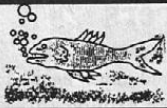


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The Cop



Beating by three days the promise made by Mayor McCullagh to have a new police chief by the Memorial Day weekend, the village council, meeting in special session on Tuesday May 21, approved the selection of Ron Schnittker as the chief of the village police department.

Schnittker, 28, is a life long resident of Sandusky but has also has life long ties to the island. His paternal grandmother Ruth Schnittker lives on the island on Division street, while his parents Bob and Carol (nee Schlesselman) were born on the island and still maintain a home on Water Street. Schnittker is married and has a 22

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The Kid



The Kelleys Island Graduating Class of 1991, all one of him, will have commencement exercises on Saturday, June 8, at 8:00 at the school. Joel Trainer, son of Joe and Sandy Trainer, is this year's only graduate. The last graduating class of one was Chris Van Auken who graduated in 1989 and is currently serving in the Navy, stationed in San Diego.

A party in celebration of the event will be held at the VFW, in the pavilion and the bingo room, and will start at 9:00 that same evening. All islander's are invited to stop by and congratulate Joel, his parents and teachers.

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The Clerk



Jean Kuyoth joined Kelleys Island as Village Clerk this month, and will hold office hours from 8:30 to 11:30, Tuesday through Saturday. She is also planning to have the office staffed on Mondays through the summer.

Jean is from Toledo, and most recently worked as an office manager for Hobby Center Toys. She also worked for a lumber company for 12 years, which was handy experience for building her new home, by the airport on Brian Lane. Jean and her husband, John, own the new brick home on the north-south runway.

Jean and John have an avid inter-

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A Memorable Memorial Day - 1991

A combination of factors on the island made for a rather lively Memorial Day weekend. The arrival of the new police chief, a new village clerk (see separate stories) and some rather rough weather coupled with traditional ceremonies by the VFW at the village cemetery provided some items for conversation.

The ceremony at the village cemetery was well attended despite the drizzle and threatening conditions. The Island Singers performed several songs as the flag was raised and then lowered to half staff in salute to all of the veterans of service to the country. Honor guards were from the VFW.

Thunderstorms visited the island on several occasions over the weekend,



Photo by Trish Nowosad

with a rather violent storm arriving just after noon on Saturday. This caused the entire island to lose power for approximately three hours. With no air conditioning, lights or exhaust fans the downtown businesses were hot and dark, and visitor and islanders alike were wet and hungry. Even several establishments with gas grills shut down food service for fear that the accumulated heat would cause the fuse links in the sprinkler systems to melt, thus providing an early and unwanted cleaning of the kitchens.

The storm also knocked down numerous tree limbs, the most notable of which was at the old Himmellein house

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month old son named Seth. His wife Terri currently works as a floral designer in the Sandusky Mall and will continue with that job for the near future, commuting to the mainland. They will be moving all their belongings to the island around June 13 and will live on the east side. Terri will probably work on the mainland Monday through Wednesday staying with her parents with Seth. She will then be on the island Wednesday night through Monday morning. She hopes to be able to work part time on the island this summer.

Thus if Ron was on patrol or responding to a call, the police number went unanswered if no one was in the police station. The problem will be eliminated shortly, but if police assistance is needed and no one answers, a call should be made to Russ Matso, chairman of the village safety committee at 746-2774.

Ron was a Erie County Deputy sheriff prior to accepting the island police chief position. June 22 would have marked his fourth anniversary with the sheriff's department. Even in that position he served on the island on weekends in the interim after Charles Moore re-

In the fall of 1986 he went to work with the Milan department part time, and in January of 1987 he also started work with the Sandusky Police reserves. He worked with both organizations until joining the County in June of 1987

He has two brothers, Paul, 34, and Dale, 32. It was Paul who got Ron interested in law enforcement when Paul was with the Erie Sheriff department. Paul is now an investigator working for Erie County prosecutor Kevin Baxter. Dale works for Clevite Elastomers in Milan.

Schnittker is already looking forward to the fall and winter months. Not that he is complaining about his job, he just knows he won't be able to enjoy the island as much during the hectic summer season as then. Also his wife and son will be on the island full time by then."

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est in flying. He is a licensed pilot, she is a student pilot, and they are in the process of restoring a 1951 Piper Tri-Pacer, including upgrading the engine. They used to sell ultralight airplanes, and have a 25 year old son, Chris, who shares that interest. Living on an airport is a lifelong dream for them.

Jean has long been interested in Kelleys Island, and often thought of this as the perfect retirement spot for her family. However, she and her husband found the perfect spot and decided not to wait to move here. John is a project superintendent for Midwest Steel of Detroit, and his job takes him all over the country all the time, so he does not have to live near his work. That, combined with their love of Kelleys, made this the right time to move.

Jean is very enthusiastic about her work with the Village, and is looking forward to getting to know more people around the Island.

EMT's Back on Job, Elect New Officers

The island once again has a working group of EMT volunteers. The village was able to arrange for necessary insurance coverage to satisfy the objections of the EMT's who resigned temporarily because of the issue.

The dispatching of the EMT's remains a problem in that the pagers they wear to learn of a medical emergency are tied into the same inoperative system used by the police department. (See article on new police chief).

In a meeting held June 3, 1991, the EMT's also elected new officers. The post of president was filled by Sally (Fresch) Dwight, with Cathy Coffman being elected first vice-president, Ken Neuffer chosen as second vice-president and the post of secretary-treasurer going to Nancy Stoup.

Village Audit Under Way

All of the books of all of the elements of the Village government are under full audit review by the office of the State Auditor, Thomas Ferguson. This includes the Village itself, the Mayor's Court, and the Board of Public Affairs.

The impetus for the audit was given by Jake Martin last winter when a resolution he proposed at a Council meeting was passed to have just such an audit. The reason for the request was the change in the incumbency of the clerks job.

There are two individuals performing the work which is estimated to require 900 man-hours. Gerald Weisenberg is the team leader and is assisted by auditor Thomas Daugherty.

A Tale of Two Villages

Commenting on his first weekend on the job, Schnittker said "Its been good crowds pretty much so far. There were a lot of people, people everywhere. But we were fortunate. The bars all had their own bouncers and they were checking ID's which helped out a lot. I didn't have to constantly stay downtown." He indicated one parking ticket was issued over the weekend.

Contrast this to the weekend on Put-in-Bay. In a front page story in the PIB Gazette, a letter of resignation by the new police chief of less than a month cites 63 arrests for the weekend, ranging from cocaine trafficking to assaulting officers. The former chief, Thomas Davis, wrote "At the present time business expects Government to solve the problems that the merchants create by sweeping them out onto the streets." The article goes on to say there were other unmentioned reasons for the resignation, but did not elaborate.

Ron assumed his duties immediately after the clearance by council but was unable to line up any additional policemen for the Memorial Weekend. Consequently he worked the weekend alone with the new village clerk Jean Kuyoth helping with the dispatching. Complicating the newness of the job on a very busy weekend was some unruly equipment. The squad car performed at less than peak efficiency and the automatic repeater and relay system that switches incoming calls to a radio phone if not answered after a certain number of rings was not hooked up.

tired, and was one of the last applicants to submit his name as the full time replacement.

Schnittker attended Ohio State for three years studying design and photography before developing an interest in pursuing law enforcement as a career. He received his Peace Officer certificate in 1984 and attended Terra Technical College in Fremont, earning an associate degree in law enforcement in 1986. Starting his law enforcement career in 1984, he worked part time with Erie County until 1986. During the summer of 1985 he served as an officer on the island police force.

Dumpty, Dump-Dump

This country has a long history of civil disobedience, from the Boston Tea Party to the Whiskey Rebellion to the Vietnam protests. A new chapter in that history is unfolding on the island. It could be called the Refuse Revolt, the Dumpster Dilemma, or the Trash Treason depending on which side you are on or are sitting in middle. It promises to be a continuing drama on the island for months to come.

After the spirited May Council meeting, words gave way to resolve as many of the island businesses contracted with a Sandusky rubbish company to provide and service dumpsters for their businesses. The dumpsters were delivered on May 23 by Canfield-Hartley Company.

Gary Finger, prime mover behind getting the dumpsters to the island, speaks enthusiastically of the service. He told about the pleasure of disposing of rubbish in the dumpster instead of have to haul it be weighed and then to the transfer station on a daily basis. Canfield-Hartley will come to the island every week with a truck and empty the dumpsters, ostensibly as less cost than under the current structure. He also indicated that the Health department from Erie County had been to the island to inspect the set up and approved.

On the other side of the issue are the Mayor and some members of the village council. While stating that there is no real objection on his part to individual dumpsters, Mayor McCullagh says that the village will still take whatever action is necessary to assure collection of the Transfer Station availability fee from the businesses involved. "It's an



Recycling - Big City Style



Recycling Kelleys Island Style

The road to beer truck recycling has been filled with a few holes, in a manner of speaking. The truck, donated by Thornburg Sales of Sandusky, is to be used for recycling certain material at no disposal cost to people who sort and deposit the items in the proper bins set aside for that particular type of material.

The only problem is that, as can be seen in the photo, no restraints are in place to keep the deposited material from falling out of the truck. So until a means is found to seal off the individual compartments, only aluminum cans (fittingly) are being accepted for deposit in the truck. Don Haas says the retrofitting of the truck is in the design stage and he hopes to have the truck in service for all acceptable recyclable material soon.

In other developments at the transfer station, businesses bringing refuse to the compactor are being charged by the truckload, just like last year. This is necessitated by the unavailability of the quarry scales to weigh the contents for payment of a six cents a pound disposal charge.

Individuals, though, now have their own scale to contend with. A small scale is now at the transfer station and any bag in excess of the planned 10 pounds per sticker rate will be billed at the six cents a pound rate.

ordinance, and it will be enforced," he said. Currently availability fees for businesses that serve food and drink are \$375 and for other businesses that are considered commercial \$250. Individual resident fees are \$85.

Don Haas, Chairman

of the Landfill Committee, also said the current plan is to pursue all unpaid transfer station fees as any other account receivable, which would include court action if necessary. He indicated that some of the businesses with dumpsters have paid there assessed transfer station fees.

Out of the approximately 500 bills sent out, 184 have been paid, according to Village Clerk Jean Kuyoth. There are 12 food and drink establishments, of which 2 have paid while fees have been collected from 7 of 31 other business. Individuals account for the remaining 175 paid bills (This was as of 11:00 on June 4). The deadline for payment without penalty is June 7. After that date, a penalty of \$5.00 per month will be added.

Melody Lasnoski, spokesperson for Canfield-Hartley and granddaughter of the founder of the Canfield company, said 11 businesses have been enrolled so far and others are awaiting delivery of their dumpsters. She stressed that the company did not initiate the contact with the island, and certainly did not want to get put in the middle of a dispute. But, it was a nice addition to their current coverage area which is in the city of Sandusky and Perkins Township. She is please that an arrangement could be made that could bring benefit to the island. She also indicated that some problems still have to be worked out, but that things have gone well so far. The truck comes to the island on Tuesdays via Neumanns and empties the dumpsters.

One of the problems still to be worked out is service for the winter months when the ferry isn't running. Of course that could be reduced to a matter of economics for subscribers if year-round ferry service is provided by the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Company. The matter of economics concerns the number of winter subscribers to share the transportation costs to and from the island. For the present, the service will be offered from May through October, and since many of the businesses involved shut for the winter, the issue is not important to many of them.

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Marina wins Zoning Appeal

The Seaway Marina successfully appealed the denial of a permit to allow the construction and erection of a Union 76 gasoline sign at the entrance jetties to the Marina.

The sign, with an overall height of 22 feet, would have a large Union 76 globe sitting on top of a 16 foot pole. When the original request was made permission was denied because the zoning code forbids internally lighted signs, such as this one would be. Signs can only be lit with flood lights according to the regulations currently in effect.

Since the sign did not meet zoning requirements, a special meeting of the appeal board was called at the initiation of the Marina to consider the matter. There were nine property owners within 500 feet of the proposed sign who were notified of the appeal. Four responses were received, two opposed and two in favor. Those in favor agreed with the contention of the marina that the sign would be a nighttime navigational aid.

June Campbell, whose son works at the marina, and Carolyn DeBoard, an adjacent property owner, abstained from voting because of potential conflict of interest.

Water System Expansion

Dave Phinney, president of the Board of Public Affairs, reports excellent progress on several projects involving the water treatment facilities and the distribution system.

First the refurbishing of the water tank tower on Chappel Street was finished just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. Holiday weekends are periods of heavy water demand on the island, and it would have been a problem satisfying the demand without the tower.

The contractor for the water treatment plant expansion, Albert Construction of Huron, OH is on the island and work is progressing smoothly. The excavating has been completed and they are ready to form up for the clear well, which is a fresh water storage facility, according to Phinney.

The contract for the distribution system expansion has been awarded to Underground Utilities of Norwalk. They are expected to be on the island in a matter of days to begin work on the various elements of the water distribution system. One phase is the relocation of the well water intake pipe to a deeper location in the lake. The water main from the water plant to the school will be replaced. The loop on the west side will be completed from Division along Titus to Lakeshore, while the east side loop will be extended from approximately the Haas property on Woodford to Harbor Lane and then south along Harbor to connect with the existing main near McGettigan Lane.

The assessed portion of the project should be able to move forward shortly, according to Phinney. This will extend distribution service along McGettigan and into the Sweetbriar and Martin subdivisions, among others.

Scanning Other Publications

Articles in several publications were brought to our attention recently. The first article featured the Island Girls Drill team and was run in the Spring edition of "Kick Line", a tabloid devoted to dancing organizations. It included a nice picture of the eight girls who presently comprise the drill team. It recited the history of how the organization was started by Sandy Trainer in April of 1990 to give island girls a winter activity. It also described some of the unique things about the Island Girls, such as the fact that over half the KI school are members, as well as the unique problems associated with living on an island.

The article also told of the second place finish they earned in their first ever competition in the Miss Dance/Drill Team competition in Ashland, Ohio. The article was authored by Kick Line Associate Editor Katie Hunyor, and anyone wishing to see a copy can get a hold of the Perchie Press.

The second article of interest to the island was carried in the May issue of Great Lakes Sailor. Titled "Life Out of The Fast Lane", it was written by Diana Stingley, a free lance writer out of Barberton, OH and Catherine Hoehn, an associated editor of the magazine. The subtitle sets the tone of the rest of the article: "Tranquil Charm Sets Kelleys Apart from Other Lake Erie Hot Spots."

The article, four pages in length and containing photos of the glacial grooves, the Neuman's ferry, the downtown docks with the Goodtime I in port, also contains a small map of the area and a selected contact list. It reviews the merits of the various island marinas, with the special interests of sail boaters in mind. It is, overall, a flattering article and makes interesting reading.

Historical Society to Host Speaker

Professor James Mullen from Ohio State University will be on the Island on Saturday, June 15, for a special presentation at the Old Stone Church. Prof. Mullen is a nationally-known folklorist, and the title of his talk is "Lake Erie Fishermen," a discussion of what life was like for commercial fishermen on Lake Erie.

Historical Society President June Campbell estimates that there are 15 or 20 people living on the Island who have worked as commercial fishermen, and they are being honored at a reception immediately following the talk. Campbell hopes that this will be an opportunity for others to hear about Kelleys Islanders experiences on the Great Lakes.

Professor Mullen's talk will be at 2:00, followed by the reception at 3:00. The regular business meeting of the Historical Society will begin at 1:30. All events are in the Old Stone Church, and everyone is invited to attend.

Airport Expansion

The engineering work for the village airport runway widening project has been completed and the work is ready to be sent out to bid. This project will allow the east-west runway to be widened to 50 feet from 25 feet. The financing of the widening will be provided by a grant from the state and a matching 10% village contribution. An airport levy was passed in a special election on May 7 to cover airport improvements.

A Council vote is required to allow advertising of the requests for bids. This will be on the agenda for the Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13.

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*Dumpster being delivered to the Casino*

When queried about the availability of residential service, Mrs. Lasnoski indicated that there were no current subscribers, but they would be capable of providing the service. Again saying details remain to be determined, she said that the subscriber would have to buy special bags from Canfield-Hartley, the tentative price of which would be 10 for \$18, and then leave them out on Tuesdays for collection. Their truck would then visit residences of subscribers and pick up the bags. Of course winter service for this type of subscriber would face the same obstacles as businesses.

If anyone wants further information, Melody can be reached at 625-7753 in Sandusky during normal business hours.

Women's Retreat a Success

Kelleys Island Bed and Breakfast operators, working with a Cleveland group called Sacred Space, hosted a weekend-long retreat for women on the Island last weekend. Bev Johnson of Sweet Valley says that 24 women participated in the retreat (including our own Dagmar Celeste), which began with a dinner and continued through a weekend of seminars and workshops.

Lori Hayes of The Inn spoke very enthusiastically about the quality of workshops she had attended. There were workshops on such diverse topics as art therapy, nutrition, and therapeutic massage. In addition, The Inn had a library of reading materials for the participants. Activities took place at various locations around the Island.

The second such weekend retreat will be held the first weekend in October. Anyone interested can contact Bev Johnson or Lori Hayes for details.

Plant Sale

The first annual Historical Society plant sale, held in the downtown park, went very well. June Campbell reports that, although not a lot of money was raised, the Historical Society learned a lot about selecting plants, and promises to have more impatiens next year. There are plans to make this an annual event.

Fireworks Donations Sought

Once again, the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce is planning a spectacular fireworks display for IslandFest weekend. All who have seen the fireworks over the Lake in past years knows what an impressive -- and expensive -- undertaking this annual event is.

Jackie Finger says the group is hoping to raise \$6,000 to pay for this year's show, and past contributors will be solicited by letter for another donation. If you have not participated in this in the past and would like to be a part of this Island celebration, please contact Jackie directly to donate.

The Caddy Shack is ever so close

The usual delays associated with opening a brand new eating and drinking establishment have descended on the Caddy Shack, Dan Ahner's new venture on Division Street.

The place is ready to open, according to Ahner, although there would still be some minor things to finish, but it lacks permits for its sewage system which in turn holds up issuance of the liquor license. The sewage plant was to be delivered on the 4th, but with installation and inspection delays it is doubtful he can open the weekend of the 8th.

Dan is hopeful the new 160 seat facility serving pizza and cocktails, and featuring an outdoor patio will be able to open the weekend of the 14th of June.

Tour of Homes Cancelled

The regular tour of historic and beautiful homes on Kelleys Island, originally scheduled for 4th of July weekend, has been cancelled this year. Holding it on a holiday weekend proved to be more of a conflict than anticipated; many homeowners either planned to be out of town or would have a house full of guests. The Tours will probably be held again next year.

Photo Art of Island to be Offered

Alex Kovacs, the artist who ran the Lions' Den Gallery on the Casino dock last year has prepared a rather impressive montage of island photographs.

He has skilfully blended scores of photographs of island landmarks into a poster size original from which poster size prints will be made. He hopes to have the prints available before the July 4 holiday weekend. Watch for an ad with a discount coupon

Chamber of Commerce Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce will be held in the New Town Hall on Monday, June 10, at 7:00. Executive Director Sandy Kilko invites all current and prospective members to attend.

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We are repeating here, with minor editing and without permission, a section of the Kelleys Island School Newsletter published in May, 1991. We felt we couldn't do it any better. (Josh is a 10th grader in the school).

An Interview With Our Senior

By Josh Van Orman

Congratulations to our Senior, Joel Trainer, who is graduating this year. I had a chance to ask Joel some questions about his goals, and his feelings on several subjects. The following is a transcript of our discussion.

- Me: How Long have you lived up here?
 Joel: I've lived up here for two years.
 Me: Where are you originally from?
 Joel: Springboro, Ohio. It's close to Dayton
 Me: What do you feel are the main advantages of living up here?
 Joel: I have more time for homework, and more concentration. I also like being close to nature, and the wildlife, which was hard to find in Springboro.
 Me: What do you like best about Kelleys Island?
 Joel: I like the seclusion, the calm quiet winters, and I hope it doesn't get to commercialized up here.
 Me: What do you like to do in the winter?
 Joel: Play volleyball and go snowmobiling.
 Me: What is your favorite sport?
 Joel: I like playing football, baseball, and volleyball. I also like to watch hockey.
 Me: How complete do you feel your education was?
 Joel: I could have, and should have, tried harder.
 Me: Are you looking forward to being out of school?
 Joel: Yes and no, because I have to go into the "real world" and I won't be able to slack off or stop everything and rest.
 Me: What are you doing this coming summer?
 Joel: I'm going to make money for college, and start in the winter.
 Me: Speaking of college, what are your plans for the future?
 Joel: I want to take police science at Terra Tech, and I would like to go into law enforcement, like DEA, or be a policeman.
 Me: Do you have any advice for kids coming into High School?
 Joel: Try hard in school; it will pay off in the future.
 Thanks to Mrs. Seeholzer for giving us the time and thanks to Joel for answering my questions."

Annual 10K, 5K Runs This Weekend

The annual running event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Sunday June 9. The popular event draws many participants to the island for the day and has increased in popularity over the years, according to Sandy Kilko, Executive Director of the Chamber. Last year there were approximately 500 runners total, but advanced registrations this year are strongly ahead of last year by 175-135, so the number could be higher

The start of the race will be at 10:45 from the area by the Seaway Marina. The route will take all of the runners toward downtown where they will circle the block up Division and down Chappel to Addison and then back downtown. At this point the 5 K runners will continue straight along Water Street while the 10K group will turn down Division Street. The 5 K'ers will run along the shoreline until they reach a spot close to the West End Club cottage where they will turn around and head for the finish line downtown.

The 10 K'ers will circle the west side of the island by running down Division Street to Titus Road, along Titus Road to Lakeshore and then on to the finish line. There will also

be a one mile "FunRun" for the less energetic.

Islanders who aren't participating in the race but live along the route can still be a part of the event by offering a little rain shower effect with their hoses to cool off requesting runners. If a runner indicates the need for some cooling, aim the hose upwards so the water falls down on the runner. Do not aim at the feet and get the shoes wet.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for traffic control, there will be a meeting at the downtown park at 9:30 the morning of the race where the Firelands Racing Club will provide instructions.

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owned by the Coulon family of Mt. Clemens. A huge limb from a tree broke off, damaging the front porch and a van parked in the driveway. Marcy Coulon Mielke, owner of the van, later told the Perchie that Sowers Tree Service had been at the residence earlier in the day to give an estimate on taking the tree down.



Memorial Weekend Storm Damage



Hands Across the Water Field Trip

The first-ever international field trip for Erie Island students was a resounding success. Mrs Amy Seaberg from Put-in-Bay is credited with the idea of having all the Erie Island children get together to learn more about each other and promote friendship between the islands. Mrs Seaberg and Kelleys Island's Mrs Gwen Addy worked closely on the logistics involved in setting up a field trip of this nature--it isn't often that school trips involve several

boats, trams, and airplanes for the Customs agent

The day began when Jake Martin brought the kids and teachers from Kelleys to Put-in-Bay, where they could observe the Pelee Islanders being cleared through Customs after their trip on the Sonny S. Griffing Flying Service donated the rides for the Customs representative, who provided the children with shopping bags, pens, and pencils from the U.S. Customs Service. Interestingly, the bags were printed with a statement that

they were purchased with money seized from illegal drug raids at Customs, and that gave the students an opportunity to ask questions about that. The Jet Express then brought everyone back to Kelleys for a day of fun and exploring.

There was a panel discussion of island living involving student representatives from all the islands, with a question-and-answer session from students in the audience. A number of questions involved Canadian holidays and how Canadian life is different for those children. One major change is that high schoolers from Pelee have to board with families on the mainland; Pelee does not have a high school or a regular "school plane" like we have on Kelleys. Students from North Bass and Pelee were quite impressed with the commercial development both here and on Put-in-Bay, but were unanimous in their wish for more fast food outlets.

Mayor Rob McCullagh and his counterparts on Put-in-Bay and Pelee all issued proclamations that this was an International Peace Day on the Erie Islands.

Highlights of the day included a tour of the glacial grooves, a look at Inscription Rock, and a tour of the Island. The Island Girls, under the direction of Sandy Trainer, provided lunchtime entertainment for the group, and did a beautiful job on the lawn at the school.

The whole group posed for pictures in the downtown park after exchanging flags, and said their affectionate

goodbyes at the Casino dock before the Jet Express whisked them all back home.

Mrs Addy hopes that this will become a semi-annual event. She says a number of the children met pen-pals, and expects the friendships to continue.

Hancock Wood Open House This month.

Hancock-Wood, the electrical cooperative that supplies power to the island will hold an open house on Saturday June 22, 1991. The open-house will be held at the coop's facilities on the island, located in the rear of the post office building.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors will also be held that day on the island. Island resident and village councilman Don Haas is president of the board of directors.

The open house has become a popular spring event on the island. Barbecued hot dogs (cooked on an electric grill naturally) soft drinks, and chips will be provided. A complimentary gift of a canvas shopping bag will also be given away.

Representative from the coop will be available to discuss anything from their new waterheater program to heating and cooling needs. Electric barbecues and air conditioners will also be available for purchase with same day delivery.

The hours of the open house will be from 2:30-4:00.



Landowners/Poggemeyer Meeting

The Kelleys Island Landowners Association held their first business meeting of the year on June 18, which included a brief presentation of the Poggemeyer Land Use Plan and their annual "Meet Your Neighbor" potluck.

Landowners President John Carrig and Vice President Jennie Koba discussed Homecoming weekend, August 17-18. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jennie Koba to sign up. KILA will once again be selling T-shirts as a fundraiser; volunteers will get one for working, and the balance will be sold at the KILA booth. The parade theme has yet to be determined.

Village Councilman Chuck Herndon, who is chairman of the Planning Commission, introduced the Poggemeyer Group. The Village's association with Poggemeyer came about in response to a \$45,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to develop a land use plan. The village

contacted about 40 planning consultants, narrowed their list of finalists to five, and awarded the study to Poggemeyer.

According to Poggemeyer representative Charlene Kerr, the company took the Kelleys Island Landowners Association members' concerns and tried to put them into a plan which would be "legal"--that is, something that would stand up in court if challenged. Their final product will be a Master Plan, due out in a couple of months, and a reference binder of supporting materials.

The other Poggemeyer representative, Mary Bielen, worked from maps to show the group some specific impacts of the proposed plan. There are a number of growth issues to contend with (ferry expansion, the boat launch ramp at the state park, and the opening of the quarry), and the main thrust of the presentation

was addressing how Kelleys Island could effectively limit growth without opening itself up to legal challenges from developers.

Poggemeyer identified a number of ways to limit growth, based largely on environmental concerns and the capacity of the infrastructure to support growth. They discussed sensitive areas such as flood plains and erosion zones, the protection of historically important sites, and the preservation of 50 or 60 endangered species of plants and wildlife found here on the island. They also suggested a shoreline zoning ordinance to limit development around the perimeter of the island. Their stated goal is to develop a document to help preserve the charm and character of the island, and their position is that unregulated growth will not do that.

Their were questions from the audience concerning approval and implementation of the Master Plan. The approval process involves a public meeting with the Planning Commission, which will have an opportunity to amend the plan and recommend its approval to Council. There will be an open meeting at which citizens

"Severe limitations for residential development exist throughout the island because of wetness and shallow rock problems. According to a detailed report entitled Land Capabilities, published by the Erie Regional Planning Commission, Kelleys Island is underlain by limestone bedrock at depths of a few inches to several feet. This same study indicates that the area between Bookerman Road, Ward Road, Titus Rad and North Bay, and the area in the southeast corner-south of Woodford Road and east of Mongan Road, have wetness problems. Naturally wet areas are notorious for wet basements, muddy lots and backed up septic tanks"

from a draft of the Residential Land Use

can express their concerns, and Council will vote publicly on whether or not to approve the document. Mayor Rob McCullagh noted that this will make it easier for Council to make judgements, by giving it a set of comprehensive guidelines that it never had before.

There was some confusion on the issue of zoning. Poggemeyer's Charlene said, "The land use plan is not a zoning map. Nobody's zoning will change." However, McCullagh noted that zoning changes will be for the benefit of the island.

Stay tuned--this is certain to be a big issue on Kelleys Island this summer. By the end of June, maps and supporting documents will be available at City Hall for public examination. The Perchie Press will report in depth on those documents and the impact of the Master Plan.



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