



Kelley's Life

Explore Our Island

September 2021

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It pays to read

Caroline Jorski

Grace, granddaughter of Chris Yako, found a new friend, Kelley the Mascot bear of Kelley's Life Newspaper. She made the discovery at the Kelley's Island Library where they shared a great book together. Grace visits her grandmother and loves coming to the Island.

Because Grace spotted our Mascot, first, she won a bear of her very own to take home. So, keep looking and see where Kelley, the bear will show up in September and maybe you'll win a bear to take home, too. Grace found Kelley on August 3, 2021.

Kelley's Island Nature Camp



Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Field Station Director

The 2021 Kelley's Island Nature Camp theme was "Everything Under the Sun." Each day focused on a different environmental topic covering a variety of the island's ecology through hands-on and up-close educational programming for campers 4-14 years old. We would like to thank all the families, friends, and campers who joined the Nature Camp program this year. Over 80

campers participated traveling from Texas, Chicago, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and towns big and small across Ohio, including Kelley's Island.

Nature Camp seems like a bubble, an intentionally built community, and there are many in the community who love and care about the magic that is the nature camp experience. It takes a village and begins with the community leaders, camp alumni,



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From the Mayor's Desk

Ron Ehrbar, Mayor

ISLAND EVENTS

To start out I would like to say how nice it was to see everybody enjoying themselves at "Celebrate KI" and the other events that have happened here on Kelley's Island this season. As you know, the decision to cancel "Island Fest" for 2021 was made earlier in the year which prompted Jackie Finger, Lisa Klonaris, and a team of volunteers to introduce a new event, Celebrate KI. They successfully pulled off a wonderful weekend including a parade for Islanders and visitors alike. After last year's pandemic with no Island activities, it was great to see everyone out and having fun again. The "Make a Wish" event offered another great weekend including the Poker Run which raised a record of over \$21,000.00. The "Firemen's Steak Roast" and "Homecoming" were also great successes.

Homecoming does signal that time of year when the children will be soon headed back to school and things are winding down here on the Island. A BIG thank you goes out to the businesses and residents alike as these events would not happen without all their help. Soon we will be looking forward to "Harvest Weekend" and "Halloween."

INTERNET UPDATE

I've been told that Hancock Wood and Amplex internet service will be surveying utility poles with the understanding they will be bringing fiber-optic high speed internet service to the Island this fall. They wanted the residents to know that their workers will be walking into some backyards, in the right of ways, to look at and take pictures of the poles. There are no announced dates for completion currently. I will keep you apprised as the details come in.

UPCOMING LEVIES

You will be asked to vote on three levies on this November's ballot. They are the General Fund levy, the EMS levy, and the Police levy.

The General Fund levy is a renewal levy that supports the General Fund of the Village. The monies that this levy brings supports the operations of the Village. The funds augment the real estate taxes provided by the county. As a renewal, it does not raise our taxes higher than they were in recent past years.

The EMS levy is comprised of two parts. One part is a renewal levy, and the second part is an increase. The levy will help to maintain medical services for the Village including MetroHealth for our emergency medical and tele-health services and the support of our Village dedicated on-Island EMS Director 7 days a week.

The Police levy is a new levy which will raise taxes and provide \$150,000.00 over a five-year period for the purchase and maintenance of new cruisers, and other safety equipment.

KILA is hosting a Candidates Forum on September 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kelley's Island School where questions can be asked about the levies. Please feel free to call me with any questions regarding the levies, or anything with which I can possibly help.

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Kelleys Island Nature Camp

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colleagues, and supporters who make camp possible and provide a great experience each year. Nature Camp would not be possible without the support I receive from the Kelleys Island School Board - Cindy Herndon, Deb Haig, Jodie Smith, Tom Beck, and Natasha Makarova-Skeans; administration and staff including Phil Theide, Superintendent, Betty Schwiefert, Treasurer, and Marissa Dowalter, Field Biologist. Our volunteers are also essential to the program including Katie Dean, Amanda O. Loughlin, Emily Beal, Chirs Ashley, Kelleys Island State Park Manager and his crew, and June Campbell, who prepared lunches for the Geology Day. Additional key partners include the Ohio Geological Survey's J.D. Stucker, Assistant Chief, Chuck Salmons, Publications & Educational Outreach Group Supervisor, Mark Peter, Geologist, Devon Goeller, Environmental Specialist, Krista Hardin, Geologist, and Kurtz Miller, OGS Intern, and Erie County Metroparks Michael Hensley, Cheryl Kilmer, Martyn Drabik-Hamshare. The Kelleys Island Audubon Club provided lunches for the Geology Day and camp support. A grant from the Hancock-Wood Electric Corporative Foundation of \$2,587.50 provided funds for Nature Camp Supplies; a Ohio Division of Wildlife \$500.00 Step Outside Grant supported the purchase of fishing supplies; the Jet Express provided ferry boat transportation; and, the Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory offered a tour of Gibraltar Island and helpful staff.

were able to explore the glacial grooves and went on a fossil hunt in the East Quarry and the northern rocky beach, the fossil hunting did not disappoint anyone. We hiked around the island looking for insects for a day, traveling to the newest pollinator habitats on Kelleys Island. We started at the State Park Campground finding many monarch butterflies and bees, next we went to the Kelleys Island School Pollinator Habitat behind the school finding Hummingbird Moths, many bees, dragonflies, and a variety of butterflies. After that we went to the North Pond Boardwalk Trail finding a variety of dragon and damselflies,



we ended at the largest pollinator habitat located across from the airport observing the many animals benefiting from the habitat. The fishing day took place at the Kelleys Island State Park Alvar. We defiantly caught plenty of fish especially many in the sunfish family, bass, perch, and gobies, we learned about their habitats, and exterior anatomy. The astronomy day focused on the sun, and planets. We made solar bracelets and went on a solar hike with Dr. Jay Reynolds from Cleveland State University.

Nature Camp remains one of the favorite parts of my job at the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station. I look forward to planning and creating the opportunities that make learning about the outdoors as fun and hands-on as possible. The best part is watching the plan unfold and cherishing the moments with the campers, families, volunteers, and staff.

The Nature Camp mission is to *Encourage Children's Natural Curiosity of the Outdoors by Engaging Them in Fun and Educational Activities*. We appreciate all the help we get in teaching kids about the beautiful islands they live and play on! With the 80 plus kids who participated in Nature Camp this year, we are excited for Nature Camp 2022.



Nature Camp was packed with explorations each day. Erie Metroparks came for a day and led a bird hike, as well as a nice kayaking trip along the northern shore of Kelleys Island for the older campers 9 and 10 years old. We were able to find over 20 species of birds including Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Brown Thrasher, Yellow Warbler, Bald Eagle, and a Cedar Waxwing just to name a few. The Ohio Geological Survey joined camp for a day also. Campers

“Celebrate KI” Supporting Our Safety Services

Lisa Klonaris

This year’s event of the season, “Celebrate KI” was held on July 16 – 18. Celebrate KI’s event committee created this event to recognize and support the Kelleys Island Safety Services. All proceeds from the event are being distributed to the Kelleys Island Volunteer Fire Department, Kelleys Island Police Department, and Kelleys Island EMS.

The event theme had everyone focused on their favorite people, businesses and activities on Kelleys Island. Celebrate KI was a family event filled with traditional activities. Sponsored by the Kelleys Island Community Chest, Celebrate KI featured, one of the best bake sales, local crafters, food vendors, a beer tent, evening street dances, a parade and a fantastic Fireworks display by Ohio Pyro and Flame.

Saturday kicked off with the traditional parade featuring Grand Marshalls: Chief Skeans (KIVFD), Chief Craig (KIPD), and Russ Maust (EMS Director). The Opening ceremony began with a prayer led by Knut Lahrs. Island Singers performed the National Anthem as VFW Post 9908 performed the flag raising. Saturday afternoon provided live entertainment by Stan Guidera. Saturday evening lit the skies with a fireworks show at dusk. Thanks to all who joined us to support the community and the Safety Services.

“Celebrate KI” was a true community event. Thank You to the Kelleys Island community and businesses for coming together to create and run this much looked forward to event. Everyone that took part in this festival, know that your contribution is truly appreciated.

Thank you to:

Dave Lambros: organizing and staffing the beer tent

Gary & Jackie Finger: park and street clean-up, daily operations

Rebecca Hazek, Martha Wolfe and Alenka Banco: organizing the Bake Sale

Tina Callari: organizing and booking all entertainment and Opening Ceremony

KIPD, EMS and KIVFD: organizing and providing food sales

Village of Kelleys Island: providing use of Memorial Park

The Palladino Family: providing fireworks transport, trash disposal and parade line-up area

VFW Post 9908: Opening prayer and flag raising

Island Singers: National Anthem

Ed Nowak: promoting and organizing parade, providing banners

Sam & Jayne Sharaba: Parade vehicles

Jen Parry: planning and parade promotion

Franklin Sanitation: donation of port-o-pots

Dave Marko: park and street clean-up

Matt Kane: park set-up, clean-up, daily operations

T-Shirt Sales Volunteers

KI Police Department: Street closing and traffic

Steve Ernst, Bobby Skeans and Chuck Ehrbar: fireworks

Lake Erie Shores & Islands: Grant opportunity

Festival Patrons: supporting Safety Services

Fireworks Donations: there were numerous, generous donations. Thank You to everyone that helped us to meet our goal in a very short time and provide a fabulous fireworks display for the community and visitors:

Stacey Nye, Patty Boryk Taylor, Donna Iosue, Chris & Bobby-Joe Kennedy, Dave Lambros, Judy DuShane, Nick & Lee Ann, Linda, Steve & Amy Ernst, Mike Ziegler, Joni Stasiak, Brenda Miavitz, Tina Callari, Kurt & Janice Kraus, Dean & Teresa Maher, Peepers, Village Pump, Jen Parry (Portside Marina – Dockers), John & Denise McGee, Washio Family, Island House, CaddyShack, Kriemes & Co., The Inn on Kelleys Island, Barnes Nursery, Max Eaton, Scott Thom.



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Denny (Moe) Kaminski celebrated his 75th Birthday

Mary Lou Kaminski

Family and friends gathered on June 6th at the former Kelley's Island Brew Pub for a delicious brunch catered by Doug and Patti, owners of the newly formed Lake-Front Venue Rentals. It was a beautiful day and the perfect location to celebrate Moe's milestone birthday.

Kelleys has been home to Moe and extended families by marriage for over 75 years. Moe's love for the Island began when his mom, Aunt Mary's sister, first brought him to a small cabin with an outhouse off Bookerman at 3-weeks old. At the time, Aunt Mary leased a small place with her husband Joseph Gientowski after WWII. She fell in love with the Island on their stop back from their honeymoon on Pelle Island and wanted to share this Trinidad with her large Italian family of three brothers and four sisters and their children.

Of course, this house was too small to accommodate such a large family, so she purchased the 5-bedroom 2-story Becker Farm on Woodford Avenue in the 1950's. While moving between houses, the leased house became known as the "little house," and the newly purchased farmhouse became the "Big House." (This is the story shared with me when Moe first brought me to the

Island in 1965).

Moe enjoyed his growing-up summers staying with his Aunt Mary and Uncle Lefty and all his cousins at the Big House. These were special times for Moe and Kelley's Island and the Big House became the heart that kept his extended family connected.

Moe has shared many comical and heart-warming Kelleys Island adventure stories with me during our 55 years of marriage. (Yes, that is true...55 years.) I find myself thinking "WOW" how lucky he was to have so many great memories. It is no wonder that even after 75 years, his love of the Island never wanes.

With his own large family, Moe moved out of the Big House and built his own home in 1979 to spend summers and weekends and give his own children the same adventures he experienced growing up on Kelleys. Upon retirement, he sold his home on the mainland and moved to Kelleys as his permanent residence and resides there today. His grown children, who spent their summers growing up on Kelleys, have the same love for the Island and spend many weekends and vacations with their own children enjoying life on Lake Erie.

As an adult, Moe continues to stay connected to Kelleys and tries to give



back to the Island as much as possible. Because of Moe's 12-year service as a Kelley's Island Councilman and of the many businesses he managed over the years including the Casino in the early 90's, and the Country Store in 2004, Moe is a familiar face and name to many of the Islanders.

Thanks to all of the family members and friends that joined us to help make Moe's birthday a memorable and happy

occasion. A special thanks to Doug and Patti for sharing the perfect spot for Kelley's Island friends and family to reminisce the good old days, laugh and share one common bond which is their love of the Island. Contact Information for them www.lakeviewki.com, islandpj419@gmail.com, or 419-656-4335.

Wishing Moe many more years of health and happiness.

The Parsonage's Perspective

Janet Killam

Join us in celebrating September's two biggest holidays with fun, unique, incredible finds inside our doors. Every treasure has a story behind it. That's because each and every item has come out of an Island mansion, house, cottage, or business. Volunteers can fill you in on the story behind the object.

Stupendous Parsonage sales abound in the Fall. You will be certain to find the perfect Grandparent's Day gift for

September 13th or possibly some gorgeous enamel cookware for yourself. Need a beautiful, high quality white dining table, with 2 leaves, 4 matching armchairs and 2 pull up chairs? We have that!

Believe it or not, September 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day, and we have got the accoutrements any pirate worth his salt would need. Like real, fake, gold doubloons and Captain Hook's hooks to wear on your arm.

Looking for a game of darts? How about a charming, old wall clock, for your house or cottage? Fetching blue and white china, canisters, baskets, and furniture abound.

Remember, all proceeds from sales benefit the restoration and protection of our precious Old Stone German Reformed Church and the rectory, the Parsonage Resale Shop.

All at once summer collapsed into fall and now you may find you have

donations you would like to give us. We love your treasures and want them to survive the elements. So 'pulleeze' be sure they are safely donated by calling Jodie, Janet, or Sonia, (phone numbers posted on the front porch) or by bringing them to the back porch during business hours daily from noon to 4:00 pm. We cannot accept everything, as you can imagine, so checking with one of us first, is always best.

See you all at "The House!"

TREASURE ISLAND DAY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 | 9am - 3pm

For \$20, each participant will receive a kit that includes advertising, pricing stickers, a Treasure Island Day yard sign and designation on the official Treasure Island Day map. Maps will be distributed at the Island Market and Chamber of Commerce office at 9:00am on the day of the sale.

PLEASE NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING THEIR OWN \$5 VILLAGE YARD SALE PERMIT FOR TREASURE ISLAND DAY.

In previous years, registration for Treasure Island Day was \$25 and included this permit. The price of registration has been lowered to \$20, and each participant must purchase their own \$5 permit from the Village office. You must acquire your permit at least 48 hours prior to the start of the sale. Please be advised that the Village will report any sale operating without a permit to the State of Ohio.

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- I agree to pick up sale materials at the Chamber of Commerce Office any time prior to the start of the sale.
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Zion Matters

By Pastor Virginia Park

As I write this on August 13 for the September edition of Kelleys Life it is somewhat difficult to think that the summer months are nearly past. By the time you read this, children will be back in school and many of us will be returning to a more normal schedule of work life.



Summer has been busy at Zion Church. Our biggest activity was Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 19-23 with the children leading worship on Sunday, July 25. VBS Director Annalee reports that there were 26 children and 30 people assisting in some way to provide a wonderful learning and spiritual experience for kids ages 4 to 14. The theme was all about the life of Jesus starting with His birth and culminating in the resurrection. Kids participated in crafts, had safe snacks, played appropriate games, and heard Bible stories and lessons. They sang lots and lots of songs with dance moves. This music was taught by Sheri Fenton. Worship on July 25 had a grand attendance with more than 100 people in the church hall, sanctuary, and balcony. Sunday VBS worship was followed by a light meal of hot dogs and ice cream sundaes served to everyone in attendance.

Many thanks to all folks who helped in any way to make this a successful and productive event for island children and visitors. Photos of VBS were taken by Vicki Finnegan and we are happy to share a few with his article. Take a look and see our favorite kids!

Sometimes our church facilities are used for island activities. This summer the Island Singers utilized the church for rehearsals and have sung at worship at both churches on Independence weekend Sunday. The Singers sang at St Michael's Church at 9 a.m. and at Zion Church at 10:30 a.m. on July 4. The selections were



Vacation Bible School PHCR:Vicki Finnegan

religious and patriotic. More recently the Singers have been rehearsing for the presentation of their annual show which takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4.

The Island Singers show theme will be "Patriotic Extravaganza" and there will be one show at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall on Division Street. Soloists are Sheri Fenton, Morgan Ewbank, Ruth Bradshaw (Flute), and

Tom Beck (French horn). Look for the "Brothers 3": Tim Koba, Tim Morrison and John Paloufka and the singing duo of Sue Stacho and Jeni Hammond. The show is directed by Annalee and accompanied by guest musician Elaine Vermiglio of Northville, MI. For more information about that call Annalee or Laura VonBenken.

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Happy Labor Day
and
September's Song!



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Zion Matters

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Another group using our facilities is the Alcoholics Anonymous. They still meet on Saturday but no longer meet at noon. They have chosen an earlier time and that is announced on our Zion Church marquee sign. All are welcome at this gathering.

We were unable to host the annual KI

Thanksgiving community service last year (for obvious reasons) but with luck it will be held this year with Zion Church hosting. We plan to serve a Saturday morning brunch at 10:30 a.m. on October 2. This will be followed by a short service of Thanksgiving and everyone is invited to attend. We will

have prayer, readings, music, and an opportunity to give silent thanks for our manifold blessings. There is no cost for the light meal, but we do ask you to bring non-perishable food items to be given to a local food pantry. It would be great to know approximately how many plan to attend so I have started a sign-up sheet at Zion Church. Just tell a church member you plan to join us, and we will put your name on the list. There will be plenty of food for all - both men and women - so plan now to join us, please.

Zion Church is currently in the middle of its annual "Fuel Fund" fundraising effort. This is when we invite members, friends, and Kelleys Islanders to contribute to a special fund to pay for our fuel for heating and cooling in the church building and parsonage for the coming year. The goal is to raise \$8,000.00. We began on August 1 and will likely continue until our goal is reached. If any of you readers would like to contribute to this fund, you may attend church on Sundays and leave the gift in the offering or send your check to Zion Church, P O Box 408, Kelleys Island, OH 43438. Be sure to mark the memo line of your check with the words "Fuel Fund." Your gifts will be deeply appreciated.

Every good wish of congratulations is extended from Zion Church to our sister Church, St. Michaels Catholic Church, on the completion of the beautiful new gathering hall beside their church building. I have taken great pleasure in watching as this building was erected and now look forward to their service of consecration and dedication on Saturday, September 4. Officiant at the 4 p.m. mass will be Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo. I surely plan to be there - but for any additional information about the ceremony contact Pat Seeholzer or St. Michael's worship leader Jim O'Donnell.

The summer always seems to go by so quickly, but this 2021 summer seemed busier and more hectic than usual as people tried to make up for lost fun time on the island. That was due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 that stymied a lot of our activities in 2020. Now the mutated variants of Covid-19 (called Delta, etc.) are making their own scary way around our country and around the world. Scientific and medical experts tell us that a good way to slow those diseases down is to get a "jab" or two of vaccine. The old guidelines are in place again, even though they are not - at this time- officially mandated.

I encourage you to watch reliable news shows carefully to determine what is happening. Stay away from information on social media because you will not hear truth, sometimes not even partial truth, there. Please stay out of crowded places and wear a mask covering your nose and mouth wherever you may be in danger of catching or spreading the disease. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water and, if that is not possible, use sanitizer. These actions can help you stay healthier. Better yet, it can help the whole world stay healthier because there is less chance that you will carry or transmit the pandemic disease to anyone else. The above ideas are my own so I will take complete responsibility for them.

However, at Zion Church there are some disease guidelines in place that have been handed down from our East Ohio Conference Bishop and her cabinet; these rules have been affirmed by our local church council. Briefly, everyone is always welcome to visit with us when the church is open for worship. You may use any exterior door to enter or exit the church. Currently (mid-August 2021) those adults who are fully vaccinated may come to services without wearing a mask. You MUST wear a mask if you have not been fully vaccinated. (Note that to be fully vaccinated two weeks must have lapsed since you received your final shot.) Children under age 12 or any other children who are not vaccinated should sit with their families in the rear of the church. We wish the children could sit closer to the front but... this location near the rear of the sanctuary provides the best protection that we can provide to any children worshipping with us. Parents, please ask the kids to wear masks just as they do in school or in other gatherings.

Some other guidelines: During worship we remain in our seats and do not circulate around to greet people. We also do not pass the offering plates and instead ask donors to use offering receptacles outside the sanctuary where multiple people do not touch them. Pads to record attendance are not circulated from one person to another. Join us personally and we will keep you as safe as possible.

Our last request: if you are sick, please do not enter the church at all. Stay at home and join us in worship by listening in live on the phone or computer. The phone number is listed on a poster on the two exterior church doors commonly used from the parking lot.



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VFW Fall Turkey Shoot!

The Kelleys Island VFW will be holding their annual fall turkey shoot competitions beginning Sunday, September 26th. The shoots are held at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW over six Sundays - September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31st. Bring your own gun and ammunition will be provided by the VFW.

KILA Co-founder celebrates 92 years



Left: Bill and Barb Colman with their children
Above: Bill and Barb Colman with their grandchildren and spouses

Caroline Jorski

Surrounded by 30 family members, including children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, William (Bill) Coleman enjoyed a 92nd birthday gathering at the home of daughter, Liz Coleman-Ritz in Fairview Park, Ohio on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

A combined celebration, with his wife Barbara at his side, gave the couple the opportunity to finally enjoy their 70 years of marriage. The COVID problem in December, 2020 prevented them from having a chance to celebrate this momentous occasion so Bill's birthday gave everyone the opportunity to come together and congratulate both of them. The couple worked together and were cofounders of Kelleys Island Landowners Association in 1974 and KILA is still active to this day.

Bill presently resides at Vitalia Senior Residence Hall, 26695 Center Ridge Road, West Lake, Ohio 44145, if you wish to send him a card.

Thank you, Bill and Barb, for giving so much of yourselves to the community of Kelleys Island over the years. Your dedication is much appreciated.



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HOMEcoming 2021 – It was worth the wait

After foregoing the 2020 Homecoming, KILA's Homecoming Celebration this year was a rousing success. Many KILA volunteers and local organizations worked together for this annual community event.

The festivities began on Friday evening, after a brief storm blew through the Addison St. Park pavilion, with a wonderful perch dinner. Read more about the Fish Fry in a following article. Frank of island favorite "Frank & Dean" entertained the capacity crowd before, during, and after dinner. Of course, there were beverages and snacks for all.

Saturday's weather was much better. And what better way to start than with a parade down Lakeshore? There were 14 float entries along with Village officials, first responders, local organizations, The Island Singers, and the Edison High School Chargers marching band of 75 students. A big white convertible carried parade marshals Chris Ashley, State Park Manager, and Jackie Taylor,

KI Field Station Director. The parade ended at the pavilion, where the opening ceremonies included the Island Singers leading the National Anthem, a welcome from KILA President Chris Arnold, and announcement of the parade float and pie contest winners. The parade float winners were first place to the Jones Family Reunion, second place to Ellie Kane – Treasure Island, and third to Steve Hanigosky – Putt-Putt.

The pie contest winners were first place June Campbell, second place Morgan Barlage, third place Virginia Coyne, Most Like Grandma's to Kiki Arnold, and Most Original to Mandy Barlage.

The Edison Chargers kicked off the day's musical entertainment, followed by the Fat City Rock & Roll Band, who kept spirits high all afternoon. Jim Coleman and his crew of volunteers cooked up and served over 200 lunches of bratwurst, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and more. They also served hot dogs to the marching band members. For dessert, a wide variety of pie slices from the pie contest eventually sold out

completely. Frank Dodson and his crew of volunteers staffed the beer booth. Again, no one went thirsty.

Janet Killam led the kids' games, such as marshmallow golf and the Twinkie eating contest. We had 14 booths for craft and gift vendors and organizations, the ever-popular "beer slide," Snickers the balloon artist, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. A door prize drawing for the 295 active KILA members for a septic tank maintenance service was won by Jan & Randy Garner.

The KILA Raffle was very successful, as all 500 tickets were sold. Thanks to all who bought tickets and to the KILA members who sold the tickets; especially Tom Beck who sold over 175 tickets. Raffle proceeds will go toward funding next year's KI improvement project.

The \$2,500 grand prize winner was – somehow fittingly – Kelly Sims, daughter of Paul Schnittker. She was even named after Kelleys Island, even if misspelled. Congratulations to all our winners - \$2,500 Kelly (Schnittker) Sims, \$1,000 Shelly Cousino, \$500 Jeremy Grimes, \$250 Joe Cordaro, and

\$100 Kevin Brown.

Here's looking forward to the 48th Homecoming celebration on August 12 & 13, 2022!



KILA Raffle Grand Prize winner: Kelly (Schnittker) Sims, her children, and parents Paul & Carol Schnittker

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2021 KIAC FALL CALENDAR

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KILA 1st Annual Fish Fry



A crowd listening to Frank's songs and banter as they await perch dinners

Fried perch was the star of the dinner with Jennifer Peiratt directing an ensemble of KILA volunteers. Todd Hanes was there to greet in excess of 100 people who had purchased tickets for this new event. Melanie Bates served seventy pounds of fish purchased from the Lake Fish Company in Sandusky. It was fried to perfection by Joel Byer and Mike Reeve using 15 gallons of peanut oil in propane fryers owned by Joel.

Wonderful coleslaw was provided by Donna Iosue at Taste by the Lake, and her donation was much appreciated as Wallace and Barb Christy made sure everyone had a nice serving. Eleven dozen ears of corn were purchased from Puckrin Farms in Sandusky. Tom Pieratt and Steve Miller cooked, buttered, and served the perfect corn. Rumor has it that it was the best corn ever. Chris Kipfer took care of making sure the kids had hot dogs if they didn't eat fish. The meal was rounded out by donated sheet cakes served by Holly Miller. Iced tea and lemonade were also provided.

The pavilion was full. Frank of "Frank and Dean" entertained and held the crowd at bay as the storm winds blew through and we waited on the county's sanitarian to approve us to serve. Once started, the 450 butterflied fish fillets hit the oil and we were on our way. Everyone was quickly served three butterflies with Joel Byer's secret recipe tartar sauce.

The accolades were many and the requests for a repeat next year came through loud and clear. So, plan on attending the 2nd annual KILA Fish Fry at Homecoming on Friday August 12, 2022.



Left to Right: Mike Reeve (Asst. chef), Joel Byer (Chef), Melanie Bates (server)

GLIA Hires Project Manager, Announces Island Summit Oct. 3-6

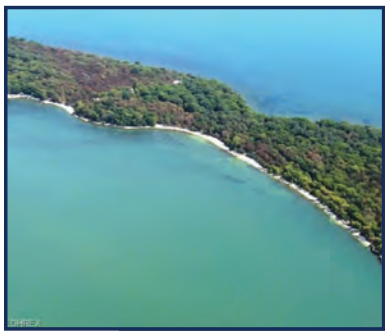


Ann Arbor, MI- The Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA), a voluntary, bi-national network of leaders from 15 populated islands in the Great Lakes, has taken a major step forward with the hiring of its first paid employee. Peter Huston, of

Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island), Ohio, was hired as the GLIA Project Manager starting in July 2021. Huston's objective is to further establish the structure of the four-year old alliance, help develop GLIA's communications and programmatic focus areas, and guide its transition into a sustainable entity. Among his first tasks is to help organize the 2021 Great Lakes Islands Summit to be hosted by four Lake Erie islands (Kelleys, Middle Bass, Pelee, and South Bass) from October 3-6. This will be GLIA's fourth regional event.

The two-year position is funded through a generous grant from the Charles Steward Mott Foundation and will be housed at The Stewardship Network, a non-profit organization specializing in collaborative conservation and empowering communities. Lisa Brush, CEO and founder of The Stewardship Network, says "We are thrilled to support the islands and help give a voice to these rural underrepresented communities." Another GLIA partner, Matt Preisser with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, welcomed Huston and noted "Peter's background and unique skill set will offer new ways for GLIA to connect the distant island communities. GLIA's ceiling remains very high!" To learn more about GLIA, visit <https://glialliance.org>.

More on Peter Huston: after finishing studies at Ohio State Universities' School for Film, Peter attended Boston University where he received his degree in broadcasting and film from the School of Public Communication (SPC'81). In 1992, Peter co-produced "WorldScape," a 13-part PBS series hosted by Walter Cronkite featuring maritime historical painter John Stobart. In 1993, Peter and two partners established Emotion Pictures and created the award-winning series "The Visionaries", hosted by Sam Waterston. In 2010, Peter established FilmAffects to pursue documentary and factual program production. Peter also directed the EMMY-nominated documentaries "Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial" and "Trail Magic, The Grandma Gatewood Story". As director and senior producer, Peter has continued to produce programming for PBS, Hallmark, Odyssey, Home & Garden, and has co-produced a feature film and continues to do scores of corporate and educational projects. Peter was honored as Put-in-Bay Islander of the Year, is the past President of the Put-in-Bay Arts Council, past Chairman of the Planning Board, and director of the bicentennial celebration for The Perry Group (Friends of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial). He is on the board of directors at the Lake Erie Island Historical Society and Lake Erie Shores and Islands and is past president of the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau. Most recently, Peter was Director of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce.



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KILA Korner

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Upcoming Events:

• The KILA Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. at the Estes School. KILA members will hear about the year's activities and future plans. They will also elect up to seven active members to serve as directors. Active KILA members seeking nomination for a director position are encouraged to email info@kila.rocks.

• A Candidates' Forum will be held at 1:00 p.m. September 18 in the Estes School gym. Voters will have the chance to hear from candidates for elected offices in the village and the school board, and to learn about upcoming ballot levies.

• The Family Hayride is slated for Saturday October 16th at the 4H Camp, subject to county and state COVID guidelines. KILA will publicize more details and updates as available.

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. We welcome your support, volunteering, and suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island via email to info@kila.rocks.



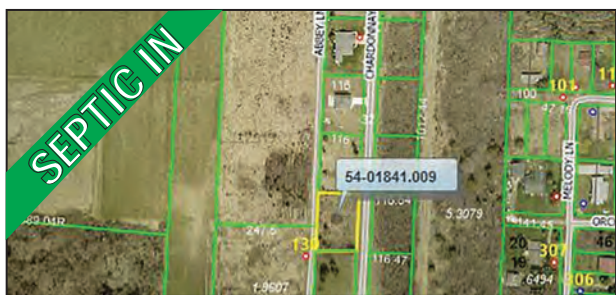
Ned Williams and Todd Hanes cooking at Homecoming



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Dave Sellers

Like so many of you, we were so happy to be able to open this summer! It was a great summer with an excellent staff and campers. It has been a rebuilding year with eighty percent of our 2019 summer totals due to running only one program per week. We are already planning on running two programs every week for next year. As you know, we run week-long youth camps from Monday through Saturday starting mid-June until the first week of August. We would love to see your children, or grandchildren, or students next summer.

We also enjoyed seeing everyone that took advantage of our regular Island Open Swim on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. August 7 was our last Open Swim until next June. As you saw, we did replace our diving boards and made use of our 90' water slide.

will be our Ladies Retreat from October 8 through the 10th. Be sure to check out our website www.CampPatmos.com/Retreats for more information or contact our office at info@camppatmos.com or call at (419) 746-2214.



Currently, we are switching from Summer Camp to our retreat season with Camp Patmos Sponsored Retreats in addition to churches and Christian Schools renting our facility for the weekend and mid-week retreats. The first Camp Patmos Retreat will be our Men's Retreat from September 9-11 (Thursday through Saturday). Following the Men's Retreat is our "Banished to the Isle" High School and Middle School Retreats held September 17 through 19th and again September 24 through 26th. Next,

As we look to the future at Camp Patmos, we are planning on adding on to the Findlay Chapel a 35' x 35' addition to the east side that will include two ADA-compliant bathrooms, sound booth, and a mechanical room to hold a new HVAC unit. These upgrades will modernize our chapel to remove the distractions of walking across camp to use the bathroom and allow our guests to sit in a comfortable Chapel as they enjoy our programs or attending our summer Sunday church services.

We are also raising funds to improve our dock. We will need to bring in large anchor stones to reinforce the West side of the dock to further protect it from being damaged. This project is estimated to be at least \$60,000 to \$100,000 to make those improvements. If you would like to give to these projects or our General Fund, you can donate online at www.CampPatmos.com and click on "Donate Now."



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Kelleys Island Steve Brownell Cruise

Sarah Krafty

On January 4, 2020, just before COVID-19 took over, about 112 Island friends and fans of Steve Brownell and Dockers Waterfront Bar and Restaurant traveled with Steve on a five-night cruise on board the Celebrity Equinox. The ship departed from Miami and had stops in Cozumel and Key West.

While at sea, we celebrated with a private cocktail event and a private gig that Steve played in one of the ship's theaters. In Cozumel, the group enjoyed a private catamaran snorkel and sail with a beach stop for a siesta. In Key West, Steve played a gig at The Green Room and was able to share the stage with his nephew, Nick and his son, Cody. Once everyone was back on board from Key West, Celebrity treated us to a private sail away viewing from the ship's helipad! It was pretty wonderful, and a tough experience to beat.

The trip was sponsored by Dockers Waterfront Bar and Restaurant, and I helped organize

through my business, Krafty Travel agency in Rossford, Ohio. After a COVID pause in 2021, our group will head out for our third group trip, this time at the adults only, all-inclusive El Dorado Royale in Riviera Maya, Mexico, February 14-19, 2022. We are thankful again for the Dockers sponsorship and will have a group cocktail event on Feb 15. Steve will play from 2:00-5:00 p.m. POOLSIDE on Feb 16 and 18. We have 38 rooms booked and about 12 rooms still available, with flexible travel dates. We would love to have you join us. Email sarah@kraftytravel.com for questions.



Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Update

Jordan B. Killam, Director

It seems criminal that I'm already writing the article for the September issue of Kelleys Life. We've been mostly blessed with great weather this season on weekends, and the island has been visited more than ever, it seems! Many of the ferry boats have been entirely filled with walk-on passengers, restaurants and bars filled with smiling people, shops abuzz with enthusiastic buyers, steady traffic to museums and nature trails, and golf cart rentals running out by 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays! The Chamber has worked hard to raise the Island's profile in the region through a consistent social media strategy and reaching out to news outlets and influencers to pitch stories.

Speaking of influencers, the Island had its very first TikTok star visit this past month to create content! In July, I coordinated a trip for Joey Kinsley (aka Sir Yacht), an influencer with over 350,000 followers on TikTok. We spent 5.5 hours shooting all over the Island and the footage was condensed into a 60 second video! Through his

social channels, many people were introduced to the Island for the very first time. You can also find him on Instagram and Facebook. The TikTok video is posted on our social media channels.

September - no signs of slowing down. First up, we had "Light Up KI" over Labor Day weekend, an event designed to be a family focused promotional activity for our Island that encourages people to explore the Island at night. Island homes, businesses, and boats docked at our marinas were decorated with lights as a show of pride for our community. We partnered with a fellow island nonprofit, the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA), to advertise this event to homeowners. We also partnered with the local businesses, specifically the marinas, to encourage their patrons to decorate. It was a beautiful event!

Treasure Island Day is right around the corner and will occur on September 11. Attendees can spend the day seeking out treasures in this island-wide yard sale sponsored by the Chamber. It's a great way to score

some unique finds and see the island. Sellers can participate for a fee of \$20 and will receive a kit that includes advertising, pricing stickers, a Treasure Island Day yard sign and designation on the official Treasure Island Day map. Maps will be distributed at the Island Market and Chamber of Commerce office at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the sale. Each participant must purchase their own \$5 permit from the Village Office. You must acquire your permit at least 48 hours prior to the start of the sale. Please be advised the Village will report any sale operating without a permit to the State of Ohio. If you're interested in selling items, please register by stopping into our office to fill out an application or by visiting our site, www.KelleysIslandChamber.com under the events tab. Click on the Treasure Island Day event and scroll down to find the form.

Treasure Island Day also marks the end of our photo contest, where we will be announcing the winning photographs! We thank all who participated - there were about 700 submissions!

Advertising. You may notice that we have started contacting Chamber member businesses about appearing in our Kelleys Island spread in the 2022 Lake Erie Shores & Islands (LESI) Travel Guide. Chamber members receive a significant discount when you advertise in our group. We hope to exceed our 5-page presence record in the guide for 2022! The LESI travel guide, has over 300,000 copies distributed regionally including in places like the Ohio Turnpike, AAA displays, Indiana Turnpike, and throughout parts of Michigan. Chamber members are offered the chance to appear in this group at a discounted rate. These guides are extremely popular in our office and all over the region. They also contain lots of coupons, even a serious discount on Cedar Point tickets! Trust us, you don't want to miss out on this opportunity for your business to be featured in the hands of literally hundreds of thousands of consumers!

October is still going strong. Our Chamber has made networking with other Chambers and like organizations a priority since I became Director in 2018. We have connected with Executive Directors from neighboring municipalities and are active in the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA), a group of Great Lakes Islands-based elected officials, organization leaders, and private citizens dedicated to addressing complex, interrelated challenges. This includes access to public services and quality education, supporting a diversified economy, managing natural, cultural, and historical resources across public and private boundaries, and changing demographics (size, age, seasonality, ownership, economic status, etc.). The goal is to discuss and implement best practices for tackling these challenges.

In early 2021, I was appointed to GLIA's Steering Committee, and fellow Lake Erie Islander, Peter Huston of South Bass, was hired as our organization's very first paid employee. Each year, we hold a special conference on a member island. We are extremely proud to report that the GLIA 2021 summit will take place in Lake Erie. For the first time, the program will take on a progressive format and will take place on 5 islands in Lake Erie - South Bass, Kelleys, Gibraltar, and Middle Bass. We also hope to spend a "bonus" day on Pelee, if COVID-19 travel regulations allow.

Elections. The Chamber has revised its bylaws and now has staggered terms. Two positions (President and Secretary) are up for re-election. Full members are eligible to run for office. If you are interested in either position, please contact us for details. More information about elections will be made available on our website and through email newsletters.

Upcoming Chamber Meetings, held virtually (please email info@kelleysislandchamber.com to be on our notification list)

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KI Tax Levies on November Ballot

Greg Ritchie, Kelleys Island Council Person

There will be three tax levies on the November Kelleys Island Ballot. KILA is hosting a meeting on September 18th at the Kelleys Island School to discuss the upcoming election.

The first is a renewal levy for the General Fund. The passage of this levy does not increase your real estate taxes since it is a renewal. It is on the ballot as the Village is required by law to obtain your approval every five years.

The second tax levy is for general Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operating expenses. There are two parts to this levy. The first part is a 0.87 mil renewal that will not increase your real estate taxes. The second part is a 0.70 mil increase to provide an additional \$60,000 of annual income for the EMS. The table below shows the tax increase for different property values for this second part.

Appraised Value	Assessed Value (Appraised x 35%)	Annual Tax Increase
\$200,000	\$70,000	\$49.00
\$250,000	\$87,500	\$61.25
\$300,000	\$105,000	\$73.50
\$350,000	\$122,500	\$85.75
\$400,000	\$140,000	\$98.00
\$450,000	\$157,500	\$110.25

Please keep in mind that our new EMS relationship with MetroHealth provides services to Island residents that were not previously available such as telehealth via Doc2Go and there is no membership fee for helicopter emergency services. This provides a savings up to \$100 per year for those that use to purchase the LifeFlight insurance.

The third tax levy is .036 mils for Police Vehicles and Equipment that will provide \$30,000 of annual income for the purchase and maintenance of new police cruisers, and other safety equipment. The table below shows the tax increase for difference property values.

Appraised Value	Assessed Value (Appraised x 35%)	Annual Tax Increase
\$200,000	\$70,000	\$25.20
\$250,000	\$87,500	\$31.50
\$300,000	\$105,000	\$37.80
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Kelleys Island Police Update

Shawn M. Craig, Chief of Police
 When you read this article, it will be after Labor Day weekend and the light is at the end of the tunnel. If you're a Kelleys Island homeowner or business owner, you'll know what I mean. With the snap of my fingers Summer has come and gone. Because of the Coronavirus, events for the Kelleys Island Police Association have been cancelled in the last two years. Hopefully in 2022, all our events and some new ones that we have discussed will be ready to go.

Regarding events it was nice to get together with KI EMS and KI VFD at Celebrate KI at Memorial Park. We cooked up some hot dogs and hamburgers for the community and did fingerprints for the kids. Future Kelleys Island Police Association event dates will be discussed and voted on later and advised in a later issue in the *Kelleys Life* paper.



For the summer of 2021, I've never seen in the 14 years as a police officer and Chief of Police this many people on this island. I know the businesses where booming. As for your Kelleys Island Police Department, we enjoyed the smiles and the waves from everyone. I can say with everyone visiting the island we had no major incidents.

Some of the major complaints that we dealt with were open containers, open containers in a motor vehicle (golf carts are M/V), curfew, loud music complaints, prohibition against permitting minor to operate vehicle, underage person shall not purchase intoxicating liquor or beer, misrepresentation by a minor under 21 years (Fake ID's), and restrictions on sale of beer and liquor (Serving Minors). These Kelleys Island ordinances will continue to be enforced and I have listed them for everyone's review if they can't find them online under villagesofkelleysisland.us under the header of Kelleys Island Code of Ordinance.

Some internal issues that have come up through the season were officers leaving as fast as we hired them. Community trust is an established and highly honored relationship between an agency and the citizens it has been entrusted to serve. It is the key to effective policing, and law enforcement executives bear the primary responsibility for their departments' honesty, integrity, legitimacy, and competence. It's even harder these days to keep officers once they have been hired. In larger departments, 40% are leaving after only five years on the job, the latest PERF survey finds, with 29% of them getting out within the first year. Since becoming the Chief of Police in 2015 and employed by the Sandusky Police Academy, I would look for officers coming out of the academy. Up until last year, I would hire four to six of these cadets and some would come from resumes they turned in.

Times have now changed with the



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bad publicity with officers around the world. No one wants to be a police officer, and more are retiring at a high rate. Now because of this all departments are fighting over the handful of good officers. This is causing problems within your department by keeping up with staffing levels. Our officers are leaving not just for full time jobs but part time jobs that are paying \$20-\$35 hour.

In other news, with the season ending several officers have been attending classes for AED & CPR certification provided by North Central EMS, Datamaster Training through the Ohio Department of Health, updated OVI SFST's training through Maumee PD, & ALICE Training *active school shooter training. The ALICE training, this class will be instructed by me at the K1-12 Kelleys Island School and will include KIEMS & KIVFD. Some training that will be required for 2022.

On Monday, August 16, 2021, there was a special Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission (OPOTC) meeting regarding the proposed mandatory CPT topics for the 2022 year. Sheriff Michael Heldman, sub-committee chairperson, discussed his committees report and relayed the following subjects which were proposed for 2022 CPT, all officers

will attend these classes and these subjects are:

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- Response to Domestic Violence calls-for-service (CPO & TPO issues included) - 4 hours
- Legal updates - 4 hours
- Officer health and wellness-4 hrs

Lastly, on November's ballot the Kelleys Island Police Department will have a tax levy at 0.36 mils for police vehicles and equipment that will provide \$30,000 of annual income for the purchase and maintenance of new police cruisers, and other safety equipment for the next 5 years. On September 18th, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. I will be attending KILA's candidate's forum at Kelleys Island School to discuss the levy and provide any additional information or questions you may have.

I've included some pictures of events that several officers of the Kelleys Island Police Department attended.

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Audubon Happenings

Summer activities remind us of how much our “nature island” means to us. The parks and preserves offer fresh air, sights, sounds, smells and experiences to residents and visitors, especially the crowds of tourists who hiked and biked around the Island all summer. KI Audubon Club returned to our regular format of enjoying monthly potlucks and programs in hopes that the pandemic was over. What fun to return to normal!

The KI Audubon monthly potluck-program meetings were held at the Pavilion. In June, Alexi Panehal presented a program, “The Birds of Ecuador,” which she enjoyed while living there in her assignment with the U.S. State Department. Dr. Doug Kane of Heidelberg University provided July’s Program entitled “Lake Erie Invasives.” He discussed both animal and vegetable and what is being studied and done to combat them. A few of the interesting points he provided was that the source of algal blooms can be identified by its DNA and zebra and quahog mussels and gobies continue to be lake problems.

Plans for fall activities include the September 16th meeting with Mike Boyce and his program, “The Birds of Belize.” Mike has been here several times leading bird walks and is a great birder and interesting speaker. On October 21st our old friend Allison Cusick, retired State of Ohio Botanist, is coming with an enjoyable and entertaining program. There is always a lot to learn from Allison. For the remainder of the 2021 season, we will meet at the Pavilion for the 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner and 7:00 p.m. speaker.

The fall calendar continues to be busy with events including:

Sunday, September 5th: Glacial Glimpses at 1:00 p.m. at Glacial Grooves. Pat Hayes will lead the walk with Chris Ashley, State Park Manager. A table will be set up for Audubon information and donations.

Sunday, September 19: Feathers & Foliage at the Jones Preserve, dawn to 2:00 p.m. Tom and Paula Bartlett will be banding autumn warblers and other passerines. As of this writing, the event is open to the public. At 10:00 a.m. Pat Hayes will lead a nature hike through the preserve on Long Point.

Monday, October 4: A group of 50 or so members of the Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA) will spend the day on Kelleys. They will be staying on Put-In-Bay and exploring the other neighboring islands. Representatives from 15 islands in Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior, are participants in this group. Goals are to share critical issues such as infrastructure, education, tourism, and land conservation to benefit

islands. Representatives of Kelleys Island Audubon and other KI groups have been involved with GLIA from its inception in 2017.

October 14 – November 22: Owl banding returns with Tom and Paula Bartlett. They will be banding Saw Whet owls in the Scheele Preserve beginning around 7:00 p.m. until midnight or later if there are plentiful owls. They are also banding owls caught in the nets at the North Pond Nature Preserve which Chris Ashley is managing. Tom and Chris are in competition for the highest number of owls netted.

November 5 – 7: Owl Fest speakers at the Kelleys Island School. Watch for details on times and speakers.

Saturday, November 6: Pat Hayes will lead an Owl Prowl in the North Pond at 8:00 p.m. Meet at the North Pond parking lot and bring a flashlight.

History Museum News

Leslie Korenko

The season is winding down on the Island, but it is not over yet. Watch our museum sign and Facebook page for the switch to weekend hours. Saturday, September 11th, is Treasure Island Day and a really big event at the museum and resale shop. And don’t forget the quilt drawing which will be held around 4:00 on that day.

Possible exhibits for next year are being explored so if you have any suggestions, let us know. We hope you are enjoying my history blog posts, there have been almost 40 already. In addition to the short articles in each issue of Kelleys Life, you can find them also on the History Museum website. The posts include some great items from the 1950s on our Facebook page.

The Arts & Crafts Show was a big success and we spilled over to the backyard. Our artisans were very generous, through donations and quilt ticket purchases. We have a list of those participants on our website—so you can shop online if you missed the show or regret not purchasing an item. Speaking of websites, ours is full of interesting things, so check it out.

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