Island School's Field Station, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, Kelleys Island State Park, and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

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Zion Matters

Pastor Virginia Park

As October draws to a close I am surprised that the trees still have so much greenish foliage on them. This year seems quite different in regard to that. But other things on nature's autumn timetable are moving right along. For example, the little vegetable garden that lies between Zion Church and the Zion parsonage had stopped producing and has been cleared away and prepared for rest over the winter months. This year the tomatoes from that garden were a joy to have on our table. And, at the end of the season the green tomatoes that were left on the vines before being cleared made luscious fried green tomatoes, a favorite of mine. I use a family recipe that has some brown sugar in the coating, and it is delicious. Also, Barb Christy shared a recipe for, wait for it, green tomato cake! This calls for 4 cups of diced green tomatoes and it is luscious. I had some, tried the recipe and shared the cake with several people and it was a big hit. If you ever want to try this, the recipe is on the internet. Of course!

Other signs of the fall season, at home on the mainland my landscape beds are mostly cleared away now. I cut the last flowers I could find and had an arrangement of (bluish) borage, orange zinnias, and white cosmos. That sounds like a weird combination - but it was wonderful.

And then I also had "the last rose of summer" in a bud vase. This rose was a light coral color and was large and perfect. I hope that we have

all enjoyed these treats while we had the opportunity before the cold weather sets in.

I am reminded that this edition of

"Kelleys Life" is for the months of November and December. Of course, those months bring two wonderful Christian holidays. November brings Thanksgiving and this year Thanksgiving is on the 25th. Here is a suggestion for you as you remember the wonderful gifts God has given us and for which we are all grateful. Each day, starting no later than Veterans Day November 11, write down something (at least one thing) for which you are grateful. I suggest starting on or before Veterans Day because surely, we are all grateful for our country's freedoms. They were won for us by our nation's leaders and veterans, and they continue to be won for us by persons now in military service. On subsequent days perhaps you will list gratitude for your friends, neighbors, and families. Let's not forget our children and the schools they attend. Let's be grateful for services provided for us, too. For example, just think of how much more comfortable we are with plenty of electricity, fuel, water, and food.

And of course, we should list our thanks for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth. HE purchased our salvation and eternal life for us through HIS sacrifices. There is no greater gift.

Then on Thanksgiving Day set aside some time for meditation and sit down in a quiet place for a half hour. With list in hand, go over what you are grateful for and thank our gracious God for the multitude of blessings bestowed upon us. Add to the list as you go and offer a silent prayer for each item. You will come away refreshed and happy. Your world will be a better place when you have taken time to offer up your

gratitude.

And then in late December, we come to Christmas. This is the most beloved of all the holidays in our country. In some other countries, Good Friday and Easter take precedence. But here everybody, even non-Christians, are very likely to celebrate Christmas. And it is so beautiful, then, and such a wonderful time of the year. Just at the same time in our hemisphere when we observe the days with the shortest hours of daylight, our communities come alive with lights inside and outside our buildings. Lights on eaves, lights along the roof lines, lights in the shrubbery, and lights illuminating nativity scenes. Then there are candles in places where candles do not appear at any other time of year.

And candles do make a perfect subtle light effect that is prized by nearly all people. Oh, how we welcome the candles!

Inside Zion Church there will be a safely lighted Christmas tree and garlands outlining places that are more obscure in other times of year. Doors inside and out will display wreaths. And there will be a nativity scene, of course. This traditional display serves to remind us of the Holy Birth of the Christ Child.

We know the story. Finding no room in any inn, Joseph, husband of the expectant Mary, found space in a stable and there she gave birth to her holy baby boy.

Out in the fields around Bethlehem angels would herald the child's birth with joyful songs and (hearing and seeing that awesome sight) lowly shepherds would be motivated to come to the stable to see the miracle for themselves. There shepherds

would find the child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. There shepherds would be the first people to come to worship the tiny newborn king. And he would grow up to save them and all of us.

On Kelleys Island there are two churches and either church will welcome you at any service. Zion Church is under the authority of the United Methodist Church and welcomes people of all denominations. St. Michael Catholic Church serves those of the Catholic faith but also anyone else who chooses to attend. I assure you that your life will be enriched if you select one of these two churches and enter for worship. There is always room for you; the service will always touch you. There is no better time than during this holy season to enter a sacred place and join in the celebration of Christ's life.

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and
dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.

No ear may hear HIS coming
But in this world of sin -
Where weak souls
will receive HIM still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Have a lovely Thanksgiving and give God thanks for your many blessings!

Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Lord!

May the year 2022 be filled with health and joy and happiness!

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Why Geriatric Medicine Needs to Become Mainstream

Sue Daugherty, Director of Serving Our Seniors

Like pediatrics, geriatric medicine is also a specialized field of practice. The difference is that pediatrics has achieved mainstream acceptance and geriatrics has not.

I interviewed Dr. Ardeshir Hashmi, Cleveland Clinic Endowed Chair for Geriatric Innovation and Section Chief Center for Geriatric Medicine. He pointed out that pediatrics, as a field of medicine, was born after adult medicine. As a result, more children began living into adulthood and life expectancy increased.

As a person about to turn 60, who lives in a county where 30% of its population is age 60+, I have to ask myself... Shouldn't the same occur for older people if geriatric medicine had mainstream acceptance?

Hashmi explained that the physiology of someone 60+ is different from a young or middle-aged adult. "One would never treat a 10-year-old and a 50-year-old in the same way. Yet, the health care system seems to have no problem treating an 80-year-old as if that patient were a 40-year-old," he said.

Geriatricians are trained in treating older bodies. All are Board Certified Internists or Family Medicine physicians with additional Board Certification in Geriatrics. When they further their education in geriatric medicine, Hashmi explains, "We are trained to 'unlearn' what was taught in med school and

residency and we 'relearn' medicine through a different lens. We see the same health problems, but as a geriatrician, we will approach the treatment in a very different manner."

In general medicine when an older patient isn't getting better another medication is often prescribed. Frequently, medications are as much of the problem as part of the solution."

Culturally, ageism is an unfortunate influence in health care. Hashmi knows why. "Medical training is often targeted at younger patients and heavily focused on additional medications or procedures. It is not tailored to age related changes. Therefore, doctors are trained to address medical challenges by treating the dominant medical concern. Very little time is spent to understand the unique needs of older patients and their physiology. For this reason, general medicine is often practiced using presumption or dismissiveness. This occurs when doctors are not trained to be aware of the possibility of alternative ways to effectively treat older patients."

The use of presumption, Hashmi explains, is when it is presumed that the older person can be treated in the same manner that a 20- or 30-year-old would be treated for the same condition.

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Dismissiveness is when the condition is seen as being "normal for your age" and the patient is led to believe that there is nothing more that can be done to improve the patient's quality of life or functional health.

As an older adult who desires to maintain my health and functional independence, it is clear that this will only occur when geriatric medicine becomes mainstreamed medicine. That means the health care system needs to be redesigned so it incorporates using the advice of geriatricians "consultative geriatricians."

In November 2021, I will have my first "Successful Aging Visit" also called a "Geriatric Assessment" at the Cleveland Clinic. I'm doing this because I want to have AND I

want my primary care doctor to have a thorough and objectively measured "baseline" of my health and my capacity to function at age 60. As I continue to grow older, my doctors (a consultative geriatrician and a primary care doctor) and I will use this baseline to compare and monitor my functional health as I age into older adulthood. I believe that's how health care should work for all of us living our later life.

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Patricia "Patti" Fresch



Patricia "Patti" Fresch, 61, of Kelleys Island passed away early Tuesday morning, September 28, 2021, at the Fairview Hospital - Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, OH.

Born January 28, 1960, in Sandusky, OH, she was the daughter of Paul E. and Eloise E. (Schneider) Woodburn. Patti attended St. Mary's High School.

Patti loved life, her children, her family, her friends, and her Island. She was a free spirit. She reveled in her greenhouse and gardening, flower designing, making jewelry, walking on the beach, and overall was very creative and loved the arts. History and ancestry were hobbies she enjoyed as part of the Kelleys Island Historical Association and discovering her own family's history. A great organizer, she worked tirelessly to make every event she was involved in a beautiful and magical perfection. She rarely said no as no task

was too small or large. And all the while, she maintained a sharp, sardonic wit that you could see coming by the glint in her blue eyes, especially when enjoying a nice red wine with a fine dinner. Her life was a living example of Psalm 46:5 — "God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day." And if she would have chosen to give us another quote today to help us in our grief, it would be John 16:22 — "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

Patti is survived by her three children, Elizabeth (Jason) Kudro of Bellevue, Nickolas (Hannah) Fresch and Patrick Fresch, both of Sandusky; her seven grandchildren, Ben Grimm, Leia, Abbey and Khaleesi Kudro of Bellevue, and Pike, Jolene and Franklin Fresch of Sandusky; her fiance', Steve James of

Kelley Island; her siblings, Dennis (Cindy) Woodburn of North Canton, Terrence (Jennifer) Woodburn of Syracuse, NY, Stephen (Sharon) Woodburn of Huron, David (Ann MacDonald) Woodburn of Cincinnati, Timothy Woodburn of Medford, OR, Susan (Tom) Lange of Kelleys Island; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kim G. Fresch; her sister, Kathy (Lee) Brookins; her nephew, Christopher Woodburn; and her niece, Amaraya Faith Dillery.

It was her wish to be cremated. A memorial service will be held on Kelleys Island on November 13th. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Kelleys Island Historical Association, 224 Division Street, Kelleys Island, OH 43438. Patti was a member of the Society.

Ruth A. (Samstag) Ruthsatz

Ruth A. (Samstag) Ruthsatz, 87, residing in Sandusky, Ohio, passed away on her birthday Wednesday morning, Sept. 1, 2021 at Stein Hospice Care Center following a brief illness. Ruth and her husband, Paul, have also been residents of Kelleys Island for many years.

Ruth was born on Sept. 1, 1934 in Sandusky to the late Clarence Sr. and Louise (Mainzer) Samstag. Ruth graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1952. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. An avid Cleveland Indians fan who rarely missed watching a game, she enjoyed time spent in

her card club with her high school friends and was involved in area bowling and golf leagues, including the Panther Ladies Golf League at Mills Creek. Ruth also enjoyed shopping, putting together puzzles, having meals with family and friends, Samstag family reunions, visiting casinos, following her children's and grandchildren's athletic and other activities, and spending time with friends during winters in Florida. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. She was very giving, supporting many organizations, especially those associated with helping children.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 68 years, Paul H. Ruthsatz, whom she

married on Nov. 29, 1952. She also is survived by her children, Vicki (Jerry) Gill of Huron, and their children, Bryan Gill, Brandon (Kelly) Gill and Brittan (Jillian) Gill, of Sandusky; Sandi (Ken) Domanski of Sandusky, and their children, Kendra (Dave) Novotny of Lakewood and Jenna (Jason) DeMastes of Lexington, Kentucky; Kathi Ruthsatz of Sandusky; Steve (Kerry) Ruthsatz of Sandusky, and their son, Brett Whitfield of Kennesaw, Georgia; and Scott (Jessica) Ruthsatz of Edgewood, Kentucky, and their children, Nick of Cincinnati, Aiden, Madelyn, Marina, Nolan, Aaron and Colleen Ruthsatz of Edgewood; great-grandchildren,

Brock, Brayden, Austin, Adrianna and Brylie Gill, Maple and Ivy Novotny, and Faye and Edison DeMastes; sisters, Linda (Jay) Kelley of Hilo, Hawaii, Judy Hoyt of Delaware and Mary (Steve) Pisarsky of Sandusky; brothers, Clarence "Babe" (Sara) Samstag Jr. of Huron, Mike Samstag of Sandusky and Joe (Colet) Samstag of Winterville, North Carolina, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to her parents, Ruth is preceded in death by her son, Jeff Michael Ruthsatz in July 1971; sister, Janet Sadler and brothers, Richard and Tom Samstag.

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Kelleys Island Schools Field Station 2021 Recap



Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station Director

I would like to thank the Kelleys Island Community for another wonderful season at the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station! There were so countless memorable moments that we were able to create and share with so many people. Much of our planning begins in late January, applying for grants to support the programs, reaching out to a variety of wildlife experts, volunteers, staff, and other community leaders who all help make the programs informative and enjoyable. Planning continues throughout the winter and spring, so we are ready to hit the ground running in May!

This past spring, we welcomed Marissa Dowalter, as our seasonal Field Biologist at the Field Station. She is pursuing a master's degree at Ohio University studying ecology and evolutionary biology with a focus on herpetology. Marissa was an amazing asset to the Field Station, community, and our programs. Her energy, willingness to learn, while being a great team player was very much appreciated and she will be missed.

There were over forty volunteers who helped us this season donating 500+ volunteer hours. In addition, just over

\$3,700 in grant and in-kind monies from: Hancock-Wood County Cooperative Foundation (camp supplies), Ohio Division of Wildlife (fishing poles), Kelleys Island Audubon Club (camp fees and lunches), Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line (transportation for Science Saturday Speakers), and the Jet Express (transportation to PIB for Nature Campers). This support helps us to be able to be successful in what we do at the Field Station.

The Field Station participated in the Kelleys Island 5/10K, Celebrate KI, Kelleys Island Homecoming, and the Pollinators & Partnerships Ribbon Cutting. We reached out to nearly 1,500 visitors at these events from near and far. It is an honor to be a part of these community events.

We continued our partnership with the Kelleys Island State Park and the Kelleys Island Audubon Club hosting our popular Science Saturdays. This is a weekly series of events that features interactive exploration centered around a particular wildlife topic. Families and learners of all ages came to explore the hands-on science fun, reaching out to over 2,500 participants this year. Our topics included geology, snakes, plankton, bats, monarch butterflies, bees, fish, and so

much more. Thank you to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line who assisted us in ferry transportation for our speakers.

Nature Camp is always the favorite part of my job. I get to be around some of the best people young and old who make the camp program a wonderful success. We had over eighty nature campers 4-14 years old. The camp theme this year was "Everything Under the Sun." Each day covered a different theme: fish, astronomy, birds, insects, geology, and a kayaking day for the older campers. The Nature Camp mission is to encourage children's natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities. We could not do this successfully without the families, friends, volunteers, and the love that goes into supporting this program.

I would like to thank my friend and a partner in much of what we do at the Field Station Chris Ashley, Manager of the Kelleys Island State Park. He takes his personal time and energy to help us be effective at much of what we do. We are a team, and it shows in a variety of ways. Lastly, thank you to everyone for another incredible summer, and we hope to see you again next year if not before!

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