



# From the Mayor's Desk

I am sitting here writing this letter three days after the violent storm we had the other night. Wow, what a storm. I've never seen so many trees down all over the island. Not just one area but, all over. There were several streets blocked because of the fallen trees and the power was out for approximately twenty-one hours on parts of the island. Many houses were also damaged from these trees. It was nice to see the people that came together to help clear the roads and clean up the trees. Then, on Thursday morning O.E. Meyer was here checking on those with generators that needed propane, the village being one of those in need. I believe there were two, maybe three tree trimming services here to remove the trees that had fallen on many houses. We certainly do appreciate all the help we received from everyone involved. Thank You!!!

Everything is open now, with several restrictions, due to the COVID 19. It does seem like everyone has been very busy which is good for both the businesses and the village. We can hope that the good weather continues so that remains eventful. Please everyone, continue to safe distance, wash hands and face, wear mask and respect everyone's rights who

may have different thoughts about the current situation than you do.

Important information from the June council meeting. The village is looking at possibly a new ambulatory service for the island. Council did pass legislation to allow the Mayor to enter into contract negotiations with MetroHealth out of Cleveland. There are many new items being brought forth to the table and with the island's best interest, I along with council's help, will make the best decision for the island. Stay tuned for more information about this major decision.

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# **Kelleys Island** Police Department

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Since yesterday, I have spent time reflecting upon the tragedy happening in Minneapolis and the tragic loss of Mr. George Floyd. My heartfelt condolences go out to Mr. Floyd's family and friends for their significant and untimely loss. When watching the video, I was shocked, angry, hurt, and embarrassed. I knew this incident would call into question the profession of law enforcement and for the time being, hide away the remarkable efforts of those who each day admirably and proudly serve their communities.

I watched this tragedy happen and my mind raced and I had a series of questions I needed to answer: What could change the outcome? Might the same thing happen here? We do on-going training and for a moment, I questioned if our officers know the expectations? I then asked the most important question. Who are we and what do we value? When I asked this question, things came into focus. I repeated a statement I have said countless times: "the community is our strength". Our ability to create safe neighborhoods is accomplished by engaging our community to help us, help them, and help each other. Our community is a force multiplier of eyes and ears who see and hear matters of safety and

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### **Zion United Methodist** Church **Re-Opening**

The Zion United Methodist Church of Kelleys Island will once again be open to church goers beginning Sunday, June 28. Services will be held at 10:30 every Sunday. Attendees are being asked to use the church entrance on the, Division Street, side of the building. Safe distancing will be practiced. Please be considerate and responsible. For those not yet able or comfortable attending in person, conference calling service will still be available. Christian Crafters will begin meeting on Wednesdays from 3 – 5pm. Please use side entrance of church.

#### Gary Leidheiser, Director

We Welcome back! are celebrating our 75th Anniversarv here on Kelleys Island. It was 1945 when our Board took possession of our property on Ward Road. Our first years, we camped in tents, and the old white house was our kitchen and dining facility. Times have changed and we now have a great facility along the North Shore of Kelleys Island with our beautiful beach.

I know this has been a difficult spring with the Coronavirus and all the restrictions. At this point our summer 4-H camping season has been cancelled through August as well as our planned 75th Anniversary celebration. We are sad about spending this summer without campers and all the energy



Gary Leidheiser

**2020 4-H Camp Spring News** 

they bring to camp. We will continue our fall events as planned if restrictions are lifted.

I am spending my 3rd summer as Director, a position I have always thought this to be an ideal summer job for the 8th grade science teacher

that I am. This is like coming home as, my father Paul was involved with camp when I was growing up. We would spend weekends in the spring and fall working to get camp ready for campers or ready for winter. I worked on the summer staff for four summers in the mid 70's. We enjoy the island so much our family bought a house here on the island.

My wife, Sharon will be joining me on the island this summer, so I was really excited to share camp with her, now she will have to wait until next summer to see what camp is all about. We plan on being more active in "Relleys Island Life" as this summer progresses and as we continue in the coming years.

Cancelled Events: AA Meetings Vacation Bible School

Kelleys Life now online at www.kelleysisland.com/kelleyslife



# **KILA Korner**

Summer is finally upon us and the island is "opening up". There's been a lot of activity but still filled with

caution about COVID 19. Last month, KILA decided, regrettably, to cancel Homecoming for 2020. Such a social gathering and celebration was considered too risky considering the circumstances. We hope we erred on the side of caution and everybody remains safe and healthy.

This week in June was quite an adventure. A pretty serious storm hit KI on Wednesday (the 10th) with a lot of downed trees and limbs. A couple of homes sustained some pretty serious But, no injuries were damage. reported. After electricity was restored the next day, (Thanks H-W), things returned to the new normal. That is, until Sunday when strong NE winds closed down the ferry boat. For some, another day in paradise.

KILA's community service project for this year was to give reusable cloth masks to KI property owners & residents. We made some "home deliveries" and distributed masks at





June 6th distribution of Masks by (L to R) Lisa Biltz, Peg Cooney, Jack Wade, and Drew Algase. Photo by Tom Behlen. Chris Arnold, Jeanie Feagan, also participated.



Fallen Trees at Estes School

the Estes school on Saturday the 6th & 13th. Over 150 pairs of masks were given away, two per household. Masks have or will be given to the KI Police dept. and other public service organizations to protect themselves and those who they

serve. We hope that helps keep our residents safe and promotes social distancing. If you are a property owner (KILA membership is not required) and didn't get masks, please contact us at info@kila.rocks.

Please watch our website https://kila.

Beck, and Wally Christy. Photo by Tom Behlen rocks/ and our Facebook page for

announcements about KILA events. Also, please remember to renew your KILÂ membership or become a new member and join the over 200 active KILA members.



Our displays this year - Suffrage & Island Doctors Our gift shop is new and the Resale shop is overflowing.





# Kelleys Island Landowners Association

KILA Membership gives you a voice in island government and is an excellent way for you to be aware of issues that affect your investment on the Island.

# **KILA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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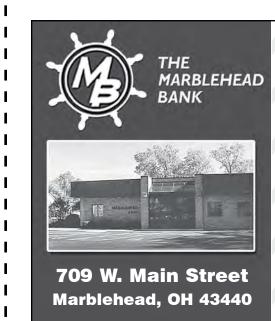
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# From the Mayor's Desk

Other village news, the Transfer Station and McGettigan, Memory and Fernwood road project is moving along. It has been a lengthy process but, council is close to the end and hopefully with no snags the actual road paving can begin. Council did the Assessment accept Equalization Board recommendations, so now we can acquire a loan, then send out final assessment letters with the actual cost, and accept the bid. Here is hoping all is good.

Stay Safe Everyone, Mayor Ron Ehrbar

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# **Kelleys Island Police Department**





An Apple of Your Eye Saturday, Sept. 6th, 2020



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by working together, we can achieve and sustain quality of life. We police with our community.

Building relationships is not only part of our stated mission but, more importantly, it is who we are and what we do. We spend countless hours with people in their places and spaces by getting to know them and sharing who we are. We see you as invaluable partners in safety and we hope you see us the same way. We want you to know us in case you need us. I then asked: Who are we? We do character based hiring. We recruit and hire people who are kind, compassionate, caring, and selfless who can build relationships and see the value in this work. We hire people who understand that on your worst day, hour or moment of your life, we will be there to offer a hand

up and we show up by offering dignity and respect to all.

As I reflected more, I know it isn't the policies, procedures and training alone guiding our work, our mission, and our values - it must be intrinsic. At the very core of what we do and who we are, we need to care. We need to care for our community - all people. We are called when things are bad, to make things better-to help people, to care. If we do this important work with this focus, we will honor this noble profession by caring for those who we took an oath to serve and are entrusted to help.

We must always honor and care for you as a community.....

Řespectfully, Chief of Police, Shawn M. Craig Kelleys Island, Ohio

### -HARLES HERNDON GALLERIES

Feel free to walk through the sculpture garden at anytime, keeping in mind the 6' social distancing. The gallery is open by appointment and visitors are asked to wear masks. Go to charlesherndon.com or Charles Laylin Herndon on Facebook to view work, prints, and more. Email/call if you have questions: chasherndon@gmail.com, 419 746-2249.

charlesherndon.com 114 Laylin Lane, Kelleys Island



# **Kelleys Island Historical Association (KIHA)**

We were so excited about opening day - our new exhibits (Islanders debate Suffrage in 1867 and Island Doctors), so many new items in the gift shop, and some exciting events planned for this summer. Then it all came to a grinding halt. The museum Gift Shop opened a little late and just on weekends. The Museum finally opened on June 12 and now the museum and gift

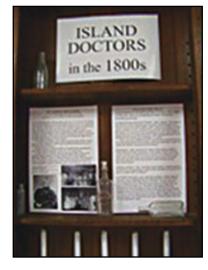
shop are open from 12-4 Friday through Monday (closed Tuesday through Thursday). The Resale Shop opened earlier but, again, with limited hours. Sonia is on the sick list so we are relying on several volunteers



to keep the shop open. We finally got the new sign up and the porch painted the house is looking good. After a lot of discussion, we decided to go ahead with the Arts & Crafts Show on August 1-we can easily accommodate

safe distances. Our artisans have been so patient and we are all looking forward to what will probably be a big event since so many others have been cancelled. We still have a few slots open if you want to attend (www.KelleysIslandHistorical.org events).

In the meantime, thanks to Leslie Korenko and Michael Beatty, we now have a Blog on our website. Jordan at the Chamber suggested it. The new publishers of Kelleys Life asked Leslie to write an article about this Island's history for each issue and two articles on the Island's telegraph were completed. Can't make it to the museum yet? Check out the Video page on our website - we added a tour of the museum. The two Walking Tours have had over 1,000 views already.



All we can say is, stop by and say hello, tour the museum, find treasures at the resale shop, and stay safe.

# 2020 Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Golf Cart **Poker Run & Benefit Swim**

To All Our Dear Friends,

2020 has been a strange year. Cindra & I (Jeni) needed to make a tough decision and decided that we will not be having the Golf Cart Poker Run this year or the party after the swim. Yes, we will still be swimming on Sunday, August 2nd from West Bay to Portside. Our MAW children & their families will be cheering us on from their homes this year. 2020 is a flash back to when we started this event back in 1995 and all we did was swim. The only people who watched over us were our husbands, our children and Kelleys Island

friends. This event has grown over the years, and we appreciate how so many people have become involved in helping us raise money. Cindra & I are even more committed to these special children and their Wishes. This year we have one Wish child so far.

Braxton, is from Perrysburg, he is 8 years old and has Menkes Disease. His Wish is to have a Sensory Experience at the Atlanta Aquarium so he can see the different colors of the fish and watch them swim. He loves things that light up and makes noise.

We are looking into running a raffle on-line to help support our Wish child. Please stay updated on our Facebook page for more details (Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Benefit Weekend). Cindra & I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy 2020. To donate:

Mail your Tax-deductible donation to: US Bank,

205 W. Perkins Ave, Sandusky, Ohio

or MAW, PO Box 517, Kellevs Island. Ohio 43438



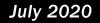
God Bless to all. Love, Cindra & Jeni











# **Kelleys Island 2020 Calendar of Events**

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Harvest Fest	Memorial Park	
Oktoberfest	West Bay	
21st Annual Chili Cook-Off		
Owl Banding (thru Nov. 23)	Audubon Club	
Murder Mystery	KI Venture Resort	
Trunk or Treat – Seaway Marina	KI Wine Co.	
EMS Pumpkin Carving	Peeper's	
Kid's Halloween	KI Ŵine Co.	
Family Hay Ride-KILA	4-H Camp	
EMS Terror at Town Hall	Town Hall	
5K & 10K Run / Walk	Memorial Park	
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**Events are still in the process** of being cancelled and / or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the **Kelleys Island Chamber of** Commerce website for changes. www.kelleysislandchamber.com

We offer sales and service on the following items: JET BOATS Yamaha PWC (jet skis) Sea Doo, Yamaha and Kawasaki

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# Island Singers

The Island Singers are not yet meeting. However, if anyone is interested in singing with the group this season, Please contact Annalee at 1-248-505-0614.



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# **Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Update**

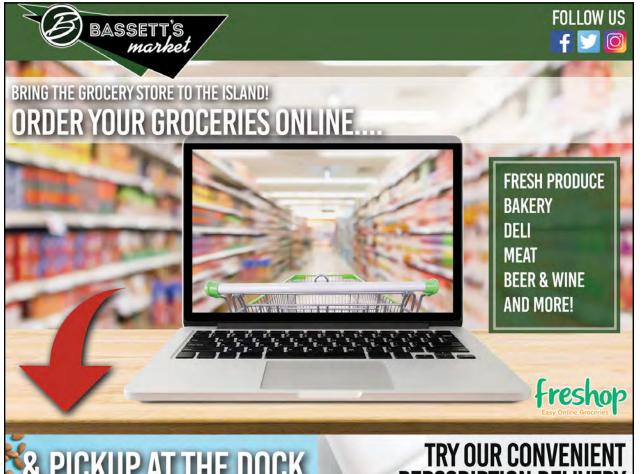
#### Jordan Killam, Director

It's great to be back in the Chamber office, though we have been answering your phone calls and emails since the day we left in November! The office is open to the public, but with restrictions. We are allowing the public to enter, but they must remain a safe distance from our staff behind a barrier. You may also notice some new friends in the office (my plants!). They're really enjoying that southern light!

#### A New Look

You may have noticed our new website,





KelleysIslandChamber.com, which was completed and launched in April! The site, created and built by Thrive Internet Marketing based in Perrysburg, OH, features the following upgrades:
A beautiful, highly visual new design
Improved user experience - fewer clicks to

get where you need to go

A one-stop section for planning your trip to the island

Sorting feature for amenities/property type/ type of stay on our lodging pages

Redesigned business pages

Suggested itineraries that include historic walking tours, adventures for kids and family, and more!

More prominently featured and redesigned events pages

#### Summer isn't Cancelled - it's rescheduled!

Though many restrictions have been placed upon our daily lives due to COVID-19 (and for good reason), we have been re-assessing our plans for later on in the year. Though most island events are cancelled through August 12, the Chamber will go forward in hosting its annual Film Festival, which takes place July 24-26. This year, attendees will need to remain inside their cars and golf carts in a socially distant fashion. The lineup includes Grease, Ford vs. Ferrari, Toy Story 4, and King Kong. Films will take place outside exclusively.

We are also happy to announce that our annual Island Fest Fireworks show has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 5, which is during Labor Day Weekend. As always, the Fireworks show is solely funded by the community for the community. We will accept donations in the Chamber office, but you can also donate online to KelleysIslandChamber. com/donate. We have around \$8,000 to raise this

year and we need your help! The 5 & 10K Run/Walk will be rescheduled for Sunday, October 18. The event, which will be known as the "Zombie Run" this year, will encourage runners to dress as the iconic undead. Look out for information about signing up and volunteering for the race on the Chamber's website and social media properties.

Finally, Kelleys Island's Got Talent will also likely receive a makeover for this COVID year, so stay tuned for information about that. We are also trying to reschedule the Mad River Kelleys Island Bike Tour for fall, if possible.

**GLIA Summit** 

This fall, the annual Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) Islands Summit was scheduled to take place on our Lake Erie Islands (South Bass, Middle Bass, Gibraltar, Kelleys Island, and Pelee) in a historic progressive conference - 5 islands in two countries in 3 days! However, after much discussion and consideration, the event will not take place this year.

GLIA is a group of Great Lakes Islands-based elected officials, organization leaders, and private citizens dedicated to addressing complex, interrelated challenges. This includes: access to public complex, and guality education public services and quality education, supporting a diversified economy, managing natural, cultural, and historical resources across public and private boundaries, and changing demographics (size, age, seasonality, ownership, economic status, etc.). The goal is to discuss and implement best practices for

tackling these challenges. Cindy Holmes, Pat Ahner, Kim and Julie Valentine, Jackie Taylor, and I attended the 2019 summit on Mackinac Island. The Lake Erie Islands will host the 2021 summit. I will serve on the host committee along with Peter Huston, Director of the Put-In-Bay Chamber of Commerce, Mike Gora Webmaster of Middle Bass Island, and Dave DeI Councillor from Pelee Island. We're sure that next year's summit will be even better due to extra time spent planning! A note of thanks

Please mention in the comments section that you require delivery to Kelley's Island!

Please note that there is a \$4.95 shopping fee, as well as a \$10 delivery fee, to get your groeries to the Kelleys Island Dock.





We began using the hashtag #KIStrong back in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, as we plunged headlong into uncharted waters - unsure if we could ever operate businesses and welcome tourists in 2020. Thanks to the ardent grit of islanders and business owners alike, we rolled with the punches and implemented the Governor's guidelines. When permission for non-essential travel was granted by the state, we opened up to visitors. The response was electric. Many KI fans (plus some curious new travelers) showed up to support our community and the community served them with pride. I would like to personally thank all of you local government, business owners, and residents who pitched in to restore our island's economy. This has been a tough year and the challenges aren't over,

but we are resilient. We are #KIStrong. Stay safe and healthy, my friends. As always, I am reachable by phone at 419-746-2360 or info@ kelleysislandchamber.com



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# **Serving Our Seniors**

Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors

The Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group has not met since early fall of 2019. Despite the Governor lifting the "Stay At Home" order and allowing restaurants to operate, some of the lunch-goers are asking this...

"Why isn't the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group meeting this summer?"

Answer: The Governor has lifted the "Stay At Home" order and modified it to be a guideline. The Governor did not lift the order for Senior Centers to open and reinstate its "lunch groups." The reason...? It is not safe for

The reason...? It is not safe for people of older age to meet in a congregate setting, when 6 foot of distance between people cannot be maintained and the activity is one that prevents wearing a mask.

Allow me to elaborate on why this matters. People of older age don't have the same immune system as a young or middle-aged adult. Nor are people of older age as resilient. We just don't bounce back from an illness or serious health problem, like we use to. When we do (if we do) bounce back it takes more time and it takes more therapy. Even with treatment and therapy, functional health is not always fully restored in later life.

As anxious as we all are for things to get back to normal and reinvigorate the economy, I implore those who are age 60+ to not let your guard down. Until the virus has gone away, people of older age -- who want to age successfully -are better served by:

• Staying at home as much as possible.

• Staying away from others who are sick.

• Stay 6' or more apart from others who appear healthy.

• Avoid directly touching items/ objects and surfaces that have not been sanitized.

• Wash your face and hands often – especially after you have touched a surface or an object with your bare hands. If you leave home take sanitizing hand gel with you.

• Wear a mask when in the company of others.

• Wear a mask when away from your home.

• Don't touch your eyes, nose, mouth unless you have thoroughly washed your hands, first.

I know it's not what any of us want to hear, but it would be wrong to bring back the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group, given the existence of Covid-19.

Serving Our Seniors is not letting its guard down. We hope that you won't let your guard down, either. The Erie County Health Commissioner advises that the virus will be with us up to a year and a half, which takes us to August 2021.

If we are vigilent, we will get through this. When we do, let's have a Senior Lunch Group celebration for the end of the Covid-19 virus.

If you still have questions, please give me a call at Serving Our Seniors, 419-624-1856. It would be my pleasure to address what is on your month regarding this matter.

**Q:** I work and I don't live on Kelleys Island. I am concerned that my parents may be at nutritional risk. Is there any help for them?

A: If your parents are unable to prepare their own food, but are able to heat up a frozen meal, Serving Our Seniors can help. It will require a home visit to validate their inability to do their own meal preparation. If they are unable, we can arrange to have 10 frozen lunch meals brought to them every two weeks. The meals are prepared by the Erie County Senior Center or another organization known as Simply EZ. Call our office for more information. 419-624-1856. Ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant.



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# The Island's Telegraph Cable (Part 2)

### Longest Fresh Water Sub-Marine Telegraph Cable In The World

#### Leslie Korenko

Heralded as the 'Longest Fresh Water Sub-Marine Telegraph Cable in the World,' the Island's telegraph cable was laid on Saturday, June 19, 1875 and received extensive coverage in the press.

"Laying of the Longest Fresh Water Sub-Marine Telegraph Cable in the World" - On Saturday the sub-marine telegraph cable between Kelley's Island and Marblehead was laid. The operation was witnessed by a large number of people from this city and the Islands. The Gazelle took the cable on board here and proceeded to Put-in-Bay, touching at Kelley's Island. She returned to the latter place about halfpast 1 o'clock that afternoon and went directly to Marblehead, where one of the shore ends of the cable was made fast.



The Gazelle carried the cable to the Island.

While the Gazelle was at Marblehead the Mystic arrived, having on board a party from this city who were anxious to see the novel operation of preparing for the establishment of telegraphic communication between the island and main land. The Mystic came up alongside the Gazelle and rendered valuable assistance in the work. As soon as the shore end of the cable was made fast, both boats started direct for Addison Kelley's Point, Kelley's Island, where the cable is to connect with the land line on that shore. The cable was successfully laid by the Gazelle to a point just off the shore of the latter island, and as the steamer could not land there, she transferred the cable to a flat-boat, which was waiting to receive it. The Gazelle then touched at the island dock and returned to Sandusky.

The laying of the cable was done under the direct supervision of the officers of the Sandusky & Kelley's Island Cable Co. assisted by some officials of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co.

The management of the cable is in the hands of those who will spare no endeavor to make it a success and conduct it for the best interests of the stockholders in a manner eminently satisfactory to the public. We sincerely hope that the company will meet with that success which it so well merits."

While the water portion of the cable was completed, delays occurred causing the islanders to wait a few more weeks before being able to talk with 'America.' The wire for the land portion of the line in Marblehead didn't arrive until June 23. Emeline Kelley wrote that "if the land line of our telegraph is not done soon, you may advertise the demise of the A & P Tel. Co. and also the Kelley's Island & Sandusky Cable Co. The corpse will be ready."



The telegraph was located in the Store on the Corner (also known as The Lodge).

Finally, on July 8, the first message was sent.

The Sandusky Register, July 9, 1875 - The Kelley's Island & Sandusky Cable Completed

Yesterday afternoon the main shore land line of the Kelley's Island & Sandusky Cable Company was attached to an instrument in the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph office in this city and the click of the instrument soon announced that the cable was in working order. On our telegraph page will be found the first dispatch sent over the wire. Subsequently Mayor Daniel sent the following message to the Island:

Sandusky, July 8, 1875 -- To the Citizens of Kelley's Island: Allow me to congratulate you upon your enterprise in opening direct communication between Kelley's Island and Sandusky by successfully laying a submarine cable in Lake Erie by which we shall be able to be more closely connected, and as the cable reaches from one point to the other without a stop, thereby binding the two together, may it also bring the people of the Island and Sandusky into closer relations and make them, if possible, still more friendly in the future than have been in the past. Yours Respectfully, Geo. Daniel, Mayor

The following reply was then received from Mr. Erastus Huntington, of Kelley's Island, who is Secretary and Treasurer of the company:

Kelleys Island, July 8 -- Geo. Daniel, Mayor of Sandusky: Your congratulatory dispatch to the citizens of Kelley's Island is received. In behalf of our citizens allow me to thank you for your kind wishes, and, as the people

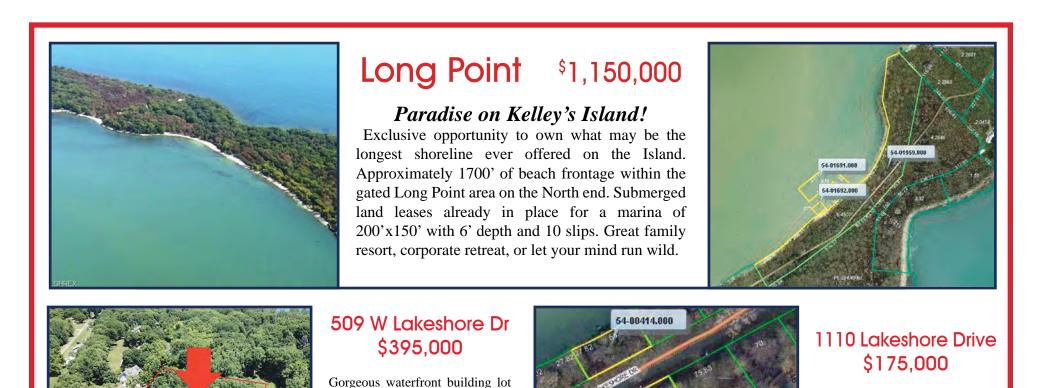
kind wishes, and, as the people of Sandusky united with us in buying and laying our cable, so may we always be united as one in the future, and may our interests be united in a bond of union as perfect as our cable

Erastus Huntington, Sec'y and Treas., K. I. & S. C. Co.



Erastus Huntington was the telegraph operator

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# **OBITUARY**

#### Marian Rachel Baron Goldner



Marian Rachel Baron Goldner died peacefully, comforted by her daughters Marcia and Janet, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in Aventura, Florida. Marian was born at

Toledo Hospital on January 17, 1923. She was the youngest child of Russian immigrants, Harry Moses Baron and Pauline Jaffee Baron. They had five children: Jerry, Sidney, Freida (Williams) Robert, and Marian. When Marian was only seven years-old, her mother died and Marian's older sister, Freida, became her "sister/mother." The loving, Orthodox Jewish family lived in Bowling Green, Ohio. All her siblings are deceased. Eventually, Marian became the much-revered matriarch of a grand "Baron Clan."

When she was only 17 years-old, Leo Goldner, a Hungarian/American, met Marian. Leo knew immediately that he would marry her and that she was the love of his life. On July 6, 2019, they celebrated 75 years of marriage. Leo died on Feb. 1, 2020.

During WW II, Leo proposed to Marian. He managed to get two 3-day passes (one for his birthday and another to get married). The ceremony was held on July 6, 1944 in Freida and Wilfred Williams' back yard on Putnam Street.

When Leo returned from the war, their son, Paul was six months old and they were finally able to begin married life in an apartment on Franklin Street in Toledo. They bought their first home on Vermont Street and in 1951, built a home on Edgevale Road in Ottawa Hills. Over the years, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends from all over the world (even some of them famous!) shared holidays, special occasions and hundreds of "not special" occasions in the Edgevale home as well as their summer cottage, the Squeezum Inn, on Kelleys Island, Ohio.

Both Marian and Leo were the most all-inclusive, generous of hosts. Once the children were grown, Leo and Marian continued their gracious hospitality in a series of winter homes in the Florida Keys, Bal Harbour, and eventually Aventura at The VI Residence for the last 16 years.

Leo and Marian shared many travels with friends and family to a number of faraway locations. Of note was the famous summer-long family camping trip to nearly all the national parks in the American West. Leo and Marian took trips around the world and all over the world, including places like Hungary and Israel, both of which held profound meaning for them.

Marian was perhaps best remembered as an avid writer. She published 7 award winning illustrated children's books, 2 family histories (Solid Goldner, We Barons), several plays and musicals, many poems and dozens of songs and parodies. She also authored many newsletters for nonprofits. In her later years, Marian taught a writing class at The VI Residence. She was a comedienne who could perform stand-up, and later "sitting-down," telling jokes for an hour or more, employing Yiddish, Irish, Italian, and other accents with perfect timing and delivery.

Marian was a Jewish organizational leader and community activist for Pioneer Women, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, and the Temple Shomer Emunim Couples' Club. She devoted time to the The Toledo Interfaith Council, taught English at the International Institute on Human Relations, chaired the Toledo Chapter for UNICEF where she raised millions of dollars, and was a member of the Footlighter's Club of South Florida which supports indigent entertainers and musicians. Marian and her daughter, Camryn, were founders of the Key Deer Alliance in the Florida Keys which protects this endangered species. Together, Leo and Marian were among the founders of the University of Toledo Hillel Organization which served Jewish students, locally and far from home. Her long list of philanthropic donations and the giving of her time goes on and on and does not include the multitude of personal kindnesses she freely gave to others.

kindnesses she freely gave to others. Many considered Marian their adopted or second mother, even anointing her with the moniker of "Aunt Mom." Her Grandchildren felt she was the model by which all the other grandmothers of the world be measured! Hers was the house and kitchen many of her children's teenage friends felt comfortable enough to congregate. Marian treated everyone with equal respect, enthusiasm, earnestness, and love no matter what!

Marian Rachel Baron Goldner will be missed as a mother, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, friend, cousin and of course, proud grandmother and greatgrandmother. She was funny, talented, gentle-hearted, and wise. Marian was a beacon of light and an inspiration to all who knew her. She also made the best Hungarian paprikash ever!

Marian and Leo had four children, Paul (Linda Bender, Sandra Soifer), Marcia Alter, Janet Killam (Michael Killam), Camryn Lee (deceased); Grandchildren, Andrea DeMar (David), Mark Goldner, Sharon Tipping (Michael), Olivia Potash (Daniel), and Jordan Killam. Great grandchildren,

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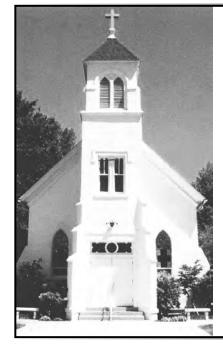
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Lauren, Noah, and Rebecca Demar, Talia, Emma, and Abigail Tipping, and Omri Potash, and grandchildren and great grandchildren of Paul's wife (Sandra Soifer), Halie Soifer (Andrew Kauders), Marci Soifer (Peter Shapiro) and Henri, Eli, and Max Kauders. There are also many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends that Marian famously kept in close contact with throughout the years. She was will always be remembered for her beautifully crafted correspondence.

The immediate family gathered for a grave site service and will celebrate Marian's life at a later date when her family and friends can gather safely. Contributions in memory of Marian should be made to The Baron Family Scholarship Fund at Bowling Green State University, Congregation B'nai Israel, The Florida Key Dear Alliance, or a charity of the donor's choice.



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Kieley moved to Kelleys Island from McKinney Texas to live with her Aunt and Uncle, Julie and Kim Valentine in 2017. She entered Danbury as a freshman and graduated in three years by taking online classes and a having excellent scores on Achievement Tests. She commuted daily from Kelleys either by ferry or plane.

Kieley is the daughter of Jim LeBowsky, Manager of the Sand Trap Grill and Michelle LeBowsky of Forney, Texas. She plans to continue her education at B.G.S.U. Firelands majoring in Respiratory Therapy. Kieley is currently a dispatcher for the Kelleys Island Police Department.

Her family would like to thank Kelleys Island School and residents as well as Danbury for helping and supporting her through this amazing journey! Congrats Kieley!!!



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# **Kelleys Island Audubon Club - Summer Happenings**

#### Barb Zeller

The spring of 2020 marked the 25th year of avian study of the birds of Kelleys Island by bird banders, Tom and Paula Bartlett. However, this year the banding station on Long Point was closed to visitors due to COVID-19 and the accompanying Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) festival of "Nest with the Birds" was cancelled. Though the Bartlett's missed having visitors to share their enthusiasm, they were successful in banding just over 1160 birds from 70 species. A first for Tom was banding a Chuck-Will's-Widow, a bird related to Whip-Poor-Wills, though twice the size.

Despite the virus, there are still educational opportunities happening on the island this summer! The Kelleys Island Field Station, in partnership with the KIAC and the KI State Park, will be hosting a Virtual Nature Camp from July 6-10 and July 27-31 with "self-guided" daily adventure field trips to enjoy hands on activities. The 2020 theme is "Bugs" and each registered 4-11 year old participant will receive a nature kit, ODNR Field Guide, insect container, bug net, and other craft projects as well as the ability to experience "Insects After Dark", an evening activity you cannot miss! Registration forms are available at the KI State Park and the KI Field Station and KIAC Facebook pages, as well as Kelleys Life and the KIAC Hoot Owl newsletter. In addition to Nature Camp, the Field Station will be at the KI School every Saturday from 11am to 1pm for "Science Saturdays" to offer hands on exhibits and demonstrations for kids.

Another exciting opportunity this summer is the continued development of the Kelleys Island Pollinators and Partnerships program which kicked off in October of 2018 as a grass roots effort to provide over 17 acres of habitat for animal pollinators, including native bees, birds, flies, butterflies, other insects and mammals. After mowing and removal of nonnative plant species in 2019, this spring specific grasses and wildflowers were planted for germination. The seed planted this spring came from a variety of funding sources, but mostly through local community support on Kelleys Island. An added benefit of this effort is the designation of Kelleys Island as Monarch City, USA which recognized our efforts and commitment to the environment by directly helping the monarch butterfly population. Look for signs recognizing this designation provided by the generosity of the Village of Kelleys Island, the KI School, and the KIAC.

As the Island residents and the Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it has had on our lives , the monthly potlucks, meetings and educational programs typically held by the club on the 3rd Thursday of the month have been cancelled for the foreseeable future and replaced with outdoor group nature walks. While encouraging appropriate social distancing and precautions, the club hopes that these monthly nature walks will help our members and guests continue to enjoy the beauty of Kelleys Island. If you would like to join in, meet at the Kelleys Island school parking lot at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday to head out to one of the islands beautiful natural areas.



Please consider becoming a member of the club to support our efforts and the efforts of our partners. As always, look up! There are at least three active bald eagle nests on the island, and you can see these wonderful birds along the lakeshore regularly, along with other wonderful bird species. Stay up to date by visiting the Kelleys Island Audubon Club Facebook page and stay safe.

# Lake Erie Islands Conservancy 2020 Bird Research

#### Tom & Paula Bartlett

The spring of 2020 is/was much different than a normal spring. For the last 18 years, Tom Bartlett and his banding team have come to the islands to study the birds using the islands during migration. This was done using mist nets, trapping the birds collecting data on them, banding them with a numbered metal band, and releasing them. It has always been open to the public and for participants of the Road Scholar programs which come to the islands. This year most of the research has be curtailed because of the COVID-19. Tom's main banding station at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve in southern Seneca County had to be closed. The preserve is open to the public and access could not be controlled. They banded March 14 and over twenty visitors showed up. It first appeared we would have the same problem on the islands as the Bird Banding Laboratory protocol stated no visitors or banding on public lands which could not be closed to the public. On Kelleys Island, they band on land owned by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, so access was strictly controlled and no visitors were allowed. They also worked with the Kelleys Island mayor on when and how they could band. So, during the



third week of April they were able to band on Kelleys but, snow on three of the seven days hampered their efforts. Working with the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District they were able to band on Middle Bass and on South Bass. Middle Bass involved closing the East Point Preserve during the banding times. On South Bass they band on private property at the Vineyard B & B. Again, at both sites weather was not the greatest for bird migration but, at least some data was collected. The public was very cooperative and adhered to the no visitors rule without complaint but, I am sure they were disappointed.

On Kelleys Island there were only four of us in April. The bad part was that it snowed three out of the seven days so we only banded 107 birds. Summer Tanager was good though. Photo attached. On Middle Bass Island we had five volunteers, banded 44 species and 285 individuals. Pine Warbler was the best, my first ever and we did two! On South Bass there were only four volunteers, banded 39 species and 283 individuals. Best birds were a male Hooded Warbler and nine year old Common Grackle.

One note of interest from South Bass: Our number one banded bird was Red-winged Blackbird (which is normal). Last Thursday we had some southerly wind. The female Red-winged Blackbirds left. On Friday and Saturday, we did not capture a single female. Plenty of males but, no females were captured or viewed in the area. On Sunday we captured one female and saw one other. The females seemed to have left on Thursday night and no other females replaced them... Sometimes it is not what you capture but, what you don't. Eventually new Red-wing females arrived. Below are some statistics on some recaptured birds from other years. Most of these birds are coming back to the same location each year, or not leaving. Attached is the full list of birds banded this spring. I can't remember a late spring banding when we had snow 4-5 days during the period. I still have my long underwear on... Thanks for the help from our volunteers-scribes and trained Please turn to page 13

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Below is an update for Camp Patmos. Thank you for your consideration.

For 68 years, the Camp Patmos Lighthouse has been shining the light of the gospel in the hearts of campers, families, and guests. This summer will be different. As I shared the news of canceling our summer programs with one of our neighbors, their response was comforting and sobering to me. First, they said they were sorry to hear about it. Then they let me know that they would miss the campers singing at night. It will be a silent summer at Camp Patmos.

As you may know, or not know, we canceled our summer camp programs for 2020. Social distancing and other regulations imposed on residential camps changes everything. Canceling Summer Camp was the hardest decision we have had to make as our youth camps are where we have the most impact for the kingdom of God. Also canceling summer camp programs leaves us with a \$300,000 deficit. Any scenario with fewer campers; whether it's a shortened season or the added expenses for medical and cleaning supplies, we are in a difficult financial situation.

Social Distancing regulations and finances have also resulted in the decision to not open our pool this

season. For you, this means we will not be hosting Open Swim on Saturdays. We will miss seeing you this summer too!

**Camp Patmos Update** 

We realize the impact of this time goes far beyond our camp and property; however if you are interested in helping Camp Patmos, there are two critical ways to help. First, you can help us by continuing

to lift us in prayer. Second, you can help us financially by donating directly to Camp Patmos through our website at www.camppatmos.com and clicking the Donate Now button or send a check to the address below. We are

currently seeking 1,500 people to each give two hundred dollars over the next six months. This goal would bridge the gap of our deficit and allow next season to open as usual. Thus far our efforts have already raised \$62,000 and will be thankful for any amount you can provide to aid in keeping the light shining for the next generation at Camp Patmos.

Lastly, even though we are not hosting camp this summer, we still live on camp with our families. We are not maintaining public restrooms or any public services at this time. Nonetheless, if you would like to stop by and visit, please check-in at the office, located in the small stone building behind the main Lakeview Lodge. The office will be open most weekdays from 9-5 and we are around most weekends too.

Thank you in advance for helping us by committing to pray and to those who can support us financially. We appreciate you and love being a part of the Kelleys Island community.

Seeking God's best, Dave Sellers and the Camp Patmos Staff.

Dave Sellers,

**Executive Director Camp Patmos** Office: 419-746-2214 dave@camppatmos.com



## Lake Erie Islands **Conservancy 2020 Bird Research**

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extractors; Paula Bartlett, Lisa Brohl, Teddi Keith-Morris, and Nancy Welter and for addition special help from Russ Brohl and Bob Stausmire for moving equipment from island to island. We appreciate the assistance of the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, Dr. William Cleveland, and the Barnhill family for the use of their properties to collect the data. Thanks to the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Brohl and Miles family for assistance with lodging.

Middle Bass:

- 1 6 year old Northern Cardinal
- 2 5 year old American Robins 1 4 year old Northern Flicker
- which was originally banded in McComb County, Michigan on May 26, 2017.

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# **Spring 2020 Kelleys Island Bird Banding Results**

Jones Preserve, Kelleys Island, Ohio May 16-28, 2020 Tom & Paula Bartlett

The Spring of 2020 marks the 25th year of our avian study of the birds of Kelleys Island. However, as you now know, this spring was far different from those of the past. For the last few years, Paula and I have had a 6 week spring bird banding routine on the Lake Erie Islands. We would start the third week of April on Kelleys Island, then head to Middle Bass Island for the fourth week. The first two weeks of May we would band on South Bass Island and assist in the teaching of a birding Road Scholar Program sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. The third and fourth weeks of May we returned to Kelleys Island for the Kelleys Island

Audubon Club's Nest with the Birds program and more bird banding. On the weekends in between we would return home to band at Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve. COVID-19 changed all of those plans. After banding at Springville Marsh on March 14, we had too many visitors and had to stop the banding because the marsh is open to the public. Our banding on Kelleys Island is on the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve on Long Point. Because it is private, we could control entry of visitors. So we contacted Ron Ehrbar, the mayor of Kelleys Island, and explained what we wanted to do and what the Bird Banding Laboratory's and bander's protocol were. Minimum contact with islanders, limited trained staff, and

how we would control entry were explained. After deliberation, Mayor Ehrbar approved our plan and we arrived at the island to setup nets on April 16. This sign was posted around the banding station and the public that did show up, understood, and left. We would have no more than six trained volunteers at any one time and would follow COVID-19 protocol. The plan was to band for seven days on Kelleys and to return in May. However, snow forced us to cancel three of those April days. In four days we banded only 107 individuals and our best day was 49 birds banded. There were a couple of highlights, like our second ever Summer Tanager and our fourth ever Cooper's Hawk.

Our Bass Islands data is used by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy to

buy and/or protect land on the Bass Islands. After seeing what we were doing on Kelleys Island Lisa Brohl, President, helped us work out a similar plan with the Put-in-Bay Township Park District so we could continue to collect data on Middle Bass Island and South Bass Island. We were successful there but, poor weather also limited our activities and results. We banded 285 individuals (44 species) on Middle Bass Island and 283 individuals (39 species) on South Bass Island. In total we banded 568 individuals of 57 species on the Bass Islands in fourteen days. The highlights were my first Pine Warblers banded on Middle Bass Island and a recaptured a Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker which was first banded in 2016 in McComb County Michigan!

# **The Kelleys Island Pollinators & Partnerships**

#### Jackie Taylor, Director Kelleys Island Field Station

In the summer of 2018, the Kelleys Island Pollinators & Partnerships was started as a "grass roots" network between the Kelleys Island State Park and the Kelleys Island School and Field Station. We reached out to several experts for advice on the proper methods for preparing the soil and planting the seed. Then with much research we created a plant list of native plants to Kelleys Island, and had a plan that would take three years to show any results. (See attached plant list, and partners)

The plan kicked off in October 2018, when mowing began on the State Park properties totaling around 17 acres. A demonstration plot of around .15 acres was planted at the Kelleys Island School with the assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serve (Lori Stevenson) providing \$100 in seed money from the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative. This plot was developed at an accelerated rate with the same plant species used in the larger areas and managed in the same fashion as the other acreage within the park. In June 2019 nonnative plant species were removed by the use of appropriate methods; this was repeated in July and August as needed. Doing this greatly increased the survival of native species by removing the competition. This spring (2020) specific grasses and wildflowers were planted for germination, with the assistance from Pheasants Forever and the Division of Wildlife (Mark Witt). If all goes as planned, we will have nearly 17 acres of pollinator habitat established by the summer, and in 2021 three more acres will get planted (see attached map for detailed areas).

We have had donations, advice, and a great amount of motivation which has allowed this project to become a success. But fortunately, we are only getting started! The seed that was planted this spring came from a variety of funding sources, but mostly from the local community on Kelleys Island. \$17,000 came from local donations, \$3,000 from the Ohio Ornithological Society, and \$1,200 from Pollinator Partnerships. The support has exceeded our expectations, and we are excited to be able to successfully move forward with this project! Our future plan is to incorporate interpretative trails into two of the properties that will connect with already existing State Park trails. The habitats will have an area to park with signage explaining the project and partners. This project has already been nationally recognized by Pollinator and Partnerships for the valuable contributions made to the Monarch Wings Across the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Program. With our participation, over 20 acres on Kelleys Island were registered as long-term secured habitat to support the conservation of the Eastern migratory monarch population. Pollinator Partnership's is a nonprofit organization that promotes the health of pollinators critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research.

In December 2019, the Kelleys Island Village Council approved Kelleys Island as a Monarch City USA. Monarch City USA is a national organization that recognized our efforts and commitment to the environment through promoting civic pride and improvement by directly helping the monarch butterfly population recover by encouraging and planting milkweed and nectar plants within our boundaries. Both the Village of Kelleys Island, the Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island School purchased signs that will get posted in the village and at the school recognizing these efforts!

We have created lessons based on the Ohio Department of Education, STEM, and NEXT Generation learning standards for our local school kids, residents, our Nature Camps, and other educational programs for more hands-on learning. The Kelleys Island Field Station and School is working with the Ohio Division of Wildlife to be a State Certified WILD School Site. Wild School Sites are considered an action extension of Project WILD and can involve any school property used by students, teachers, and the community as a place to learn about and benefit from wildlife and the environment. These sites function within the premise that every school, regardless of size and location, can provide outdoor educational opportunities that can and should be part of any integrated education program.

The primary means for continuing

#### Partners

The Lake Erie Islands Habitat Enhancements for Pollinators and the Monarch Butterflies is a partnership between the Kelleys Island School, Kelleys Island Field Station, Kelleys Island State Park, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, Pheasants Forever, The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory, The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildife Center, The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, The Ohio Division of Wildlife, U.S Fish and Wildlife, Pollinator Partnership, and Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative, Ohio Ornithological Society.

The mission is to Promote the Health of Pollinators Critical to the Lake Erie Island's Ecosystems through Conservation, Education, and Research.

#### Kelleys Island Native Plant List

Common YarrowONodding OnionICommon MilkweedIButterfly MilkweedISwamp MilkweedISwamp MilkweedINew England AsterIMarigoldIBeggartickICommon BonesetIFlat Top GoldentopIBlazing StarIBergamontIHairy BeardtongueGrey Headed

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our education and conservation activities include ongoing population and habitat monitoring at several different sites. We will do this by visual monitoring and surveys through MLMP at four sites, the fall tagging program through Monarchwatch.org, Pollinator Monitoring through OSU's Phenology Garden Network, interpretive signage at current sites, and expanding current habitats on Kelleys Island. We plan on continued and expanded public and community outreach, and are developing new strategies to complement this! We cannot thank all of our partners, sponsors, and donors enough for the amount of support this project has received. At this crucial point in our island's natural history, your participation in this revolutionary program will help our pollinator habitats flourish on Kelleys Island. We will continue to keep updating you on the progress we make!

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