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## Some Meetings That Were, and Some That Weren't

This could be a complicated story, so pay close attention. It concerns a meeting that was scheduled but cancelled and rescheduled, meetings that were not scheduled but called, an unscheduled called meeting that was not valid, an unscheduled called meeting that was postponed, and an unscheduled called meeting that was to consider a special matter that was never considered.

The easiest of these items to describe and understand is the scheduled meeting that was postponed and rescheduled. The regularly scheduled Council meeting, to be held on June 13 was cancelled and rescheduled for June 20, 1991. The reason for the postponement was given as the inability of the solicitor to attend since he

was on vacation. (The Perchie Press sets its monthly publication dates to allow for coverage of the regular meeting by coming out on the Friday a week following the scheduled meeting. Thus, little, if any, items from the meeting will be in this issue since we go to the printer on Wednesday and the meeting was Thursday).

The Council did meet on three separate occasions in the past two weeks, by calling special meetings. The most recent of these was called for June 14 at 8:45 to consider two separate items. The meeting could not proceed due to a lack of quorum and was postponed until 5:45 of the same day. At that meeting enough members were present to allow for passage of an appropriation to pay for the payment of the

bill for the water tower refurbishing and the granting of an easement for a drain on Chappel Street.

The previous Wednesday, June 12, another special meeting was called to pass a resolution supporting the application by the KI Ferry Boat Company to build a dock at the Seaway marina for use by the new ferry, the MV Shirley Irene. Representatives of the Corp of Engineers were on the island that day to inquire into the applications.

The third of the special meetings was held on June 5 to consider the matters of the transfer of a liquor license to The Caddy Shack, and to consider granting a Conditional Zoning permit to the Caddy Shack to use the license. The State Liquor Control agency gives the opportunity for

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## It's More Rough Than Fairway for Caddy Shack

The Caddy Shack opened for business in time for the weekend of July 14, but it was short of a grand opening celebration.

Alcoholic beverages were not served, primarily because the liquor license transfer had not been completed. The issue of obtaining a Conditional Zoning Certificate also clouded the situation.

At the regular Planning Commission meeting on Friday the 14 the Caddy Shack was the subject of a robust and lengthy discussion. After considering the issue of whether the June 5 meeting was legal (see story above), it was decided it didn't matter because Council didn't act on the recommendation to grant a conditional use permit. Therefore the issue was to be put to a vote again.

Discussed at length were the potential problems with an outdoor patio serving alcoholic beverages, the inability of the Planning Commission or zoning inspector to obtain a site diagram showing the require 14 off-street parking spaces, the adequacy of the restroom facilities, the absence of signage indicating parking and the legality of the flashing sign.

It was finally voted to recommend the granting of the conditional use permit by the Council contingent upon receipt of the parking plan and the placement of signs for parking and warning against removal of alcoholic beverages from the patio.

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## New Deputy Hired

The first part-time police help of the year was on the streets the weekend of June 14 in the person of James Hobby.

Hobby was sworn in following the special Council meeting on June 14, at which there was some confusion regarding his salary. Hobby was asked about the salary promised by Police Chief Schnittker, which he said was \$10 per hour. Councilman Chuck Herndon said he understood the pay range to be \$6-10 per hour, and did not want to specify any salary, although he was opposed to accepting the \$10 figure. Russ Matso, Chairman of the Safety Committee, was in favor of offering \$7, and Jake Martin suggested \$8.

Hobby had been

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## Dump Dues Overdue

The ever topical subject of the Transfer Station continues to generate news.

Don Haas, Councilman and chairman of the Transfer Station Committee, says some people question why proof of payment of the availability fee is not needed to purchase the "K" stickers needed to dump refuse at the Transfer Station. Stressing the need to distinguish between availability charges and usage charges, he emphasized that proof of payment is not a big issue since actions will be taken to collect the availability fee from all assessed individuals.

All Transfer Station availability were due and payable by June 7. Anyone not paying by that date will be assessed a \$5 penalty charge per month for

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the political entity involved in a license transfer to voice objections to the transfer. The council did not raise objections.

The other item on the agenda, the granting of a Conditional Use permit, was not considered at the meeting, apparently because it was overlooked. The current zoning ordinance does not include drinking establishments in its list of permitted uses of commercial property. Thus, a conditional zoning permit was needed to allow the Caddy Shack to serve alcoholic beverages. The matter is set for the June 20 meeting.

It might have been serendipitous that the matter was overlooked in light of the events at the Planning Commission meeting of June 14. A special Planning Commission meeting had been called for June 5 to consider the Conditional Zoning for the Caddy Shack. At that meeting it was voted to recommend approval of the Conditional Zoning permit to the Council which was to meet in the special session as described above. During the regular meeting of the Planning Commission, while the subject of the minutes of the special meeting were being discussed, Marcy Mielke said that she had been in touch with the firm that employs the village solicitor and she was told the special meeting was probably

not valid and consequently any actions taken at the meeting were of no effect. The reasons given for invalidating the meeting were the fact that Marcy had never been notified about the meeting and that the posting of the meeting was incorrect. Apparently the posting said the special meeting was to consider the liquor license transfer and did not mention the Conditional Zoning, which was the real reason for the special meeting.

(If lack of notification of all members of is a sufficient reason to disallow the actions taken at such meeting, then interesting questions might arise concerning the special meeting of Council held on April 23, 1991. Two Councilmen were not notified of that meeting, during which many personnel changes were made, as reported in the May 1 issue of the Perchie Press).

In an effort to eliminate the need for the numerous special meetings of Council, Mayor McCullagh has indicated that the schedule of regular meetings will be increased to twice monthly beginning in July.

Thus it appeared the Caddy Shack would not open until those requirements were met and a Conditional Use Zoning Certificate approved by Council at its June 20 meeting.

Patrons who sampled the pizza (sans beer) and other offerings on June 14 were quite complimentary.

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approved at the last Council meeting, subject to the approval of his qualifications by the Safety Committee. There was no discussion regarding his background or experience in this line of work.

This arrangement for hiring deputies was instituted as a method to avoid a situation similar to the events of the summer of 1990. Last year three officers were hired by then police chief Charlie Moore. Just before the July 4th weekend, all three were dismissed by action of Council, whereupon the three individuals, James Scheid, Steven Moore, and Mathew Kenne, sued the village over employment issues. The village arrived at an out of court settlement with the three to pay them each \$2,500 plus interest for release of their claims. The \$7,500 plus interest is due before September 17, 1991.

After several minutes of discussion, Council offered \$7, contingent upon Schnittker's recommendation, and Mayor Rob McCullagh swore Hobby into office. Currently Hobby works part-time for two small villages on the mainland.

## Museum to Initiate Projects

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History is in the process of setting of Stewardship Committees to help protect and oversee the natural areas under its ownership or control. The museum has several tracts on the island and will be setting up a committee for stewardship of these areas. These committees are composed of either people who live near the areas, or have a special interest in them.

The purpose of stewardship is to maintain or improve the natural communities existing in the area. There are many rare and/or endangered plant species in the reserves on the island. Some of these are species indigenous only to quarry environment. Another potential pursuit would be to enhance the environment for suitability to migrating Monarch butterflies. Other items suggested would be to give accessibility to archeological sites existing on Museum lands.

Island holdings of the Museum are identified on the centerfold map.

## Mussels on the rocks...

**A Chicken or Egg Argument?** Dont trip on the sidewalks because money was advanced from the Medical fund to pay for the sidewalk loan. Funds had to be advanced because of lack of payment by many assessed for the sidewalks.

**Don't Like to Talk to an Answering Machine?** Then don't call the police number until after June 25, because that is probably what you will get unless it is a weekend night.

**Remember the Edmund Fitzgerald?** Hearing all the political talk in June makes one think of the Gordon Lightfoot song and the line..."When the gales of November come early".

**On Guard?** Spotted on a T-shirt worn in an authorized Perchie Press New Agent's establishment- "I refuse to engage in a battle of wits with an unarmed person."

**On Guard?** The one perk proudly and loudly mentioned during the interview of the new police deputy was that the village supplies the ammunition. We hope a large amount hasn't been set aside for this. Maybe an advance from the Medical fund....?

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## Neufer to Run For Mayor

It's barely summer yet, but portents of Fall are being heard on the island. Talk of the November elections is an increasingly common topic of conversation.

Offices up for grabs in the November 5 election include the position of Mayor, two Council seats, and the combined office of Clerk/Treasurer. Presently the village clerk and the village treasurer are separate offices. Jean Kuyoth is clerk and Pat Seeholzer is treasurer, but the offices have been combined for the next election.

The two council seats up for election are currently held by Bob Gruly and Chuck Herndon. The Mayor's position is held by Rob McCullagh.

Ken Neufer, presently airport manager and operator of the Fly-Inn B&B, has announced his intentions to run for the position of mayor. He feels one of the biggest problems facing the island is the condition of the road system, and feels his experience in helping to obtain grants for airport alterations, including runway widening, will be an asset in obtaining similar funding for roads. He further feels that living on the island all year and owning a plane will be factors helping him attend to island business on a year round basis.

Deadline for filing of petitions for seeking positions for the November election is August 22.

## School Board Reaffirms Decision Not to Rehire Farmer

In a six and one-half hour meeting on June 7, the Kelleys Island School Board, reaffirmed its earlier decision not to renew the contract of 14 year island teacher Donna Farmer. The meeting was attended by Ms. Farmer and her representative from the Ohio Teacher Association.

The Board began advertising for a replacement for Ms. Farmer to teach K-6 grades. They also advertised for an individual to serve as principal for the school, in addition to teaching several high-school subjects. Deadline for submission of applications was June 7, and School Board members were to travel to Sandusky on June 21 to review the applications and check their references. Promising candidates will then be invited to the island for an interview. Pat Haig, School Board president, said she did not know the number of applications received since they were mailed to Sandusky.

The last official day of School for the island was June 3, but the year ended on June 5 when the annual pilgrimage to Cedar Point was made. In this yearly field trip, Lynn Holdren takes all of the students to Cedar Point as his guest. This year 17 students made up the contingent.

## Theme Chosen For IslandFest

The Chamber of Commerce has selected "Patriotism" as the theme for the IslandFest '91! celebration to be held this year Friday July 26, and Saturday July 27. Businesses and individuals alike are encouraged to participate in the parade with entries depicting an aspect of Patriotism.

Village businesses are also being asked to decorate for the month of July by displaying red, white and blue bunting as a part of the nationwide display of gratitude for the forces of the Gulf War. The Chamber has a supply of bunting for sale.


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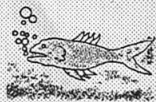


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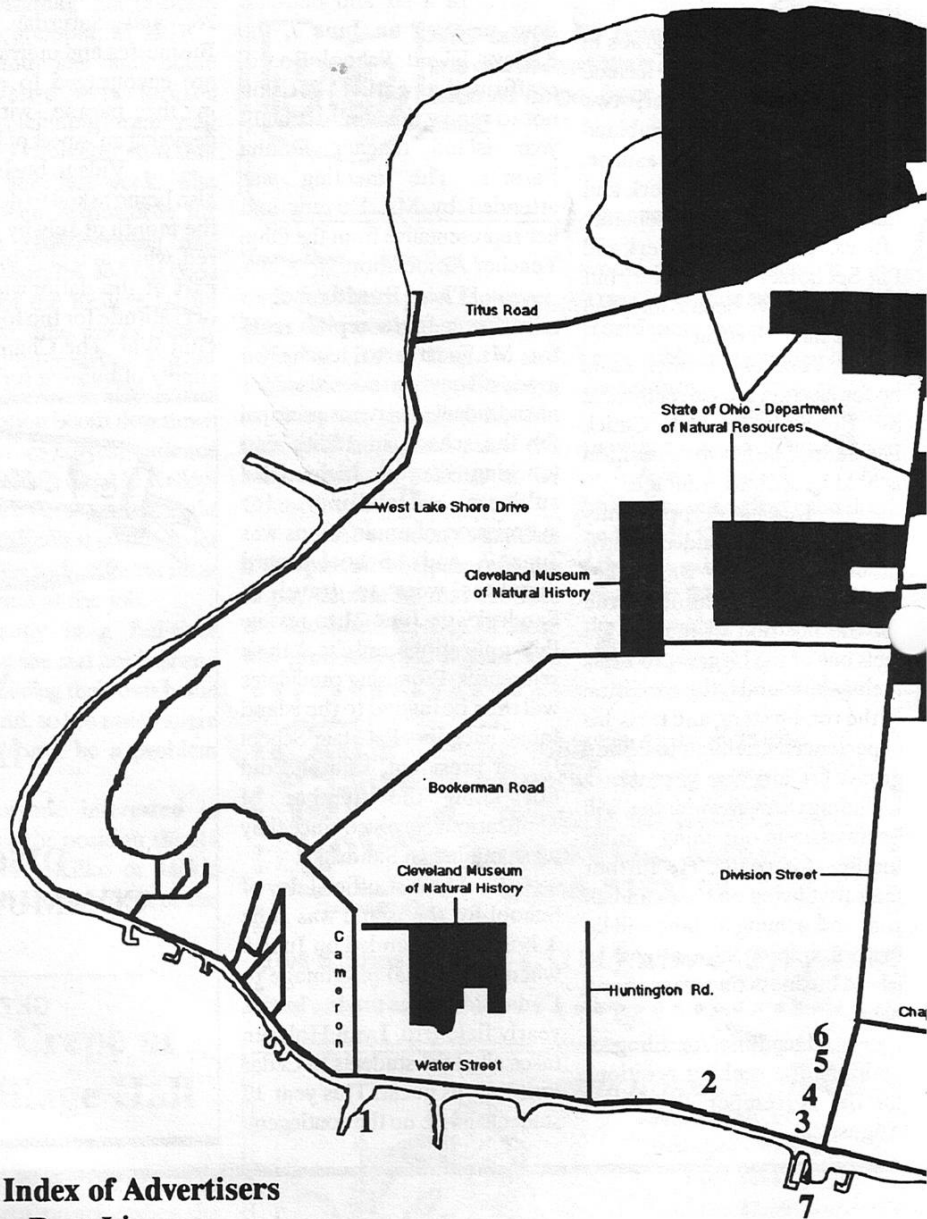
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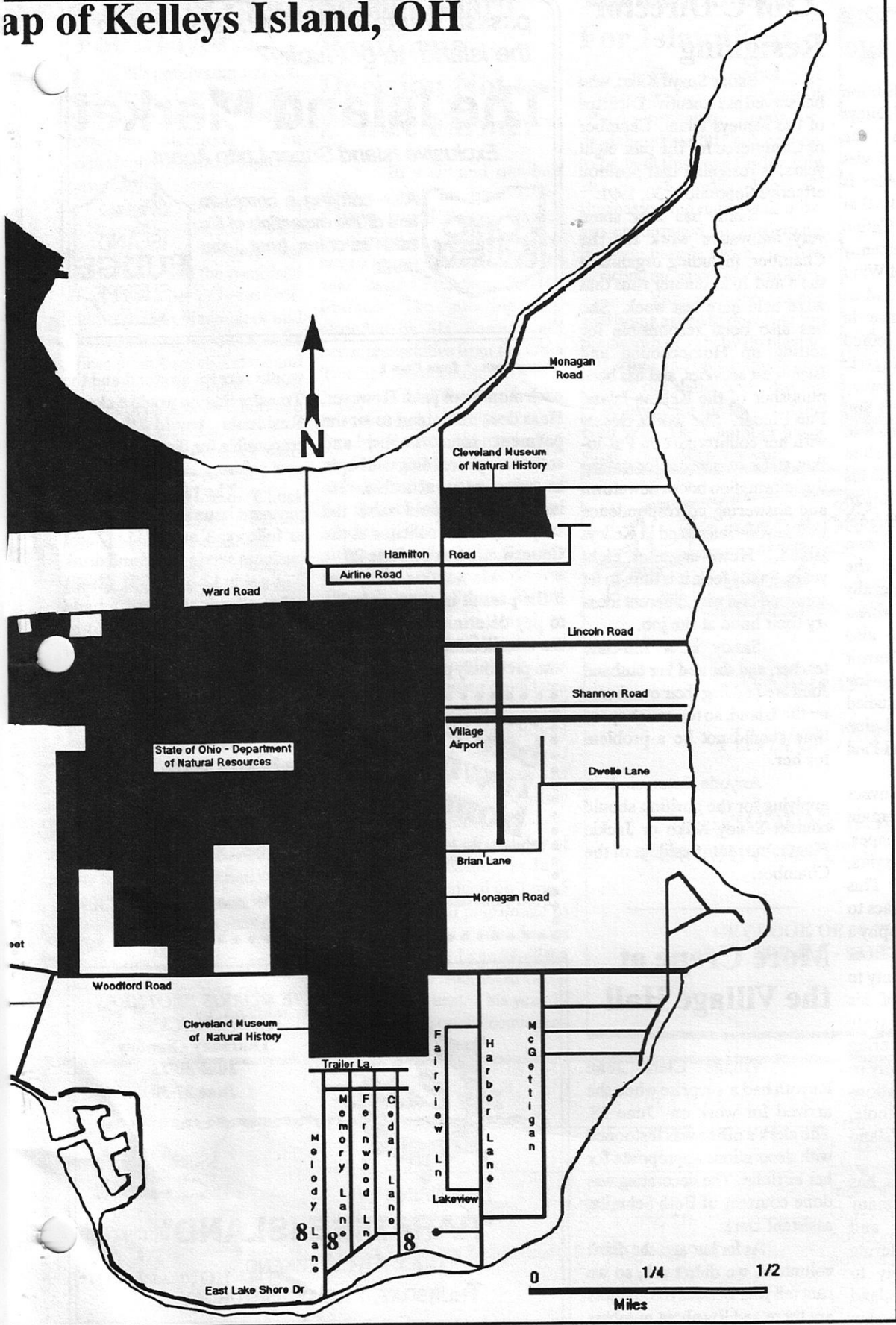
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# Map of Kelleys Island, OH





## Artist Offers Kelleys Montage

The Limited Edition Print of a montage of Kelleys Island featured in the advertisement on page 7 was done by Alex Kovacs. Alex is the Willy Nelson lookalike that ran the art gallery on the Casino Dock last season. He recently purchased a cottage off of Ward Rd, and spends time there when he isn't at his residence in Sheffield Lake, Oh. He is retired from Cleveland Electric Illuminating.

An early interest and ability in art earned him a set of oil paints for Christmas when he was 12, from which came his first painting. He went on to major in art at the Cass School of Technology, one of two competitive schools in the Detroit system, and generally regarded as Detroit's finest public high school. He also attended classes at the Detroit Institute of Art. After moving to the Cleveland area, he studied under Robert Sibbison, Laine Ten-Bush, Fred Leach and Paul Denis.

In his studio, Kovacs works in all mediums. His main interest is painting landscapes, seascapes and florals in acrylics, oils and watercolors. This interest has inspired Kovacs to capture with his photography a broad range of subjects, from close-ups of nature's beauty to abstracts. The results of his talents can immediately appreciated when entering Kovacs' home studio/gallery or in the three viewing locations for the montage (The Porthole, The Casino, and The Island House).

Because Kelleys has provided him with so many subjects for his art and photography, he is offering Islanders the opportunity to purchase his print of the island at a discount with the coupon in this issue.

## C of C Director Resigning

Sandy Spayd Kilko, who has served as Executive Director of the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce for the past eight years, is resigning that position effective September 30, 1991.

Sandy has done some very innovative work for the Chamber, including organizing the 5 and 10 kilometer runs that were held here last week. She has also been responsible for setting up Homecoming and IslandFest activities, and has been publisher of the Kelleys Island Fun Finder. She works closely with her counterpart on Put-in-Bay, and is responsible for staffing the information booth downtown and answering correspondence with anyone interested in Kelleys Island. However, after eight years, Sandy feels it is time to let someone else with different ideas try their hand at the job.

Sandy is a full-time teacher, and she and her husband John are building their own home on the Island, so too much spare time should not be a problem for her.

Anyone interested in applying for the position should contact Sandy Kilko or Jackie Finger, current president of the Chamber.

## More Crepe at the Village Hall

Village Clerk Jean Kuyoth had a surprise when she arrived for work on June 18. The clerk's office was festooned with decorations appropriate for her birthday. The decorating was done courtesy of Beth Schmitz, assistant clerk.

As for her age, she didn't volunteer, we didn't ask, so we cant tell you. Besides the auditors are there and lies about numbers shouldn't be told in front of them.

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each month not paid. However, Haas does not intend to let the payment issue linger, and collection proceeding will begin as soon as practicable. He indicated he would raise the subject with the solicitor at the Council meeting on June 20

He went on to say that if the pursuit of those refusing to pay determine that the fees are uncollectible, they all those who previously paid in good faith

would receive a refund and the Transfer Station would e closed. Residents would then be responsible for disposing of their own refuse.

The tally sheet on the payment issue as of June 18 was as follows: 3 out of 11 (27%) business serving food and drink had paid; 12 out of 31 (39%) other business had made payment; 371 of 480 (77%) of the individuals had sent in their remittance.



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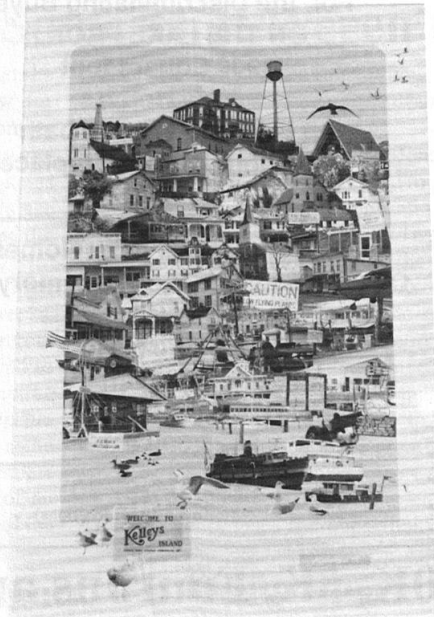
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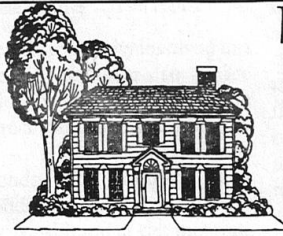
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**10K, 5K, Funruns are a  
Success**

The annual 10K, 5K and Funrun sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was a solid success this year. The number of participants reached 470 this year, up about 35 from the average of the past few years. With the increase in number of participants, the 5K run participants now outnumber the 10K runners. The 5K segment has only been offered for four years, but reflects a influx of recreational runners not intent on running marathon class events.

Island participants included Rich Mayher, Omar Zettler, Amy Holmes, Betsy Wagner, Marty Manzeo and Cindy Holmes.

Many other people along the route offered the runners water and a cooling spray.

**Ballteam's Perfect  
Record Broken**

The KI Mens Ball team took to the field for the first time this season on Wednesday June 12 by playing the Sonny S team on Middle Bass Island. Unfortunately, they lost the encounter 6-5.

Perhaps one of the reasons for the loss was a lack of identity. They are in need of shirts to identify themselves, and donations are being sought and can be given to The Pump, which sponsors the team.

**Kelleys Island Mens Softball Team  
1991 Season Schedule**

Wednesday, June 19	away	Island Outcasts - PIB	7:30
Monday, June 24	home	Island Graphic - PIB Round House - PIB	6:15 7:30
Wednesday, July 10	home	Heineman Winery - PIB Beer Barrel - PIB	6:15 7:30
Sunday, July 14	home	Kelleys Island Wine Co, (Sandusky)	7:00
Monday, July 15	away	Beer Barrel - PIB	7:30
Wednesday, July 17	home	Island Outcasts - PIB	7:00
Sunday, July 21	away	Heineman Winery - PIB	7:30
Monday, July 29	away	Round House - PIB	7:30
Wednesday, July 31	home	Sonny S - Middlebass	7:00
Sunday, August 4	away	Island Graphics - PIB	7:30

**1991 Roster**

Aric Barrett	Mike Bovak	Chris Cabot	Bill Cambell
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