

## FIREMAN'S BALL SPECIAL ISSUE



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## SALUTING THE VOLUNTEERS!

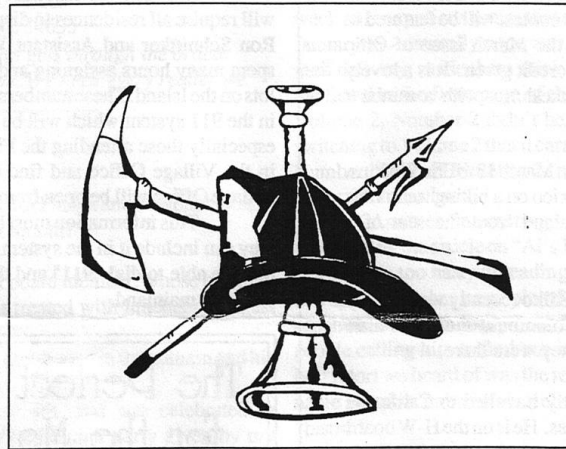
The Fireman's Ball on Saturday night serves at least two functions. It is a bit of merriment in the midst of winter. But it also is a means of raising funds for a group of essentially silent, hardworking volunteers in the community. Of the triad of emergency services, the Fire Department is the least heard from. Yet they continue their year round regimen of training and work, sometimes without notice.

There are State requirements for maintaining certification that must be met. There are unusual training exercises, such as the recent cold water rescue drill members of the department participated in. Or the practicing of evacuation

from smoke filled rooms also done recently.

Last year a millage was passed for the use of Fire

Department. Proceeds from that levy will be initially be used to replace older, deteriorating items such as hoses.



Recently the Firefighters Auxiliary was reactivated and currently consists mostly of spouses of firemen and firewomen. They are looking for other members, and plan various events for the year, which may even include publishing a cookbook.

Remember that these individuals are for the community's welfare, though most of the work and risk is borne by individual volunteers. Equipping an individual firefighter for protection and efficacy can cost thousands of dollars, and a lot of that money comes from fund raisers such as the Fireman's Ball. So be generous with the donations and raffle tickets.

## Here We Go Again...

### Voter Challenges in the Offing

It looks like once again the big battle of elections will not occur at the polls, but rather in the offices of the Board of Elections. Charlie Moore has begun the process of challenging the rights of up to 100 individuals to be registered voters on the Island. The roster of eligible voters stood at 370 names as of the November 1992 election.

There is also speculation other parties will be mounting challenges so the total number of names in question could approach the 1 in 3 level. The disparity between the official census count (172) and number of active voters is often cited as an indication of a suspicious level of voter registrations.

Other reasons given for the challenges is the uneven review of registrants by the Election Board, and disdain for "part time" residents deciding issues for the "full time" residents.

The Perchie Press did a series of articles on this subject prior to the election, and will continue to cover the story in future issues.

### Transfer Station Trauma





This year the battle of the Transfer Station could well be over before the majority of property owners return to the island in the spring.

The organizational meeting of the Council scheduled for February 13 is expected to result in Buddy Yoscovits and Ed Curilla being appointed to the Transfer Station committee of Council. They have been analyzing methods of altering the operation of the Transfer Station to make it more economical, and perhaps, more palatable to residents.

But before they could even be appointed, the bills for this year's Transfer Station fees were mailed out. The ordinance approved last spring setting the new rates for the Transfer Station also required in subsequent years the bills be mailed out before the end of January.

The fees for the Transfer Station were assessed at the same rates as last year. The fee for an individual is \$85.

Last year's assessment resulted in general compliance by individuals, while the payment rate from businesses was low. The

 Full February 18 3:14	 Last February 25 2:56 AM	 New March 4 8:22 AM	 First March 11 9:36 PM
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Phases and Seasons

Virginia Neuman and her daughter Ann travelled to Massachusetts in January to visit Virginia's daughter and son-in-law, Dante and Carolyn Zettler.

Pat and Lori Hayes are in Florida for the month of February, soaking up some sun and visiting Lori's grandfather. One of Lori's photos from last year's KICC photography contest will be featured in the Kelleys Island ad in the March issue of Ohio Magazine—with a photo credit given. It is a lovely picture looking down Lakeshore, with a rainbow over the lake.

Happy birthday on March 13 to Elic Watkins. Elic has been in Baja, Mexico on a biking tour. Last year he toured New Zealand from the seat of a bicycle.

Sandy and John Kilko recently visited Paul and Vicki Finnegan in Columbus, and did a little antique shopping while they were there.

Don Haas recently travelled to California on Hancock-Wood business. He is on the H-W board of directors. He also took some courses lately in his new position as Mayor; he was in Columbus for required courses on administering Mayor's Court. On a related note, Jean Kuyoth also attended some seminars for new Village Clerks.

Golden was the day for Marie and AlRumel on January 31. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family. The next day was Al's birthday.

Village instituted a case against one Island business to test the enforceability of the ordinance. If the case is decided in the favor of the Village, collection proceedings will be taken against all remaining delinquent accounts. It is unclear what will happen if the ordinance is not upheld in court.

The next issue of the Perchie Press will dig a little deeper into the finances of the Transfer Station over the last year by looking at what expenditures were made and the amounts still owed to the Village.

## Time To Pick Up Street Addresses

Implementation of the County wide 911 service in May will require all residences to display street addresses. Police Chief Ron Schnittker and Assistant Village Clerk Beth Schmitz have spent many hours assigning and compiling street numbers for all lots on the Island. These numbers will also be needed for enrollment in the 911 system which will be occurring shortly. All residents, especially those attending the Fireman Ball, are requested to stop in the Village Office and find out their assigned numbers. The Village Office will be open from 8:00 AM until noon on Saturday.

This information must be forwarded to the County so that they can include it in the system. Island residents and visitors will then be able to dial "911" and the trouble call will be dispatched from the mainland.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Greetings from Sunny-bah! 60 degree! - Florida.  
 We really enjoy the "Home Town Paper." Especially the down home reporting - the only thing we miss are all the nice people on Kelleys. Things are nice here with plenty of golf-pool-shuffleboard and walking. Haven't been in our pool on the Gulf in years.

Franklin had to go into the hospital in Clearwater for a bit of heart and artery work . Some of the doctors here refer to it as "Roto-Rooter." Keep up the good reporting.

If anyone is down this way - stop and say hello.

Theo and Franklin Clark  
 Indian Pass Apartments  
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*We certainly hope Franklin gets through the ordeal with all his plumbing in good shape. We need every reader we can get!*

Dear Editor,

How are statistics obtained for Phases and Seasons column, acknowledging birthdays for each month?

We were not listed:

Katherine Ullrich, school board member, whose birthday was January 17th. Laverne Ehrbar treated with luncheon at West Bay Inn.

Donald Williams was not mentioned in the column and his birthday is today, January 29th.

My birthday was January 4th, and was celebrated in Kansas City, Missouri, with a catered dinner party given by my niece and nephew. I took a three week vacation to spend the holidays with some of my family.

Hope we make the grade next year.

Sincerely,  
 Edna Carroll

*Material for "Phases" is gathered by the "chancey hear-say" method. If they say it and we hear it, there is a chance we will remember it and print it. We certainly solicit material for the column and should formalize the process by requesting submission of material in writing. That way we won't have to remember the particulars only where we put the form.*

**PERCHIE PUZZLERS?**

Several readers and diligent puzzlers pointed out several errors in the Perchie Puzzler for Issue 2 (which was really Issue 1). "DAY" was omitted from Valentine's Day in the puzzle, "FURRY" in the list of words should have been FLURRY, "TIPUP" was "TIPYP" and "FLOWERS" was "FLIWEERS."

Several people also wrote recently to say they had not received the January issue. The publication date was delayed a week on the spurious rumor that a Council Meeting would be held January 18.- naturally none was. That, plus the inherent delay of mail delivery, made them think they had missed an issue. And the fact that the front page of the January issue indicated it was Volume 2, Number 2 didn't help either. We were so intent on switching to Volume 2 that it carried over to the number. That was Number 1, this is Number 2, and if Rhonduh doesn't get any better, Number Last.

Another interesting, but unintentional, result was produced by the article on "Al's Bistro." Apparently some people were a little too hasty in reading the article and missed the point it was an fictitious example of an ad for the new promotional brochure from Sandusky Boat Lines. Chief Schnittker reported people calling him to find out where "Pleasant View" was. The best retort we heard of was the remark that it had to be a fictitious name because nobody on Kelleys is classy enough to go to a "bistro."

Equally surprising was the reaction from many business operators they had not heard of the promotion. If anybody wants further information they should contact Nancy Allen on 419-825-1645.

We are changing our suggested name of the old Porthole from "Perchie Pub" to the "Bellicose Bordello and Bistro." How's that for class?

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