

We are the Champions!



Kelleys Island Green Devils Softball Team 2024

The Kelley Island Softball Team wrapped up the 2024 season by winning the Lake Erie Inter-Island Softball Leagues Championship by taking the best of three series against Put in Bays Boardwalk team. This marks the 7th title by the Green Devils. Special thanks to Ted Klonaris and Bob Simonson for their continued

support. Also, to Megan Haig for keeping score, Tina Callari for keeping our facebook page active, Brian Foox as our mascot and Kelleys Island EMS for the concessions. Lastly, thank you to all the fans who continue to come out year after year in support.

KILA Korner

50th Anniversary of Homecoming

Drew Algase

The 50th Anniversary of Homecoming was a smashing success. Now KILA is planning for the last three events for the season.

First, the annual members meeting will be on Saturday September 17th at 10:00 am at the Estes School. The agenda includes a summary of the year's activities, some future plans, and election of board members. All active KILA members are eligible to vote and run for a board seat. The monthly board of directors meeting will follow immediately.

The annual Candidates Forum will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 1:00 pm at the Estes School gym. Candidates running for local office, ballot issues, and a "town hall" discussion about Kelleys Island are on the agenda. Candidates and village officials are invited to share their information. All KI residents are welcome to attend.

Finally, the annual Family Halloween Hay ride and party will be on Saturday October 19th at the 4H camp. See the advertisement on page 3. Circle the date and more details will follow on the KILA Facebook page and website (www.kila.rocks).



Grand Marshal Chris Ashley driven by John & Jean Kuyoth

50th Anniversary of Homecoming

Homecoming all started with almost perfect weather; no rain, no big winds (like last year), low humidity, and moderate temperature. Who could ask for more?

Homecoming was kicked off by Friday's main event; the 4th annual Fish Fry, led by Jennifer Pieratt! It was a beautiful afternoon under the Pavilion. The tables were set by Vicki Finnegan and the tents were raised with the help of several strong volunteers. Frank

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From the Mayor's Desk

Well, fall is here, and what a busy year. We have accomplished much over the year and more is still to come. With the passing of the new Transient Rental and Building Inspection legislation, I believe we will deter the process of Kelleys Island becoming a more commercial as opposed to a quiet residential island. We must keep moving forward to keep our island the way we all remember it. The next item on the agenda is to settle the current airport issue. This issue has been going on since the 50's and we are finally moving along to get some resolve to it. The airport is currently operating and has been for years in violation of FAA safety rules. There has been some extension in time given by putting height restriction signs, flashing stop signs, shortening the actual runway by 200'. I believe we must act before the FAA says we will have to close our airport due to Safety Violations. That being said, the one option on the table is to close Monaghan Road at the airport. Other options are using a gated system which is not allowed by the FAA, building the runway into the lake or building a bridge over Monaghan Road. The Village, along with our consulting firm, has come up with 9 alternatives with the closing of the road being one of them. I believe that this option cannot happen. It is a Safety Issue. Closing the road would affect the northeast quadrant of our island, including everything north of the Four H Camp, Long Point, Maryanne, and Lincoln areas. It would also greatly affect those on the East/Southeast side of the island. Safety would be compromised for those people. Imagine an emergency run on Harbor where the ambulance would have to go to the airport on Woodford, Division, Ward/Hamilton, and finally to the airport because of the closure. All involved must come up with a compromise to solve this problem and to keep our airport up and running. This is a huge safety issue involving human lives.

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Wild School Site Dedication and Celebration



September 14, 2024

Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island Schools Field Station Director

It's a collective achievement! In 2018, the Kelleys Island Pollinator & Partnership, with the community's unwavering support, established nearly twenty acres of native pollinator habitats on Kelleys Island. This success is a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives.

The Native Pollinator Habitat at the Kelleys Island School and Field Station has allowed us to provide hands-on learning experiences for the students, school groups, visitors, and community. We have been able to host a variety of programming at our school site, such as Science Saturdays, Pollinators & Pancakes, Nature Camp, and more!

We have also become a Wild School Site with the Ohio Division of Wildlife due to the great success of these habitats and the education that the habits have created. To become a Wild School Site, we have provided a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment. This site functions within the premise that every school, regardless of size and location, can provide outdoor educational opportunities that can and is a part of any

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Chamber Update - 2024 A Midseason Review

Patti Johnson

We've had such an active summer here at the Chamber! We kicked off our season with a Destination Grant with Shores and Island Ohio and started the season with a wonderful Eclipse event where people from all over the world came to gaze at the amazing phenomenon. Everyone was pleased with the show that Mother Nature provided and that the island businesses were able to highlight. Our long awaited Great Gazebo (a pop up that is well made and very eye-catching) made downtown a point of interest and residents with guests, visitors and locals all came to buy shirts and support what may come to be known as the 'longest season ever.' But our service personnel and business owners always do what it takes, and with our events this year, we could not be more proud of our accomplishments and plan for many more!

Our destination grant was also able to produce way finding signs that utilized QR codes and large text to assist travelers 'find their way' around the Island.

May was a host to so many of our members' individual events like Derby Day and Chicken Derby May 3, Mother's Day weekend (which is becoming such a wonderful getaway for many), EMS services Day with community dinners, followed by Memorial Day weekend! Before we

could take a breath it was Ohio Bike Week (OBW) and although the weather was not great this year, the bikers could still come and enjoy this Ohio tradition. Thank you for bringing the island as a stop all those years ago, Peach and thank you Steve Ernst, for continuing to bring your event to Kelleys.

The Chamber-sponsored calendar of events comes to a close on Sept 7, but that means the fall island life is just beginning. After Treasure Island Days, the Casino hosts the Perch Tournament on Sept 9. Along with the VFW Cruise Around the Island event. On Sept 14, the Kelleys Island Wine Co, Monarch Winery, Crooked Tree vineyards & Charles Herndon Gallery host the Wine and Art Faire which brings artists and crafters from the area to enjoy a fall day filled with butterflies, nature trails, live music and great food.

Feathers and Foilage is Sept 22 and the KI Audubon and the KI History Museum all host fall meetings and enjoyable gatherings for all.

- October 4-6 is Oktoberfest at West Bay.
- October 5 is Harvest Fest/KIPD Pig Roast 11-4 at Memorial Park.
- October is also Turkey Shoot month with all Sundays being highlighted for the local marksmen (Oct 6,13,20,27).
- October 12 is the Clambake at the Casino

• October 12 is FAMILY HALLOWEEN at Island Businesses this year and NOT THE KILA HALLOWEEN AT THE 4-H CAMP. Each business will highlight their Family friendly Halloween treat. There will be Trick or Treating at the Kelleys Island Wine Co from 2-4 PM.

- October 19 is Adult Halloween at the local businesses and KILA KIDS HALLOWEEN AT THE 4-H CAMP
- Mid-October and November also brings bird banding
- Nov 1-Owl Fest and
- Nov 2-Run-the-Rock 5K & 1/2 Marathon
- Nov 29-Thanksgiving Potluck at the Village Pump
- Lighting of the Park 6 PM
- Nov 30-Sights and Sounds at the KI Wine Co 4-8pm
- Nov 30-OSU vs Michigan Tailgate Party at the Village Pump 10am-5pm

Any weekend is a good weekend to try our Island Bingo, bring your family and find all the items on your card. They can be picked up at the KICC office, or you can request one at info@kelleysislandchamber.com. Anyone who enters their completed entry will be put into a raffle basket,

where the winner will be announced on Kids Halloween weekend, Oct 12

This year, GLIA will facilitate its 4th annual Islands Summit October 1-2 and we will be sharing information as soon as possible.

Please note that our 2025-2027 KICC Board elections will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at the Kelleys Island School. It's crucial that we have enough people present so we can facilitate a vote. If you would like to nominate a member of your community (with their permission, of course) or yourself for a board position, please call the office at 419-746-2360.

As a reminder to members, your membership year begins October 1 and invoices will be sent out in September.

We thank you for your support in this 2024 summer season. We could not have done this without our two Office Ambassadors Teresa Maher and Stacey Nye. Thank you!

I would also like to thank our first intern, Emersyn Black and Patti Ahner, her employer, who worked diligently to be cooperative and supportive during all of the programs the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce is proud to produce and the people that we partner with.

Wild School Site Dedication

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integrated education program.

We want to welcome the community to the Wild School Site Dedication at the Kelleys Island School on September 14 at 1 p.m. with the Division of Wildlife and other vital collaborators and supporters. After the dedication, we will celebrate the success of Pollinators & Partnerships at Kelleys Island State Park with hors d'oeuvres and drinks for all ages. We will also

kick off the Monarch Butterfly Migration with tagging, a talk about the monarch butterflies, and an update on the pollinator habitats.

Let's raise a glass and toast to help us celebrate these profound successes that you all have helped make possible!



Treasure Island Day

Enjoy the day touring Kelleys Island and seeking out unique treasures at the island-wide yard sale sponsored by the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce. Maps detailing yard sale locations will be available at 9 AM on Saturday morning at the Chamber of Commerce office, 117 Addison St., and the Island Market, 101 Division St. Don't forget to explore the retail shops, bars, restaurants, and wineries while you're here, and make plans for your next stay on Kelleys Island.

TREASURE ISLAND DAY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 | 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.

1. Registration for Treasure Island Day is \$20 and due with this application.
2. Each participant must purchase their own \$5 permit with the village office.
3. 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.

Complete the form below and submit by September 1, 2024 to:

The Chamber Office	By Email	or by mail to:
Open daily 10am - 3pm 117 Addison St.	info@kelleysislandchamber.com	Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce PO Box 783, Kelleys Island, OH 43438

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Mailing Address: _____

Sale Location: _____

- I agree to follow the rules of Treasure Island Day. I have enclosed payment of \$20 to cover the promotional costs of my yard sale.
- I agree to pick up sale materials at the Chamber of Commerce Office any time prior to the start of the sale.
- I agree to obtain a \$5 yard sale permit from the Village of Kelleys Island Municipal Building no later than 48 hours prior to the sale.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 Glacial Glimpses-KI Audubon
- 1-2 Labor Day Weekend
- 7 Treasure Island Days* 9-3 Island Wide Garage Sale
- 9 Perch Tournament-Casino
- 9 VFW Cruise Around the Island 7-9
- 14 Wine & Art Faire-Kelleys Island Wine Co, Monarch Winery, Crooked Tree & Charles Herndon Gallery and Sculpture Garden
- 22 Feathers and Foilage-KI Audubon

OCTOBER

- 4-6 Oktoberfest-West Bay
- 5 Harvest Fest/KIPD Pig Roast 11-4 Memorial Park
- 6 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 12 Clambake-Casino
- 12 Kids Halloween-Island Wide
- 13 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 19 Adult Halloween-Island Wide
- 19 Landowners Halloween-4-H Camp
- 20 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 27 VFW Turkey Shoot

NOVEMBER

- 1 Owl Banding Early NOV-KI Audubon
- 1 Owl Fest-KI Audubon
- 2 Run the Rock Half-Marathon /5K Race 10-1 Memorial Park
- 29 Thanksgiving Potluck-Village Pump
- 29 Christmas Park Lighting-Memorial Park 6pm
- 30 Sights Scents and Sounds - Kelleys Island Wine Co
- 30 OSU/M Tailgate Party Village Pump

KILA Korner

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Dodson had the beer cold; Frank and Dean were warming up with music and the deep fryers were hot. Steve Miller had some of the sweetest Pukrin's corn cooking, while Cindy and Bill Leonard were manning the sweet endings with cobbler, cake and ice cream.

It takes a village to put on an event like the KILA Fish Fry so the people on Kelleys stepped up to the task. From the perch cleaners Angela Burns; Jim and Barb Zeller, to the fish breaders, Jeff Loveless, Kit Killin; Deb and Brian Plonski; Holy Miller and Leslie Algase, the perch were readied for Joel Byer to work his magic at the fryers to produce those delicious morsels from Lake Erie.



Joel Byer frying the battered perch.

Ray Washio greeted everyone and exchanged their ticket with a plate for Alexi Panehal; Melanie Bates; and Barb Zeller to fill with a wonderful perch dinner. Ed and Renee Nowak took great care of the kids with their free hotdogs and chips

All 200 tickets were pre-sold and it appeared that almost everyone came, so that pavilion was filled with music, laughter, friendship, and delicious food.....or as we like to say, "Just another great night on our Island"

Saturday's events began with the Homecoming parade, coordinated by Tom Behlen. This year's parade included an ambulance, fire trucks, police cars, politicians, the Island Singers, and grand marshal Chris Ashley. We had nine entries attempting to demonstrate this year's theme "The Spirit of 74, 50 Years of KILA Homecoming. Third prize went to a rendition of the KI Navy, second to the Truthan family and first to Rita Eaton and Pam Haig, who demonstrated the spirit by pedaling the parade on a side by side bicycle. This year again we had the marching bands from Crestline High and Milan Edison High School with over 70 student musicians.



KI Singers followed by Edison Band

Special thanks to Todd Hanes and Ed Nowak who assisted with the chaos of the parade start, Shari Herman, who hosted the judges in her front yard and to the KI Ferry Boat line for allowing use of the west dock for the parade staging.

From Pie Contest Coordinator, Patti Johnson-Muranyi: Thank you to all the Bakers. We so appreciate your efforts and delicious recipes!

Thank you to our judges: Twila, Scott, Debbie, Darlene, and Roxanne. And to Candy VOLTZ and Emersyn Black for your event organization and art.

Prize Winners are:
 1st Mandy's Tomato Pie Mandy Holzhauser Barlage
 2nd Carmelicious Jacquie Folk
 3 rd. The Carson Family Peach Pie

Please be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.

We missed yours if you couldn't make it this year

After the parade ended at the Community Park Pavilion, the official opening ceremonies started with the Island Singers leading us in the National Anthem. The entertainment was continuous throughout the afternoon. It began with an encore by the Crestline and Edison Chargers bands. Then, the ever popular Fat City Band kept us entertained all afternoon.

The Food Committee, led by Jim Coleman, was busy preparing and serving Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, Brats, baked beans, coleslaw, and watermelon. They served the marching band members and around 300 hungry folks and sold out of food by about 4 PM. Thanks to Ed Frindt for enlisting a great bunch of volunteers.



Beer Slide

The Beer was cold and plentiful, thanks to Frank Dodson and his crew of servers. The ever popular Beer Slide, manned by Tim Arnold, was entertainment for many.

The vendor and craft marketplace had 8 booths including the KI Historical Association and Audubon. One of the vendors was KILA. Chris Kipfer and his volunteers sold KILA branded items and KI Navy shirts, designed by Jon Shoemaker. The KI Navy shirts were very popular and we sold out of most sizes. They also enrolled renewing and new members and sold the last of the raffle tickets.

The family games were run by Janet Killam. The Marshmallow golf competition was lots of fun. The Twinkie eating contest was quite a sight. Morgan Barlage won the adult division and Bradley Miller won the kids division. The 2nd annual Corn Hole tournament had 5 teams with 1st Place: Oliver & James Costello and 2nd Place: Chuck & Chase Barlage. And, the bounce castle was very popular and well used all afternoon. Thanks to Jim Zeller for lending it to us

As at most Homecomings, an alumni photo is taken.



2024 Estes School Alumni Photo

The main objective of the Homecoming celebration is for community fun and social interaction. We also have a couple of fund raising activities. Our main fundraiser is the Annual Raffle. The proceeds will go toward projects that improve & enhance Kelleys Island. The Raffle winners were:

- \$ 2,500 Tim Arnold
- \$ 1,000 D. Macerelli & Rich Reidy (2nd prize won by Chris Arnold who donated it for redrawing at \$500 each)
- \$ 500 Taylor Boyd
- \$ 250 Megan Ahner
- \$ 100 Scott Thom

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The weather was warm and beautiful for our swim from Marblehead just like 1995. The comedy show on Friday night with Jeff Blanchard at West Bay was a success. We raised almost \$2000 that night. Saturday the golf cart poker run sold a little over 300 hands but there were 65+ baskets and items to bid on at the Kelleys Island Wine Company. Do It Best, out of Medina donated 2 patio sets that were raffled off. The \$300 lottery Tree was won by a lovely lady in Port Clinton. Tina Calari from Chiclets closet won the 50/50 and donated all the money back. Thank you, Tina! All Ports yacht club went over and above this year with the amount of baskets that they donated. They have been supporting us for many years now thanks to George & Sharon Wilson. Thanks again to everyone who donated baskets by friends and family. The Zettler family always supports us at the Kelleys Island Wine Company & Cantina. All in all for the Make-A-Wish weekend, we raised over \$17,000 just in those three days.

Sunday's swim by Cindra and I took 2 3/4 hours. The water was relatively calm & warm which made for a nice easy swim. The Casino dock was packed with friends and family to greet us as we came in along with past and one of our Wish children, Harrison and his family. We then went to the ball field pavilion where the Village Pump donated all the perch we could eat, the Caddyshack donated 10 pizzas, Dockers donated hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, and ice, MAW cookies by Nancy, Tofts Dairy for ice cream & Kelleys Island Ferry Boat line was gracious enough to bring across all of our Make-A-Wish families for free & provided golf carts. So many thanks to the Paladino family for supporting us all these years. Thank you to WCPZ & Randy Hugg for having us on the radio every year. Rob Watkins & the Island Market collected money then matching the amount to \$1,400+.

For the past 30 years, we have had many friends that have helped us & who have become our wish angels. Val Walton has been our wish angel on the mainland collecting all kinds of gift certificates and prizes to be raffled off. Many thanks to you, Val. Even my grandchildren, Abby, Sophia & Lily sold painted rocks and lemonade and donated \$350 to Make-A-Wish. Thanks to Ryan Mielke, Jessica Cullen, Rachel Garwick, Claudia Hagg & Jeannie Prowel for all their help with the poker run. We Can't forget our husbands, (Paul & Mike) sons (Colt & Sky) & daughters (Jessie & Tina) that followed us in boats & on jet skis.

After all these years and so many people supporting us, we are so very humbled & grateful to continue on and look forward to next year. Plan your vacations for August 1-3, 2025 for the next Make-A-Wish weekend. This is not the final total of what we will be donating in October, but so far we are just over \$40,000. Our largest donation to date.

We are so grateful and blessed. Wishes do come true! Thank you for all your prayers and may God bless you.

Love,
Cindra Mielke & Jeni Hammond

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Leadville 100 MTB Race

Zoey and Cindy Leonard

Josh Leonard, of Melody Lane, Kelleys Island and St. Joseph, Michigan completed the Leadville 100 MTB race in Leadville, Colorado on August 10th. This 105 mile mountain bike race is famously known as the "granddaddy of all endurance MTB races". Riders tackle steep climbs and technical descents as they travel a course that winds its way through some of the most stunning scenery in

the country. With a peak elevation of 12,600 ft above sea level and an elevation gain of 11,827ft, Josh and other riders contended with the effects of altitude as they pushed themselves to their limits. Despite 3 tire blowouts and a broken wheel, Josh successfully completed the course. He plans to rejoin some of the greatest cyclists, including Lance Armstrong, next year in Leadville, Colorado! Congratulations Josh! We are so very proud of you!



From the Mayor's Desk

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On a more jubilant issue, what about the Queen of Hearts at West Bay. A \$280,000 jackpot with ten percent of the proceeds going to help pay for our new playground equipment at the Community Park. I would like to thank West Bay, Ted Klonaris, for their hard work to make this happen.

I would like to mention that our own Viktoriya Skeens is attending Danbury Highschool this year and is playing football for the school. I heard a rumor that she made a tackle preventing a touchdown. Way to go Vik! Keep up the good work.

KILA Korner

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Another fundraising event is the Silent Auction. Items were donated by Hancock-Wood Coop, Seaway marina, Tito's Vodka, Maple City Ice, Franklin Sanitation, Jim Zeller, MadTree Brewing, Marblehead Soap Co., Marblehead Galley Restaurant, Mary's Blossom Shop, FC Cincinnati. Thanks to the donors and the purchasers.

By all accounts, Homecoming 2024 was a smashing success. Great Food, entertainment, activities, and fundraising for the good of KI. None of this could be done without the immense efforts of the KILA directors, KILA members, friends & family, and the KI community. There is a lot of "behind the scenes" work to organize the many moving pieces of Homecoming. Thanks to the Village of Kelleys Island for rental of the pavilion, use of tables, and parade participation. And to Estes School for use of their chairs. Thanks to the folks who cleaned and set-up and then took down and returned and stored all the tents, grills, and equipment needed for next year. Thanks to for their grant to promote Homecoming. There were many other individuals and local businesses who donated their services to support this event. And a big thank you to all the KI residents & visitors who participated in the Golden Anniversary Homecoming celebration.

We would appreciate any comments & suggestions for future Homecomings. And, if you wish to participate/volunteer to help, please let us know (info@kila.rocks). See you all next year at the 51st Homecoming on August 8 & 9, 2025 –circle the date!

KILA, as a 501.c.3 charitable organization, is interested in improving and enhancing Kelleys Island. We ask that KI organizations or individuals with a specific project or initiative that will address this interest and wish for support from KILA, please submit a Request for Support to KILA. This support may be financial and/or through the efforts of our members and volunteers. For more information about requesting KILA support, please contact us at info@kila.rocks.

We welcome your support, volunteering, donations, and suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island. Please contact us via email to info@kila.rocks. Of course, new memberships and annual dues renewals are welcome and may be processed on our web site (www.KILA.rocks) using PayPal, Zelle, or mailed to our PO Box 22 on Kelleys Island.

Finally, since this is Life on Kelleys last issue this year, I want to ask everyone to support our two tax levies on the November ballot.

First, is a 3 mil replacement levy for our roads, and second is a 1 mil replacement levy for the Fire Department. Without your support we would not be able to continue moving forward with the progress we been making with taking care of our roads and replacing much needed equipment on the Fire Department. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and enjoy the winter as next season will come very soon.

Ron

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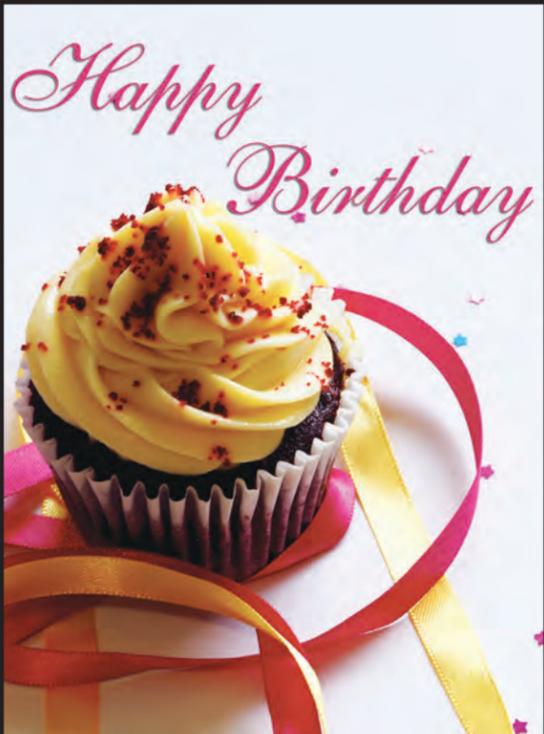
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Lending a Helping Hand

Vicki Finnegan

Island residents Jeffrey and Karen Jones have been yearlong island residents since 2018. He and Karen help keep the island beautiful and litter free. This is a tradition they started years ago. When taking walks in scenic areas near their home in Talmadge Ohio they always took bags and picked up litter along the way. They have passed this tradition on to their children and grandchildren. Jeffrey has had many health issues since coming to Kelleys and this activity is also a way to continue his physical therapy on the island while helping our island. A thank you to Karen and Jeffrey.



*Happy 94th
Birthday!*

Fritz Ziegler will celebrate his 94th birthday on September 13 with family and friends, along with very fond memories of many years and friends on Kelleys Island.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 – Steve Beck
- 1– Denny Tyler Benvenuto
- 2 – Brody Benvenuto
- 2– Charles Burns
- 2– Christopher Elfers
- 2– Brady Quillin
- 3– Julie Mack
- 3– Kolby Quillin
- 4– Jaime Fisher
- 4–Greg Kaszei
- 6—Tom Beck
- 6– Marty Millott
- 10—Maka Mack
- 10– Gage Peterson
- 10– Lilly Allan
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Council Notes

Leslie Korenko

Another full house as attendees waited to see if the Transient Rental Property (TRP) ordinance passed. It did. The language in the ordinance was updated with each reading and has changed significantly since its first presentation to Council. Dead links to the Ohio Revised Code or to sections in the ordinance were corrected and an outside contractor will be doing the safety inspections which, along with the septic system inspections, will be good for 3-years, even if the property changes hands (and the property had a valid permit when sold). The effective date is October 1, 2024 and the village is, apparently, working on hiring a clerk and setting up the registration website. No public meetings are (as yet) scheduled to explain the requirements of the new code section. In reviewing the ordinance, Registration will open on October 1. The property owner must then apply for a permit. Within 45 days of applying for a permit, the owner must submit a Safety Inspection completed by an Ohio Certified Home Inspector and proof of a 3-year inspection of the septic tank. The permit will be approved when all deficiencies are resolved and the Village reviews and approves the permit. Absolutely no rental occupancy will be allowed until the TRP certificate is issued. The full text of the ordinance can be found under the heading Ordinances, on the Village website (KelleysIsland.us).

The Village also adopted Village Building/Mechanical/Plumbing Codes and Building Standards

which incorporates various sections of the Ohio Building Code included in the Ohio Revised and Ohio Administrative Codes. A third ordinance, a new chapter entitled Residential Code for 1-2-3 family dwellings, adopting and including several Ohio Revised Code sections, had its second reading. Village ordinances are posted in public places and on the Village website within days of being passed.

A contract was awarded to K.E. McCartney & Assoc. (to provide plans, studies and dates) for the existing [sewage] systems, including pump stations, and to investigate the feasibility of sanitary areas and connections. Work includes meeting with property owners to determine locations and condition of their facilities, and develop project alternatives for sanitary service and wastewater treatment. The initial contract is for \$300,000.

The KI EMS reported 26 runs and 31 clinic calls. The Fire Dept. had 2 runs. The Police Dept. received 15 reports, fielded 380 phone calls, made 10 arrests including 2 traffic (motor vehicle accidents and an OVI hit-skip) and issued 4 tickets for Open Container/D.C. The Park Board received a \$109,000 Erie County Community grant for the park which should finish up the landscaping and other items. In 2017/18, the airport received \$82,000 for improvements; however, the FAA recently determined that that was awarded in error. The Village did a comprehensive justification and the amount the FAA agreed to take back was just \$16,000.

Kelleys Island Wide 2024 Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Glacial Glimpses - KI Audubon
- 1-2 Labor Day Weekend
- 2 Cardboard Regatta-Casino
- 7 Treasure Island Days' 9-3 Island Wide Garage Sale
- 9 Perch Tournament-Casino
- 9 VFW Cruise Around the Island 7-9
- 14 Wine & Art Faire - Kelleys Island Wine Co, Monarch Winery, Crooked Tree & Charles Herndon Gallery and Sculpture Garden
- 22 Feathers and Foliage-KI Audubon

OCTOBER

- 4-6 Oktoberfest-West Bay
- 5 Harvest Fest/KIPD Pig Roast 11-4 Memorial Park
- 6 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 12 Clambake-Casino
- 12 Kids Halloween -Island Wide
- 13 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 19 Adult Halloween -Island Wide
- 19 Landowners Halloween-4-H Camp
- 20 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 27 VFW Turkey Shoot

NOVEMBER

- 1 Owl Banding Early NOV-KI Audubon
- 1 Owl Fest -KI Audubon
- 2 Run the Rock Half-Marathon /5K Race 10-1 Memorial Park
- 29 Thanksgiving Potluck-Village Pump
- 29 Christmas Park Lighting Memorial Park 6pm
- 30 Sights, Scents and Sounds - Kelleys Island Wine Co
- 30 OSU/M Tailgate Party Village Pump

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It is often said, "your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change." Seasons change. People come into and out of our lives. And one constant we endlessly endure, is change. Life on Kelleys Island is no different. Generally speaking, the island life is both beautiful and vibrant. And as we near the end of another summer season, the winds of change are blowing.

How do we responsibly implement and live with new regulations on Kelleys Island?

Likely the best way is clear communication. Especially from KI leadership. And there is a saying, it is not possible to over communicate... Especially with endeavors involving government and real estate. The island has been void of regulation in some critical areas for a rather long time. Recognizing this, and to their credit, Village Council... along with community members, are publicly and privately discussing the best paths forward on a litany of topics. One such topic involves the Vacation Rental (aka - Short-term rental) ordinance that was passed on Saturday August 10th, 2024.

KI has chosen to adopt the term Transient Rental Property ... The topic has gone largely unnoticed despite conversations dating to the latter half of 2023... With as much experience as our family has with vacation rentals, we too did not recognize the term – Transient Rental Property.

Unique verbiage aside...Responsible regulation of short-term rentals is both encouraged and necessary. Regulating short-term rentals across the country is the same...necessary. You will be glad to know that many property owners on KI have personal and public service experience with this topic in other parts of the country. And even still...the ordinances, as written, represent a good start while leaving many to wonder... What is next?

Why not also consider getting input from those experienced in this topic?

In fact, earlier today, I attended a KILA meeting with approximately 30 property owners of the KI community. Opinions abound about how to implement responsible regulations. One key takeaway from the meeting: In a room full of people, a simple show of hands question and answer session uncovered both attendees and the KILA Board unanimously agreeing on adopting and supporting responsible regulation.

I was not surprised. Again, we seek responsible regulation. The open door meeting contrasted those held by our elected officials (Village Council). The KILA meeting was longer than a Council meeting. The welcoming, question and answer format produced some key initiatives that we will, yet again, present to Village Council. Along the way, and despite several invitations and public comments requesting that we submit ideas and issues, the Village Council has not accepted the efforts to participate in Open Forums and/or Town Hall style information meetings.

And then, in sidewalk conversations with a few people, Mayor Ehrbar himself has asked that issues and ideas be submitted prior to the passing of legislation. We submitted them both individually and as a group. The Mayor and Village Council ignored them. No response to several group emails. No offer to be heard.

Why?

Unfortunately, Village Council responds infrequently to their constituents on this topic. The most recent response by email for our Public Meeting request was met with a rather basic response, "Not at this time," by Mayor Ehrbar.

What is the Village Council trying to accomplish by ignoring public interest on such a misunderstood and polarizing topic?

And it is not for lack of trying... We all see that the Village Council is trying.

The disappointing reality is, Village Council chooses to not work collaboratively. And we can see the struggles. Mind you, we also see the successes. We see all of this and are willing and able to help.

Do Council members and others on the island truly seek to understand? Simply reading the hastily passed 11.2 ordinances from August 10th tells a hurried story. The ordinances themselves are fraught with typographical errors and missing verbiage.

How did we arrive here?

Why not choose and implement responsible regulation with collaborative input? What is the hurry?

How do we comply with an effective date of October 1st 2024?

Further, the August 2024 version From the Mayor's Desk of the paper Life On Kelleys, the Mayor tells islanders how, "The rental business has caused the home values to double in value which leads to higher taxes. There is nothing protecting the longtime retired homeowner from these taxes and will eventually be forced from their homes that they worked all their lives for."

Data integrity is very key to this topic. Property values have... Doubled from what? And from what point in time (origin)?

The Mayor's comments are simply unfounded conjecture at best. They are hyperbole at worst.

What was the end goal of these comments?

Is he aware that Ohio has a Homestead Exemption that may also assist retirees age 65 and older with prospective property tax payments?

For context, a snippet from a State of Ohio Certified Real Estate Appraiser:

Regarding real estate taxes and valuations leading to real estate tax appraisals. Assessment value is based on a date in time. Typically, the 1st of January. Example, a property that is assessed in 2023 is valued as of January 1, 2023. Any estimate of market value is extracted from the market as of the date of appraisal and prior. County tax assessments are performed on a Mass Appraisal Basis. Mass appraisal as defined by IAAO is "the systematic appraisal of a group of properties as of a given date (January 1 with the exception of inventory, which may be appraised at its market value as of September 1) using standardized procedures and statistical testing (Appraisal Institute). Taxes are reassessed in every county in the State of Ohio every 6 years. The county auditor chooses a company or group of companies to perform a mass appraisal to determine the current market value of each property. Highest and Best use to determine real estate values are Comparable Sales. Sales of similar location, utility, condition and use. Sales must be Arms-Length Transactions. Each parcel of real estate is valued based on real estate improvements and land only! Income Approaches are not used in estimating values of real estate in tax assessments. Cost Approaches are also not used in estimating the value of real estate.

It is well understood that the root cause of home price increases throughout our country is a lack of supply and an increase in demand for housing. Further, we own housing on an island with even more constraints – less land!

Rhetorically, why have property values increased nationwide in communities with few, if any, short-term rentals? To the point: Unclear messaging or misunderstood roles and responsibilities can lead to conflict and reduced effectiveness. On the other hand, a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities can lead to more collaboration and increase the effectiveness of all participants. It was not but last year, the summer of 2023, that Mayor Ehrbar asked to rent our home for his own family and friend gathering. We are his next door neighbor. We accommodated his request then. And while we did not host his family and friends last year, schedule permitting, we will accommodate his family were he to request using our home again.

As a whole, let us welcome change with open arms. Embrace change transparently. Seek to understand. Work together...

Village Council, I speak for many: Allow our collective voices to be heard publicly and with dialogue.

Coining a phrase... Rising tides floats all boats.

Kelleys Island is magnificent. We are primarily a vacation destination visited by many thousands of people each year. It is well known that vacationers are our economic livelihood. And with all of this, I have yet to meet any person, in any capacity, that does not share the desire to ensure the continued vibrancy, character, and charm of the Village of Kelleys Island as a community.

Regards,

Brandon Davis

Reference: Corey M Tharp, Ohio State Certified Real Estate Appraiser Owner-C Tharp Real Estate Appraisers
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Off Season and

Are you spending the off season or Winter on Kelleys Island? Are you looking for a way to be involved with the amazing history and community here? The Kelleys Island Historical Association has opportunities for you to participate in everything from creating spread sheets for historical artifacts, to helping to organize and clean its historical collection. The Historical Association Board (Carmen Smith, Jackie Polofka, Chad Waffan, Theresa Behrends, Jeri Yoest and Michael Beatty, Janet Killam) welcome your active participation in helping to maintain the goals of the Historical Association in all its ventures.



Curator, Carmen Smith, has begun an immense project of cleaning and organizing the collection. Last winter, work was completed to protect the archived collections with a climatically controlled storage room for archived artifacts. Work continues with the needed care of and organization of artifacts in the Museums collection. YOU CAN HELP! Contact Carmen at conservation@kelleysislandhistorical.org or at 419-746-2399.

The Museum Gift Shop and Museum is managed by Justiina Loveless. She invites you to become part of the Museum Volunteer group who works at the Museum during seasonal hours. Reduced Seasonal hours will continue until (tentatively) mid-October. A new volunteer receives excellent guidance from a seasoned volunteer. Greeting and welcoming visitors, along with checking out gift shop items and accepting money for museum admittance is part of your experience. Volunteers receive perks such as 30% off in the Museum gift shop and an appreciation party at the end of the season (this year was held at The Crooked Tree Winery!). While volunteering at the museum you can explore the exhibits and become more familiar with the rich Island History. Resource books are available for you to peruse and to follow an interest in the history of the island that you may have. Don't worry if you have limited knowledge! The books and exhibits can easily be referred to, or you can reach out to another person or inform the questioning visitor that you could get back to them! Typical fun hours are from 12-2, or 2-4, or 12-4. To be open daily is the goal, but without enough volunteers, the museum has had to shorten its operating hours this past 2024 season. Help the Museum OPEN 7 days a week in 2025! Volunteer and experience the benefits of learning the history and having fun with this valued group in our community.

The Parsonage House Resale Shop and Sis's Cottage are part of the Museum Campus next to the German Reformed Church. The Parsonage House Resale Shop has become a valued resource to the Kelleys Island Community, providing necessary (and sometimes fanciful) items for the Islanders and visitors, without having to leave the island! Items no longer valued or needed can be donated (following donation guidelines), reducing the need for items to be hauled off the island, AND becoming a needed item or resource for the next person! Volunteers are needed in this exciting venture! Doing light cleaning tasks or helping to stage items, as well as

Winter Fun at The Museum Campus



checking out the treasures that customers have purchased, would be some of your opportunities while volunteering at the Parsonage House! History lives inside the Parsonage House with its original staircase and floors, windows and much more. Have you noticed the Pump at the kitchen sink? Managers, Sonia Taylor and assistants Jodie Smith and Janet Killam WELCOME you to be part of the Parsonage House Resale Shop Team. Be prepared to have fun, or (as we like to say) you're fired, LOL!

Finally, to highlight The German Reformed Church! The church is open for self-guided tours during seasonal hours of 12-4. You can find the history of the German Reformed Church AND The Parsonage House written on the Ohio Historical Marker

at the front of the church. The quaint, stone church is available to rent for your small, private occasion. Imagine an intimate wedding or renewal of wedding vows in this peaceful church. A music recital or book reading is well received by your guests in this acoustic environment. Please contact Justiina Loveless at the Museum, 419-746-2399 or at kimuseumgiftshop@gmail.com.

The Museum and Gift Shop, The German Reformed Church and The Parsonage House Resale Shop and Sis's Cottage are ALL under The Kelleys Island Historical Association. The Museum Campus is located at 224-226 Division Street. Please visit us there during Seasonal hours of 12-4, daily, if we have enough staff.

To find out how you can be

involved at The Kelleys Island Historical Association, The Museum and Gift Shop, The German Reformed Church and The Parsonage House Resale Shop, phone the Museum at 419-746-2399; for the Parsonage House Resale Shop, please call Sonia Taylor, 419-202-8083, Jodie Smioth 419-350-1082, or Janet Killam, 419-304-3095.

The Kelleys Island Historical Association WELCOME your participation and also THANK YOU for your continued support of the preservation of knowledge of the past, the present and passing this knowledge to the future generations on Kelleys Island.





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KI Audubon Club Fall Events and Call for New Members

Barb Zeller

As summer winds down, the weather continues to be beautiful to head outside and enjoy the natural beauty of Kelleys Island. Throughout the fall, the Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) offers many opportunities for residents and visitors to venture outdoors and explore.



Northern Saw-whet Owl
PHCR: Paula Bartlett

September 1 (1:00 – 2:00 PM): Glacial Glimpses. Join KIAC President Pat Hayes and KI State Park Manager Chris Ashely at the Glacial Grooves for a guided, informative tour of the newly renovated site. There is no need to register for this free event.

September 19 (6 PM): KIAC Monthly Meeting. Join us at the KI School for a pot-luck dinner at 6PM followed by a presentation at 7PM by Katelyn Shelton, a student at Otterbein University majoring in Zoo and Conservation Science, with an emphasis on Avian Studies. Ms. Shelton will be presenting a talk on Piping Plovers, a small shore bird that is considered “endangered” in the Great Lakes region due to destruction of its nesting habitats.

September 22 (6 AM-2PM): Feathers and Foliage. Join Tom and Paula Bartlett at the Banding Station in the Jones Preserve on Long Point as they conduct their avian research study of the fall migration of songbirds. The F&F event, which also includes a guided walk at 10AM led by Pat Hayes, kicks off 6 days of bird banding by the Bartletts at Long Point. The banding station is open to the public Sept 22-27, weather permitting.

October 14-November 26 (Sunset to ?): Owl Banding at the Scheele Preserve. Songbird banding at Long Point will continue through mid-



Northern Parula

PHCR: Paula Bartlett

November, but the real excitement can be found after dark at the Scheele Preserve. The focus is the small Northern Saw-whet Owls which are studied and banded before their release, as well as other species of owls that occasionally are banded and released.

November 1-3: Owl Festival. Details TBD. Check out the KIAC Facebook page (Bird Kelleys Island-KIAC) for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064734544758>

The KIAC has been active for over

30 years and remains dedicated to helping visitors and residents alike become educated and appreciative of the natural environment of Kelleys Island. However, our activities are made possible by our members and supporters, and we need new members who can help with our efforts. Please consider joining the KIAC; you do not have to own property or live on the island to be a member. For more information, check out our website: <https://kelleysislandnature.org/>

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Over eighty campers attended the Kelley's Island Schools Nature Camp Program this year! We are proud that The Nature Camp Sponsorship Program contributed over \$5,000 to satisfy the increased demand for children to attend camp. The 2024 Camp Sponsors include Realtor Lisa Yako-Russell Real Estate Services, Bill and June Campbell, Hancock-Wood Community Cooperative, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Kelley's Island- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9908, Cari and Guinness, Josh and Yanna Leonard- The Leonard Advisory Group LLC, and The Wildlife Conservation Club. The camp program also had many experts who came to support it by leading programs from The Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Old Women Creek, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Hurndon's Gallery—Carmen Smith, Erie Metro Parks, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This helped us create our 7th successful Nature Camp, which we can all be proud of.

The Hancock-Wood Community Trust Fund's generous contribution of \$3,000 significantly enhanced all of the 2024 summer programs and events. This support facilitated transportation to and from Kelley's Island from the mainland, allowing more participants to join our programs and events. These programs brought together a variety of educational organizations, including universities, local parks, educational nonprofits, conservation leaders, and other island advocates, who all help make these programs possible for the island community and visitors.

The Erie Community Foundation supported a one-day Project WET Workshop for Educators by contributing over \$3,000 to the workshop. Project Wet is an international organization dedicated to solving critical environmental challenges by teaching the world about water. This workshop gave all participants an integrated set of tools and lessons that emphasized inquiry-based, hands-on, and cooperative learning strategies, demonstrating classroom effectiveness for PreK to University students. We collaborated with the Ohio Geological Survey, the Ohio Division of Natural Resources, The Ohio EPA, and Put-in-Bay High School Science Teacher Missi Kowalski. Missi is on the Science Education Council of Ohio as the Secretary and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center board member. These collaborators contributed their time and resources to teach lessons related to Lake Erie for the participants to use in their own classrooms and educational settings.

This summer, we reached out to over 3,500 participants who came to our programs and events, including Science Saturdays, School Tours, Nature Story Hours, Pollinators & Pancakes, Nature Camp, many school groups, and more. Thank you to everyone who attended these fun programs and supported the Field



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Jackie Taylor, Director
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Each fall, around mid-September, many monarch butterflies are observed crossing over the Great Lakes, heading south to Mexico to their overwintering habitats. The Eastern Monarch Butterfly's range extends across three countries: Southern Canada, The United States, and Mexico. The butterflies travel up to 2,500 miles, and it takes them about two months to complete their annual migration south.

I have been monitoring the population on the Lake Erie Islands since 2012. In September, on the islands, there are "roosts" or clusters of butterflies in the trees at night, utilizing the same trees each year. The roosts are similar to the overwintering sites they create in Mexico. I have witnessed as many as a few hundred butterflies to several thousand roosting at one time. The butterflies rely on their geographic compass, weather conditions, the sun's angle, and food sources to

migrate. The Lake Erie Islands provide nearly all of these needs for them to successfully cross the lake when the weather conditions are not favorable or they need to rest.

This will be my twelfth year tagging monarch butterflies, tagging over 3,000 butterflies on the islands (North Bass, Middle Bass, South Bass, and Kelleys Island). I have had ten recoveries in Mexico, all from South Bass Island. Like many migratory animals, weather is one of the biggest factors that impact migration. I rely on the weather forecast to predict when the "peak migration" will occur on the islands.

My monitoring and tagging data have proved a few things: During the peak migration, is when I have had ALL the recoveries from Mexico. This leads me to believe that most butterflies that make it to Mexico are part of the "peak migratory butterflies." The data shows that the peak migration dates change (phenology). The earliest peak migration was September 10th, 2021,

and the latest was September 27th, 2012. The data also shows it is not how many butterflies you tag to have recoveries; it is when you tag. I have learned that just because there are many butterflies roosting or we are seeing hundreds flying across the lake does not mean it is peak migration.

Many people have asked me if the monarch butterfly population is lower this year than usual. The simple answer is yes. First, this year's overwintering numbers were the second lowest on record (0.9ha), and it was reasonable to expect low numbers of monarchs to return from Mexico in March. Second, high March temperatures allowed monarchs returning from Mexico to migrate too far north too soon. Third, this summer's mean temperatures have been over +4.5F and have hurt population growth. High temperatures, especially if combined with low soil moisture, result in a reduction of lifespan, egg laying, and larval survival, in effect, a reduction

in what is known as realized fecundity or the ability to produce abundant healthy growth or offspring.

Overall, the outlook is mixed. If the weather conditions in the Upper Midwest remain close to the long-term average through August, the migration could represent a remarkable recovery from a low overwintering population and a relatively small number of monarchs returning from Mexico. Further, if conditions are favorable through the migration, there is the possibility that the numbers this winter could represent the strongest recovery in the record. But, reaching that lofty goal will surely be out of reach if the drought conditions in Mexico persist into October.

We will continue to tag and monitor the monarch migration this fall, starting in early September on the Lake Erie Islands. We will keep everyone posted on our tagging locations and times. And we are hoping the population will rebound!

OBITUARIES

Randy S. Lorenz



70, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He was born May 13, 1954, in Sandusky. Randy was a cherished member of his family and community.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Stahl Lorenz; children, Joel Lorenz (Kristi), Amber Titus (Shawn), and Will Toldy; grandchildren, Colton and Kiley Johnson, Cameron Easterling, and Charles Lorenz; and brother, Chuck Lorenz (Janet).

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Elizabeth (Maschari) Lorenz.

An avid outdoorsman, Randy enjoyed boating, skiing, and

snowmobiling, activities that reflected his love for adventure and the great outdoors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests

that contributions be made to support Dementia Research, honoring Randy's memory and supporting a cause that was close to his heart.

Ken's Corner



Sweetest Day

Many people dismiss some holidays as merely promotional events created by card and flower companies to promote business ...

but that's not exactly the case with *Sweetest Day*.

Held on the third Saturday in October, it actually was begun by a Cleveland candy company employee who wanted to do something nice for orphans, shut-ins and the underprivileged.

In 1922, he began giving candy and small gifts to the community's "forgotten" folks. Movie stars, such as Theda Bara and Ann Pennington, even jumped on the band wagon.

Pennington distributed boxes of candy to Cleveland newsboys for their public service. Bara gave 10,000 boxes of candy to people in Cleveland hospitals, as well as to those who came to see her latest movie at the local theater.

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OBITUARIES

Karen Marie Maust



Formerly of Uniontown, now of Conemaugh, went home to be with her precious Savior on July 10, 2024. Her husband dear Roland of 50 years was by her side.

Eldest daughter of Arthur and Jennie Lee Essig of Massillon, Ohio, she was a 1972 Jackson High School graduate, and attended Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. A lifelong scholar, she served as librarian at both graduate and public levels.

She loved sharing God's Word. A masterful teacher, she skillfully led many women into a deeper

understanding of the Bible. Whether in small groups or in settings of over 100 ladies, she had a rare ability to open up the Word of God.

Another passion was ministering side-by-side with her husband. Whether teaching pastors' wives in the Central African Republic, helping restart a church on the Aleutian Island of Akutan, or else recording camper salvation decisions in her "Lamb's Book of Life" register, she was fervently committed to serving the Lord. The Mausts were in the process of relocating to radio station KCAM in Glennallen, Alaska, as radio missionaries when God called her home.

Finally, she was a passionate wife and mother. Under her care, her three sons grew into pillars of their

communities, serving as director of paramedic care (Russell), an Arctic Barnabas pilot (Jason), and a chef (Brian). And she faithfully stood by her husband from his days as a security guard to becoming a longtime pastor and an award-winning radio broadcaster involved in international ministry.

She's survived by her husband Roland of Conemaugh and three sons: Russell (Chrissy) of Kelley's Island, Ohio; Jason (Anita) of Kenai, Alaska; and Brian (Charlotte) of Kelley's Island. Her grandchildren include Kaitlyn Maust, Caleb Maust, Christopher Maust, and Jacey Tong. And grandson Corban Maust (Karissa) expects great-granddaughter Eden Rose Maust's imminent arrival.

Also surviving her are siblings

Karlene Bowen, Jay Essig, Lori Devin, Kevin Essig, Wendy Andriotis, and Aaron Essig, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Two memorial services were held, the 1st at the Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 PM.

Then a joint homegoing / 50th anniversary celebration at the Canton Grace Brethren Church, North Canton, Ohio, on Thursday, August 15 at 4:00 PM.

Instead of flowers, the family requests all memorial gifts be made to Joy Media Ministry, P. O. Box 249, Glennallen, Alaska, 99588, or electronically to jmmdonor@kcam.org. Please clearly mark all memorial gifts "Maust fund."

Lynn Edward Dupuy



age 80 of Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio passed away peacefully June 22, 2024 with his family by his side. He was born on January 6, 1944, in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Joseph and Nellie (nee Waldrum) Dupuy. He grew up in Dover, Ohio where he played football and graduated from Poland Seminary High School in Youngstown in 1962. He attended Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas; Youngstown University, Youngstown, Ohio and David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee where he obtained his B.S in Engineering.

Lynn married Dorothy Marie Osborn in 1966 in Struthers, Ohio. Lynn and Dottie begin their married lives in Nashville, Tennessee where Lynn completed his degree and often served as country minister for the small towns of Tennessee. This began a 60-year loving, supportive relationship that many tried to

emulate. Dottie and Lynn were made for each other and the true meaning of Soulmates. Their love for their Children and the importance of a core family strength has become their legacy and their pride. Their focus has always been on memories with family and not things. This too has become their legacy.

Upon completing his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Lynn began his professional career with General Electric as a Quality and Process engineer over 45 years ago which relocated them to Cleveland, Ohio. Over a seventeen-year period with G.E., he rose through a variety of positions ranging from Manufacturing Engineer and Foreman to Supervisor of Industrial Engineering. Recruited by A.T. Kearney, Inc. in 1977, he led a variety of assignments covering strategic planning, facility design and quality system assessments and development both nationally and internationally. In 1983 he received an MBA focused on organizational behavior from Baldwin Wallace. In 1985 it became apparent that smaller businesses needed the same level of expertise

and experience as larger firms in the area of change management, but that need was not being effectively addressed by most consulting firms at the time. Having a history with large companies, he began working with smaller firms to bring the broad experience he attained to bear on the smaller company issues. Today that focus contained and incorporated many methodologies and techniques that have been modified to fit the needs of the smaller company, He most recently provided mentorships and coaching to individuals for personal and professional growth.

With a love of the water, Lynn served as a lifeguard for the YMCA Leadership in high school, a salvage diver as a college student in Texas, and acquired his Captains license to move boats through the Great Lakes. Lynn and Dottie spent many years with their family on the waters of

Lake Erie and connecting waterways. From Lake Erie to the North Channel and down the intercoastal, you might find this happy Captain. His greatest pride and deepest love was his children and grandsons.

Along with Dottie, Lynn is survived by his Daughter Tammy Lynne Dupuy Marquardt (Darren), predeceased Son, Brett Edward Dupuy, Grandsons Thomas James Marquardt and Zachary Edward Marquardt (Chardonnay).

A Celebration of Lynn's Life was held at the Gravel Bar Yacht Club on the water in Marblehead, Ohio, on July 30th

Donations may be made in Lynn's memory to Alliance for the Great Lakes or the Great Lakes commission or any initiative that supports our Great Lakes.

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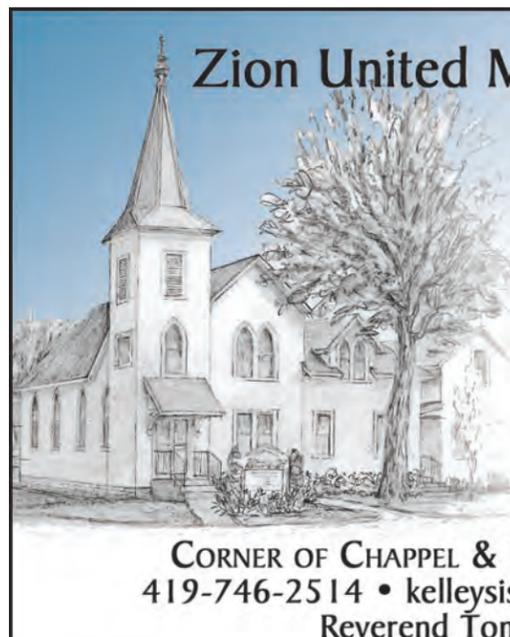
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The Presidential Election – November 1888

Leslie Korenko

November 3, 1888 – “Damage to the telegraph cable occurred somewhat regularly and we find that our Kelley’s Island friends should have their cable repaired by Tuesday night, so as to be able to get elections returns.” November 10, 1888 – “Official returns for the Presidential election for the island: Cleveland and Thurman-147; Harrison and Morton-141. [Gen. Benjamin Harrison and Hon. Levi P. Morton would be inaugurated President and Vice-President on March 4, 1889.] The Harrison and Morton pole on Kelley’s Island is said to be a sight to behold. At least a dozen flags and ensigns are floating therefrom.” “The Republicans had their final ‘blow out’ on last Wednesday evening. The Harrison and Morton Club had a grand torch light procession, about 90 being in line.”

“Some of the houses on the line of march were beautifully illuminated. Those particularly noticeable, being: Henry Elfers, Fred Elfers, F. M. Kelley, G. P. Bristol, Herman Suhr, Addison Kelley, Mrs. H. Kaster [Koster] and the Himmelein House.

Mr. Addison Kelley borrowed a very fine rooster of Geo. P. Bristol and put him in the window. The lights were turned down awaiting the procession, when it came in sight around the corner of the street, the lights were turned up to their utmost capacity which so dazzled his roostership that he ‘wilted’ right down, so that but few saw him at all. Some of those philosophically inclined, attribute his actions to the fact of his being a Democrat.



Addison Kelley’s House



George Bristol’s house



Kelley’s Hall

After the procession disbanded, the members wended their way to Kelley’s Hall to trip the light fantastic toe. Here were finally congregated some 250 ‘fair women and brave men’ (and children) the like of which was never before seen on the Island. The patriotic Harrison and Morton ladies served the supper, and in just 1½ hours from the time the first person sat down to the tables the last table was out of doors and the floor cleared for the dancers. 200 invitations were issued, every Republican voter received one, and also 15 or 20 of the Democrats who were known to enjoy a good thing when they see it. It is said that one or two of the latter tore up their cards when received. This certainly showed very poor taste, as they were issued with the very best of feeling, and intended as a compliment.

The Cleveland and Thurman pole was gathered to its fathers last week. The Harrison and Morton pole will be left until after inauguration day, and should the movement on foot for making this place a signal display station prove successful the pole will be left standing for the purpose of hoisting signals thereon. It is 85 feet out of ground and stands on the hill directly in front of the telegraph office [in the Store on the Corner-The Lodge], the location being all that could be desired.”

From the book Kelleys Island 1885-1893: The Final Chapter

Mary Ellen Huntley's Jalapeno Peppers

Twila Joyce

- 1 lb. ground sausage
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 teas. garlic powder
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 small sweet onion, finely chopped
- 18 jalapeno peppers
(can also use banana peppers)

Cook sausage and drain. Set aside.

In medium bowl, add cream cheese, onion, Parmesan, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Mix well.

Add drained sausage to cheese mixture, mix well.

Clean peppers - slice in half and remove seeds with a spoon. *(Don't touch your eyes or face - pepper juice can irritate. Or wear plastic gloves).*

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