

## Nature Camp



The Nature Camp theme this year was "BUGS". We provided themed Nature Camp Kits and hats for the campers 4-11 years old (and their adult camp-ers) to pick up daily. The camp-ers looked for different types of insects, identified insects, explored different bug habitats and examples of human-insect interactions.

See the story and more photos on page 12 and page 15.

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Kelleys Life is seeking an ambitious and creative person to fill the position of Newspaper Editor. This is a paid position and is immediately available to an interested and qualified applicant.

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## From the Mayor's Desk

It is now September, and like all the rest of you, I wish this whole COVID-19 thing to be over. The summer is coming to an end and with so many events cancelled due to the pandemic, it has been very different. COVID-19 has taken the place of so many of our activities. It just is not fair. We must push on and not let it get us down. I would like to get you caught up on some of the other things that have been happening in our village that have been consumed by COVID-19.

Back on June 1st, a new Village Administrator was appointed, Steve Wermuth. With a great resume, Steve comes on board with a lot of promise. Steve has started on updating our Policy and Procedures Manual for employees, as well as taking care of his other duties. With that being said, we welcome Steve to the staff.

We celebrated July 4th with a tremendous fireworks display put on by a joint effort including Max Eaton, Keith Moreland, and Ted Klonaris. Many thanks go out to Ed Kuchar and family, for the use of their property where the display was held, the Palladino Family, and all the contributors that made this first annual celebration a tremendous success. Looking forward to next year's display!

Now for some village news: We have been muddling through the video and audio teleconferencing with some success. At our August council meeting, we had a few complaints of villagers not able to connect to our meeting. We have been using Hotspots as a way to connect to the internet and for the August meeting we were unsuccessful. We have all agreed

to get Wi-Fi installed at the Townhall as, virtual meetings seem to be necessary for the near future. This will also serve our EMS as, their training classroom is in the basement of the Townhall and they have asked for Wi-Fi for some time.

Hopefully by the time we receive this issue of *Kelleys Life*, the McGettigan, Memory, and Fernwood along with the Transfer station roads will almost be or completed. It was a lot of work to get this project completed and I would like to thank Greg Ritchie, Streets & Sidewalk chairman, and Lisa Klonaris for their persistence to get this project completed. Greg, along with the rest of council, is also looking at ways to slow the traffic down. Possibly by limiting passing where there are safety issues on East Lakeshore between Division St. and Seaway Marina.

As of right now, we are still communicating with both St. Vincent's and Metrohealth connection with the Village's EMS contract. We will let everyone know as soon as we complete the process. It is imperative, I understand, for the benefit of our Islanders, to get it right.

East Lakeshore, an area of concern because of the high water, is being looked at. For over a year now, Eric Longbrake, Shoreline Protection committee chairman, has been in contact with the Army Corp of Engineers, State of Ohio, and Erie County EMA. It is a long process, and now with COVID-19, it makes it even harder. We have submitted grant applications and are waiting to hear from them.

As always, stay safe!  
Ron Ehrbar, Mayor

## 2020 Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Benefit Swim

So far, Mother Nature has stepped in 2 times, with thunder & lightning. We will be hopefully swimming either Friday, August 21 or Saturday, August 22nd. If there is another storm, we will plan for the following the following weekend. Until it is done for 2020.

We are sponsoring Braxton. He is from Perrysburg, has Menkes Disease, is 8 years old and wants to go to the Atlanta Aquarium for a Sensory Experience. So far we have almost enough cover his Wish. But, we would also love to grant another Wish during this time.

### To donate make the check out to:

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Braxton

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# Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Update

**Jordan B. Killam, Director**

Thank goodness for this gorgeous weather. It's been our saving grace this season, in stark contrast to the beginning of the 2019 season. And boy did we need it! Each day, from my office at Seaway Marina, I see groups of people pouring off the boats. On weekdays. In the mornings. In the afternoons. I see multiple cars and golf carts parked at Scheele Preserve in the 9:00 hour on my way to work. People just can't get enough of Kelleys Island this year!

As for our office, we are busier than ever - each month receiving over 500 in-person visitors and around 1000 calls. The lodging requests are insane and some of our renters are having trouble keeping up. Americans are weary of traveling by plane to faraway places, but they are curious about and comfortable with traveling by boat to Kelleys Island. The press opportunities have also been abundant this summer.

I've appeared on TV a couple times and the Google alerts about Kelleys Island's mentions in news articles faithfully pop up in my inbox each day.

**Events**

We've had a plethora of cancellations, modifications, and rescheduling of our events. As a reminder, we have decided to cancel our 5 & 10K Run/Walk this year. We thought we'd "resurrect" it with a Zombie Run theme during the weekend of October 18, but that proved to be too ambitious with current health orders from Governor DeWine.

Next on the docket is our September 5 "Fireworks" show, a last hurrah and so-long to summer since we couldn't stage Island Fest fireworks this year. As a reminder, this show is funded entirely by the community. If you wish to donate, you can send a check to us at Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce, P.O.

Box 783 Kelleys Island, OH 43438, drop off cash or check in person to us at our Seaway Marina office, or donate online at [www.KelleysIslandChamber.com/donate](http://www.KelleysIslandChamber.com/donate).

September 5 is also the date we will announce the winners of our 50/50 Raffle and Lottery Tree. The 50/50 Raffle winner receives \$2500 (if all tickets are sold) and the Lottery Tree winner will receive scratch-off tickets (prize will be determined by the amount of tickets sold). The 50/50 raffle tickets are \$10 and the Lottery Tree tickets are \$5. They'll be on sale up until the night of September 5.

Kelleys Island's Got Talent (KIGT) has received a COVID-friendly makeover. Our board Vice President, Dan Weaver, came up with the idea to transform KIGT to KI's Funniest Home Videos while we were brainstorming fundraising opportunities during what is shaping up to be a year with little event revenue. With a little help from

Social B. Creative, a media company based in Toledo, OH, here's how it works:

- Hopeful contestants will submit a video to [info@kelleysislandchamber.com](mailto:info@kelleysislandchamber.com). Videos must be 2 minutes or less and cannot contain any adult language or content.

- If you are chosen as a finalist, you will need to submit an entry fee of \$50

- The finalists' videos will become part of a fully edited half hour program with hosts and "commercials" from our sponsors, Remax Beyond 2000 and Lake Erie Shores & Islands (LESI), completely produced by Social B. Creative. The program will be aired on a weeknight after Labor Day (to be announced). It will cost \$10 to watch, which is a donation to the KI Chamber of Commerce. It's one of our only fundraisers this year, so we hope you'll be generous!

- The top 3 winners will receive a prize from Remax Beyond 2000 and Motto Mortgage. 1st prize is \$500, second prize \$250, and third prize is \$100.

Treasure Island Day will happen as scheduled on Saturday, September 12. Applications to appear on the map are available in the Chamber Office or on our website. The cost to appear on the map is \$20, which can be paid by cash or check to the Chamber. All sellers must also secure a \$5 yard sale permit from the Village Office. We ask that all sellers keep their sales outdoors, wear masks, and ensure that social distancing is practiced. We encourage our sellers to use electronic payment methods if possible, like Venmo, Cash App, Google Pay, etc. We ask all treasure seekers to adhere to social distancing/mask wearing guidelines. The deadline to participate in Treasure Island Day as a seller (with filled-out application and cash paid) is Wednesday, September 7.

We are pleased to announce that the Mad River Kelleys Island Bike Tour will be returning to our schedule! The event will take place on Saturday, October 10. Registration will be held Saturday, October 10 from 10am-2pm at the Mad River Harley Davidson location, 5316 Milan Rd, Sandusky, OH. The cost is \$10.00 per player. Participants then set out for a scenic 25 minute ride on their motorcycles to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line at 510 West Main St., Marblehead, OH. Each player will receive a wristband and a scorecard, which grants a special discounted rate of \$20.00 per motorcycle round trip ferry ticket. The scorecards feature a map with selected locations. As players visit each location, they receive a stamp to commemorate their visit. Once all the stops have been visited, the card is complete and must be submitted to Mad River Harley Davidson. The deadline for scorecard submission is Sunday, October 11 by 3pm. One lucky player will win a fabulous Kelleys Island Vacation package! This fun-filled, multi-day event facilitates many overnight stays on the island and helps boost our local economy!

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# Audubon in the Fall on Kelleys Island

The sights, sounds and smells of late summer and early fall are prominent on Kelleys Island. Buckeye trees and Cottonwood trees are already dropping their leaves. The first to leaf out in the spring are the first to remind us of autumn. Finches are the most vocal with their multiple cheep, cheep, cheeps while busily feeding on Coneflowers and Black-Eyed-Susan. Migrating birds are leaving or passing through. While lots of bugs and seeds are available in nature, a little extra bird seed will help them fatten up for their long journeys south. Set out a bowl of jelly, and you will be amazed at the number of Baltimore Orioles that will find it and add their bright orange energy to your autumn joy. And the smells of autumn, a whiff of an evening campfire provokes memories of s'mores, hot dogs, peach pie and corn-on-the-cob. And we are

here on Kelleys Island and enjoying it all!

Audubon's pot-luck dinners and programs, a most enjoyable feature of Kelleys Island life, have succumbed to COVID-19 like everything else. However, the third Thursday of the month is now a fun hike to one of our natural treasures. In June, we hiked from the school the short distance to the East Quarry Trail to check-out the Lakeside Daisies, which are much fuller each year in their stunning yellow blossoms. In July, another hike was to the Boardwalk and North Pond, where we marveled at all the diverse habitats along the trail and saw the new beaver lodge. August took us to the North Shore Loop Trail and Alvar on a hike led by Tyler McClain. The alvar is especially lovely on a quiet evening, and we learned how precious and unique it is along the

Great Lakes. We meet at the school parking lot on the third Thursday of the month, then hike or drive to the site of that month's adventure. Social distancing and masks are the code of the day. Why not join us in September for another island experience, now meeting at 4 PM. Tyler will lead this walk again, and you will enjoy his knowledge and gentle demeanor and learn something new.

The eagle population continues to grow all around the lake. This year, three nests were productive here on Kelleys Island, with one nest raising three fledglings. We see them often now as the big dark brown birds glide on the warm air thermals. If all this year's hatch birds return to Kelleys Island next year, we may have as many as 12 eagles flying overhead and perching majestically in the trees. At age 4 years they

reach maturity, their heads and tail feathers are now white, and they are ready for breeding. It is still a thrill to see eagles on Kelleys Island. Look up!

Check-out the parking lots of the island preserves, Scheele, East Quarry, North Pond, Huntley-Beatty and Curilla, the State park's trails throughout the park, and you will see many, many cars in the parking lots. Island visitors are learning of our many beautiful areas they have access to and can hike about. We are more than boating, fishing and parties – We are The Nature Island.

It is sad that we have to cancel two more of our favorite events of fall, Feathers and Foliage and the Owl Festival. We are working on speakers for next season's regular meetings and our special events. Let us all hope we can make those happen in 2021!

## Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau Update

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### Elections

On Tuesday, October, 6, we will hold elections for the 2020-2022 Chamber board. Serving on our board is an excellent way to get involved in community projects, not to mention help our businesses and organizations thrive. We will be holding elections for all board positions, so if you are interested about the duties involved, please email me at [info@kelleys](mailto:info@kelleys)

[islandchamber.com](http://islandchamber.com).

### Remaining Chamber Meeting dates:

- Tuesday, September 1
- Tuesday, October 6  
(also 2020-2022 Chamber board elections)
- Wednesday, November 4

Again, I would like to thank the members of this community for their continued support of our small

organization. Your memberships, amplification of our events, and promotion of our initiatives help keep us #KIStrong each year. We couldn't do it without you!

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- Thomas J. Osowik – Term begins 2.09.2021
- Myron C. Duhart – Term begins 2.10.2021

#### COMMON PLEAS COURT JUDGE

- Beverly K. McGookey

# Our Island Library Dates Back To 1864

Leslie Korenko

Newcomers to the island take our new library, dedicated in 2000, for granted, but library services have a long history on the island. The Kelley's Island Library Association was organized on February 21, 1864 under the direction of M. K. Holbrook and E. C. Barnard. It had a membership fee for men of \$1.00, and for women-50¢. There were 32 books to check out and \$11.05 in the treasury. The association boasted a membership of 32 active and three honorary members by the end of the first year.

The Library was kept at Kelley's Hall for 13 years. When the Congregational Church building was completed in 1877, the library moved to its basement under the operation of the Young People's Association. The bookcase had to have the bottom taken off because of the low ceiling. The Association boasted quite an extensive library. The by-laws read that outsiders could draw books for 50¢ per year and that was changed to read \$1.00 per year. A committee was also appointed to inquire into and look after the Township Library, which was also in their bookcase as they were interested in its preservation.

After declining interest caused the library to languish, the Ladies' Library Association incorporated in 1896. The library moved into rented rooms at the rear of The Lodge, taking over Elminger's shoe shop. After maintaining a generous schedule, the all-volunteer effort decided to abandon the extensive hours and kept it open as a public Reading Room.



Prior to the establishment of an official library, the Reading Room, established in 1896, served the purpose. A small sign above the window on the far left marks its location.

Today the Island library is a branch of the Sandusky Library and is part of the CLEVNET system.. While library officials cannot pin down the exact date that the branch was established, minutes do show it in place by 1916. The Sandusky Library established several branches in December 1912 and Kelley's Island was probably one of those. They show receipts for fees from the Island as early as 1926.



The first official library was in the rear of the Iola Riedy's house, the former stone school house

Another library location was the Iola Riedy house.

Former head of the Kelleys Island branch of the library, Lillian Phinney, recalled when the library was located in the rear part of the Riedy house, formerly the Old Stone School house. Lillian was honored at a Citizen of the Year Banquet (hosted by the Kelley's Island Landowners Association) in 2002. During her speech she recalled that Iola started the island library in her laundry room and Lil remembered coming in to visit and seeing books piled up on the washing machine. Lil was selected as Citizen of the Year because of the impact she had on the community, particularly her volunteer efforts on behalf of the library. The banquet was held in Kelley's Hall. In keeping with the library theme, each window in the Hall was decorated with a book theme, featuring children's books, cooking, sports, westerns, gardening, romance and others.

The library was later moved into the basement of the school. Dampness, poor lighting and an annual invasion of ladybugs did not deter islanders from visiting the library. For a short time during construction of the addition to Estes School, the library was located in a mobile library truck parked near downtown. There was even a 'branch' of the library located at the Island store where a large box, painted like a house, served as a library drop box.

In 2000, the new addition to Estes school was dedicated and the Kelleys Island Branch of the Sandusky Library was relocated into its new quarters in the new wing.



Our Island library today is warm and inviting.

To this day, the library is staffed wholly with volunteers.

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## Museum News



July is just a memory, but we still have hopes for August. Since the museum is only open four days a week, the resale shop hours are sporadic (due to a volunteer shortage), and our special events have been cancelled, our income stream has been significantly reduced. It is through the dedication of our board members, our volunteers and everyone who shops in the gift and resale shops that we can keep our doors open at all! And for that, we give all our supporters a big thank you. Since so many people spent time on the island fixing up their houses, we have received lots of items for our collection including photos of people (as yet unidentified) from the Upp house (now LindeCamp) and some great Neuman Boat Line memorabilia, photos and artifacts from Rick Holmes. People are finding items buried in the yard or behind walls as houses are being renovated. We absolutely love that people think of the museum when they find 'old' stuff. The resale shop is still going strong as people donate items or shop for new items. Things come and go so quickly though, you almost have to stop by every day to see what's new. Remember to keep up to date on all the latest news, stories and events on our Facebook page: Kelleys Island History Museum.

## Kelleys Island 2020 Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

5	Find the Apple of Your Eye	Herndon Galleries	CANCELLED
5	Island Singers Concert	Town Hall	CANCELLED
5	<b>Community Fireworks</b>	<b>KICC</b>	
6	Glacial Glimpses	Audubon Club	
12	<b>Treasurer Island Day</b>	<b>Island Wide</b>	
12	Butterfly Fest / Yard Sale	Historical Museum	
19	Wine, Art and Food Faire	KI Wine Co.	CANCELLED
19	Feathers & Foliage	Audubon Club	CANCELLED
26	Lobster Fest	Village Pump	CANCELLED

### OCTOBER

3	<b>Harvest Fest</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b>	CANCELLED
3	Oktoberfest	West Bay	
10	21st Annual Chili Cook-Off	Peeper's	
14	Owl Banding (thru Nov. 23)	Audubon Club	
16-18	Murder Mystery	KI Venture Resort	
17	Trunk or Treat – Seaway Marina	KI Wine Co.	
17	EMS Pumpkin Carving	Peeper's	
17	Kid's Halloween	KI Wine Co.	
17	Family Hay Ride-KILA	4-H Camp	
17	EMS Terror at Town Hall	Town Hall	
18	<b>5K &amp; 10K Run / Walk</b>	<b>Memorial Park</b>	CANCELLED
24	Adult Halloween	Island-Wide	
24	Day of the Dead Celebration	KI Wine Co.	

### NOVEMBER

6 - 8	Owl Fest	Audubon Club	CANCELLED
15	Half Marathon & 5K	Village Pump	CANCELLED
27	Thanksgiving Pot Luck	Village Pump	
27	Annual Park Lighting-KIFD	Memorial Park	
28	OSU Tail Gate Party	Village Pump	
28	Sights, Sounds, & Scents of the Holidays	KI Wine Co	

Events are still in the process of being cancelled and / or rescheduled.  
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## When do I call 9-1-1 for EMS?

EMS stands for Emergency medical Services. It is a service provided to everyone who requires assistance, at any time of the day or night.

Too often we hear:

- I didn't want to bother you.
- I had to suffer all night...
- It was breakfast, lunch, dinner time and I didn't want to disturb you.

• I didn't want everyone to know.

If you or someone around you is ill or injured and you are concerned about what is happening, then you should call for help.

When should you call 911? Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is the person's condition life or limb threatening?
- Could the person's condition worsen and become life or limb-threatening on the way to the hospital?
- Could moving the person cause further injury?
- Does this person need the skills or equipment of paramedics or emergency medical technicians?
- Would distance or traffic conditions cause a delay in getting this person to the hospital?
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Tagging allows for us to research the migration routes, and survival rates. This is vital for our understanding of these beautiful pollinators.

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## 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
- 10 - Cindy Washio
- 11 - Ben Bechtel
- 12 - Shawn Craig
- 13 - Katie Quillin
- 14 - Joe Cordaro
- 17 - Rachel Schodowski
- 19 - George Klonaris
- 20 - Janine Bonezzi
- 23 - Marlana Mielke
- 24 - Nataliya Makarova - Skeans
- 25 - Sarah Krafty
- 25 - Brandon Portales
- 28 - Chris Brian
- 29 - Octavia Schnittker

## October

- 1 - Scott Lentz
- 2 - Gregory Elfers
- 2 - Alex Quillin
- 4 - Hayden Hoffman
- 4 - Cindy Christofferson
- 4 - Jay Walker
- 7 - Brother Ed
- 10 - Bill Bruner
- 11 - Tama Schodowski
- 11 - Donna Walters
- 11 - Carol Chadwell
- 13 - Ekaterina Hazard
- 13 - Daniel Hazard
- 13 - Laurel (Elfers) Weaver
- 14 - Colton Schroer
- 15 - Teresa Maher
- 16 - Geno Van Orsdale
- 16 - Betty Pape
- 17 - Keith Vetovitz
- 18 - Maggie Allan
- 18 - Christie Barton
- 22 - Shelley Quillin
- 25 - Danielle Fresch
- 30 - Isabelle Carmella Smith
- 31 - Donna Algase
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# Sandusky Based Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Stadtmiller Realty Announces Merger With Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty, An Ohio Based BHHS Affiliate

BerkshireHathawayHomeServices Stadtmiller Realty announced today that it is merging with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty, a premier Ohio-based brokerage. BHHS Stadtmiller Realty is a local market leader in Sandusky, Ohio. The merger will be effective at the end of October, 2020. "We are so proud to be one of the area's leading real estate brokerages and know that this merger will help us provide an even higher level of service to our community," said Jeff Berquist, Principal Broker and Owner of Stadtmiller Realty. Jeff Berquist and his wife, Joy, have owned and operated their brokerage since 1992 and have carried the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices name since 2014. "We are so excited about the melding of our company with Professional Realty" Joy Berquist said. "Not only will we be able to provide the most advanced real estate technology, we will have access to more buyers who may be moving to the SANDUSKY REGION to buy a home." The merger will combine two like-minded agencies with shared visions to create an even stronger community presence. BHHS Stadtmiller Realty is well known in the community for their support of local non-profit organizations and community events. The company culture is steeped in giving back to the communities it serves. "We are thrilled to be joining forces with such a top notch brokerage as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Stadtmiller Realty," said David Mussari, Managing Partner of Professional Realty. "Their culture, professionalism, and local community involvement are unparalleled in the region and are in perfect alignment with our goals and vision of the future." When merged, the companies will operate under the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Professional Realty name, Jeff Berquist will become one of the company's Principal Brokers for the state of Ohio while also working with Professional Realty's existing leadership to help to continue to grow the local market and surrounding areas. About Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Professional Realty Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Professional Realty is in the top 25 BHHS affiliates nationwide and has been recognized as one of the top 500 real estate brokerages in the nation. The brokerage's current 600 agents and 35 offices service the Ohio major markets of Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Akron, and Dayton as well as the surrounding areas. Professional Realty also serves Northern KY and Parkersburg, WV. Professional Realty is a full service real estate brokerage which handles residential sales, commercial sales and leasing, relocation assistance, and

property management. About Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Irvine, CA-based Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices is one of America's fastest-growing real estate brokerage networks with nearly 50,000 agents

and 1,400+ offices named to the brand since its launch in September 2013. The brand was recognized as "Real Estate Agency Brand of Year" and "Highest Rank in Trust and Love" in the 2020 Harris Poll EquiTrend

Study. Visit [www.berkshirehathawayhs.com](http://www.berkshirehathawayhs.com). Contact: David Mussari, Managing Partner [david.mussari@gmail.com](mailto:david.mussari@gmail.com) 513.867.350



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# KILA Korner

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over, vacations are ending, and school is starting again. Well, maybe not in the way we're used to, but the seasons are changing. Regrettably, KILA was not able to put on their regular events like Homecoming and the family Hayride. But, that didn't stop us from still giving back to the Island. The KILA Board focused on community service by distributing cloth masks and yard signs to promote mask wearing. Thanks to the Board members for taking on this effort and to all KILA members, residents and businesses for participating to "Keep Kelleys Safe".

The KILA annual meeting is still scheduled for Saturday, September

19, 2020 at 10:00 am. We are trying to find a way for a face to face meeting where all members may attend safely. That would consist of wearing face covering and maintaining a 6-foot distance. As an alternative, the meeting will be available via Google Meet. As the logistics are not yet confirmed as of this writing, details will be announced on our website ([www.kila.rocks](http://www.kila.rocks)), on our Facebook page, and via email. At this meeting, there will be an election of directors for the Board, voting on any bylaws revisions, a President's report, and an opportunity to discuss future KILA activities. All are welcome to attend, but only active (2020 dues paid) KILA members may vote.

KILA is working on improving its communication and collaboration by

using Google suites for email (Gmail), Google calendar for meetings & events, and Google Drive for file sharing. This is new for many of us. Thanks to Todd Hanes for patiently leading us through this with training ("Todd Talks") and coaching.

All the community service activities and projects are made possible by membership dues, donations, and fund-raising activities like merchandise sales, raffles, and Homecoming. So, please remember to renew your KILA membership or become a new member and join the over 250 active KILA members. We also accept donations to support our continuing efforts on the Island. Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to: PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH 43438. For your convenience, you can also pay



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## Welcome to the KI Puzzle Exchange

As the Kelleys Island library reopens, it will host a new service. Islanders and vacationers will have access to a bank of jigsaw puzzles donated by Rosanne Kiczek of Gray, GA and summertime islander Donna Algase. These puzzle lovers have been exchanging and circulating puzzles over the length of their 25-year friendship. As a volunteer librarian on KI, Donna has encountered a number of visitors asking if the library lends puzzles. Because this has not been a service offered through the Sandusky library, Donna has lent puzzles from her collection to those who were disappointed that puzzles were not available through the library.

"Every time I have lent a puzzle, people were thankful and returned the puzzles in the condition they were loaned." So, the idea for a puzzle exchange was born. When presented with the idea, Rosanne was excited about it and eager to donate puzzles to help establish the initial collection, now consisting of about 30 quality puzzles.

So what is a puzzle exchange and how does it operate? The KI puzzle exchange is a collection of puzzles that is open for lending to others who donate a puzzle to the collection in order to borrow one. When the borrowed puzzle is returned, another may be borrowed without an addi-

tional donation. Puzzle borrowers need not be library card holders as the library houses, but does not own or fund the collection. No puzzle to add? No problem! A person can enroll in the exchange by donating a minimum of \$5 to the exchange. Once a person has donated a puzzle or made a donation, they are eligible to continue borrowing a puzzle, as the previously borrowed puzzle is returned. A list of members will be maintained at the checkout desk. At the time person joins, they will receive a copy of the rules for participation.

Curious about the exchange collection? Come and check it out when the library reopens.



### Long Point \$1,150,000

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### 1110 Lakeshore Drive \$175,000

Breathtaking sunset views from this waterfront lot on the West coast of Kelley's Island. Lot extends to the Lake side of the road. Bay Ct offers access to the back of the lot to offer an alternative to parking off Lakeshore Dr. Short golf cart ride to West Bay. Soil sample has been done and septic was previously approved with an easement under Lakeshore Dr.

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### LOT 202 MCGETTIGAN

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### LOT 530 MONAGHAN

This Gorgeous 2+ Acre Wooded Lot Is Adjacent To the North/ South Runway Of the Kelleys Island Municipal Airport.  
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### VACANT LOT WOODFORD

This FABULOUS 1.83 Acre Wooded Lot Is Located Between the Kelleys Island Municipal Airport and the Downtown Historical District  
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### VACANT LAND DOWNTOWN

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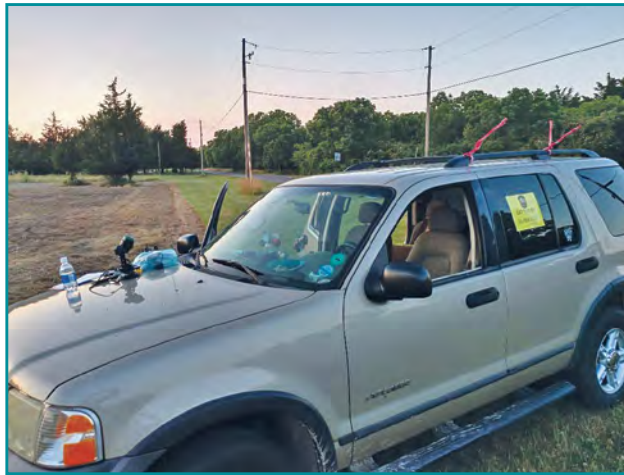
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The data is analyzed by researchers with Ohio DNR, currently led Sarah Stankavich, ODNR wildlife lead researcher/technician. The data has shown an overall decrease in abundance of bats between 2011 to

2017, but more recently there has been an increase statistically in abundance since 2014 which may indicate a population recovery by some of the bat species. Bats are a primary predator of night flying insects, which affect agricultural production.

Have you noticed in July, a SUV driving slowly around the island just after dark with some device on its roof? If you have, you were observing Pat Hayes and Tom Behlen conducting an acoustic bat survey on behalf of the Division of Wildlife and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. These surveys are conducted each July, since 2011, in Ohio to detect the presence and abundance of the ten bat species which are known to reside in Ohio. Bats suffer from a disease called White-nose Syndrome, which arrived from Europe around 2006 in the State of New York and was first detected in southern Ohio in 2010.

Ohio started the surveys in 2011, which are conducted through the low speed driving of a specified route usually about 30 miles in length, though the Kelleys Island route is only about 12 miles. A very expensive acoustic microphone is suction cupped to the roof of the vehicle, which is attached to a black box (actually yellow) called an Anabat<sup>TM</sup> secure digital II, which is attached to



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**Benjamin Tyler Brower**, age 42, beloved son, brother, grandson, uncle, cousin, and friend, departed this world on June 13, 2020 in Glendale, AZ. Ben is forever resting in peace, no longer tired. He was a generous man with a

big heart, a warm smile, a charismatic character who always lit up the room with his goofy love for humor. Life was more fun with Ben around and he will be greatly missed.

Ben was embraced into heaven by his father, Stephan J. Brower, grandparents, Joseph Brower, Victory and Mary Stickel, Walter and Mary Finnegan, and uncles Paul Stickel, Terry Lindsey and Mark Kohl. We are comforted in knowing Ben is reunited with his father whom he dearly missed from a young age and who was always in his thoughts.

Ben is survived by his parents, Victoria (Paul) Finnegan of Columbus and Kelleys Island, Ohio, sisters Sara (Willis) Sansom of Columbus, Kathleen (Kirk) Osbourne of Sydney, Australia, grandmother Jean Brower of Englewood, Florida and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. We fill the hole left in our heart and honor his memory by telling stories about our beautiful Ben so, he will never be forgotten or far from us.

Ben was born in Indianapolis, Indiana during a blizzard on February 4, 1978. The sunshine streaming through the window warmed him as he rocked in his mother's arms, in the power outage that followed, and this sunshine became a symbol of their love for each other. He was a little boy that melted the hearts of all that he met. Ben was intelligent as, learning came easy to him. He graduated from Groveport Madison High School and also attended Columbus State Community College and Ohio University. Ben had a passion for and practiced mixed martial arts through adulthood. This love started with wrestling in Groveport youth leagues and continued through high school. He passed this passion on to

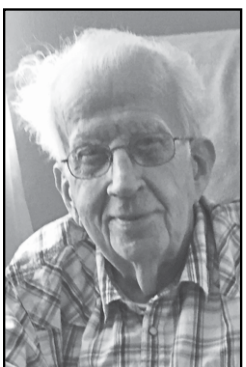
his niece, Shaelyn and nephew Willis. During his school days, he developed life-long friends which he kept in touch with, often visited, and even took a trip to Australia with. Ben was a loyal and dedicated friend, always there when a listening ear was needed. Ben's family spent summers on Kelleys Island where he spent his time swimming, riding bikes, boating, hiking in the quarries and making friends, including a girlfriend or two. As a child he chased his sisters with worms and often practiced his wrestling moves on them. Ben was a great big brother, always protecting and looking out for his sisters.

Through his schooling, he became a firefighter, paramedic, and nurse. In the ten years after moving from Columbus, Ben worked as a travel nurse, having adventures in, Washington, Nevada, and California before settling in Phoenix, Arizona where he lived the last six years. He was a healer and saved countless lives. He would go the extra effort to make sure people were cared for with dignity and compassion. Hearts warm remembering the story of him looking after a terminally ill patient who wanted to

see one last sunset. Ben spent days planning and organizing so that his patient and all the machines could go to the hospital's roof to see the sunset once more. He went above and beyond for that patient and many others.

Ben wasn't afraid to try new things. For several years he had a go at stand-up comedy and he loved music, singing and karaoke. He once drove from Phoenix to LA to try out for The Voice. When living in California he learned how to surf and loved snowboarding, camping and the outdoors. He was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan, attending games whenever he could. He fiercely loved his dogs Tressel and Urban who always traveled with him.

Ben will be greatly missed. We will no longer feel the embrace of his big hugs but, he will forever be in our hearts and memories. A service of remembrance and celebration of Ben's life will be held in Columbus and Kelleys Island at a later date. The time of service will be announced by the Ransom Funeral and Crematory Service, Castalia, Ohio. Condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.ransomfuneralhome.com](http://www.ransomfuneralhome.com)



**Lawrence Raphael Sennish**

March 6, 1926 - August 3, 2020  
Lawrence R. Sennish, 94, residing in Sandusky, passed away early Monday morning, August 3, 2020

at The Commons of Providence following a brief illness.

Larry was born on March 6, 1926 in

Kelleys Island, OH to the late Andrew and Justine (Onyak) Sennish.

Larry graduated from Sandusky High School in 1944 and St. Meinrad's Seminary in 1947. He was a Veteran of the National Guard serving in WWII. He retired as a Production Control Manager from the former New Departure Hyatt after 43 years of service. Larry was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he was the head usher for several years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and served on the St. Mary's school board. In his spare time, he enjoyed boating,

fishing, gardening and spending time with his family and friends.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Jeannie Lutz of Sandusky and Marie (Brian) Heath of Sandusky; sons, Len (Judi) Sennish of Nashville, Jim (Jody) Sennish of Huron, Ed (Annette) Sennish of Sandusky, Marty (Lisa) Sennish of Huron, Bob (Tammy) Sennish of Sandusky, Ron (Jackie) Sennish of Sandusky and Jeff Sennish of Sandusky; 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann (Metzger) Sennish on September 7, 2011; son, John in infancy; sisters, Mary Lenyo and Annette Dankelson and brother, Elko Sennish.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 429 Central Ave., Sandusky. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Sandusky. Groff Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family would like to extend a thank you to The Commons of Providence Memory Care for the excellent care they provided to Larry.

Those wishing to contribute to Larry's memory may do so to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 429 Central Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870, SCCS, 410 W. Jefferson St., Sandusky, OH 44870 or to Stein Hospice Services, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870.

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# Kelleys Island Field Station

Dear Family & Friends,  
 The sun is setting earlier; the nights are getting cooler; our summer is coming to an end. The last few days have been a blur looking back on the past five months, cleaning up, finishing projects, and preparing to close the books on the summer of 2020. I have realized that I live in the "bubble" of an intentionally built community of people who love and care about the magic that is the summer experience. This year took a unique amount of persistence knowing ahead of time — according to the American Camp Association "more than 3,000 camp directors did not provide any programming" — and continuing anyway to work to make this summer's experiences a success. It began with the community leaders, camp alumni, colleagues,



and supporters who made our programming possible. We could not make the magic we do without the support of The Kelleys Island Audubon Club, Chris Ashley, Manager of the Kelleys Island State Park, and his great team Patty Haley, Trudy Neu, and Nataliya Skeans! The 2020 Field Station Summer Crew were:

Jackie Taylor, Director of the Kelleys Island Field Station. She came to work on the Lake Erie Islands in 2012 as a Field Biologist Assistant for OSU's Stone Laboratory, and was the Director of the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. She is going into her third year at the Field Station.

Tyler McClain, working at the Kelleys Island Field Station as a Field Biologist Assistant. Tyler is going into his senior year studying

Environmental Studies at the University of Toledo. He has been working for the Kelleys Island State Park for three summers, and his second summer at the Field Station.

Emily Beal, working at the Kelleys Island State Park as a Natural Resources Employee. Emily is going into her second year of college studying Wildlife & Fisheries at West Virginia University. Prior to coming to Kelleys Island, she had been working with the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center as a volunteer and as a Nature Camp Crew member since 2014.

Mariah Sherer has a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry and Life Science from The Ohio State University, and her Masters of Arts in Teaching from Kent State University. She has been volunteering with

OSU's Stone Laboratory since 2018, assisting with the Lake Erie Water Snake research for Dr. Kristin Stanford. I was overwhelmed by the expressions of appreciation and by the requests for programming from the visitors and the community when we started our popular Science Saturdays in June.

Science Saturdays is a family friendly weekly series of events centered around a particular topic related to Lake Erie's ecology. We were able to offer programs about snakes, turtles, salamanders, the sun, fish, butterflies, and more. We had recyclable bags packed with information, field guides, crafts, and activities so participants could engage with staff on Saturday and still have the suggestions and supplies to learn more at home on their own. The Nature Camp theme this year was "BUGS".



We provided themed Nature Camp Kits and hats for the campers 4-11 years old (and their adult campers) to pick up daily.

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### Corn – Tomato Casserole

2-1/2 cups corn  
 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 2-1/2 cups tomatoes  
 1 tablespoon sugar  
 1/4 cup green pepper  
 Pepper to taste  
 1/2 cup cracker crumbs  
 Grated cheese

Combine corn, tomatoes, green pepper, salt, sugar, cracker crumbs and pepper in baking dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese, dot with butter. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 – 30 minutes. Serves 8.

Patti Johnson – Muranyi

### Baked Walleye A la Joel

Walleye fillets  
 Grated parmesan (fresh or Kraft shredded)  
 Olive oil  
 Lemon slices (very thinly sliced)  
 Roasted Garlic Herb seasoning (McCormick Grill Mates)  
 Paprika Italian bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Rinse and pat dry fish fillets then coat with olive oil. Place in an oversized baking dish (sprayed with cooking spray). Lightly dust fish with McCormick seasoning, then sprinkle with Italian bread crumbs and grated Parmesan. Cover fish with lemon slices and add a little paprika. Place in oven to bake. Thin fillets: 12 – 15 minutes. Thicker fillets: 18 – 20 minutes. Fish should flake apart with a fork when it's done.

### Aunt Margie's Applenut Cake

2 eggs  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 teaspoon vanilla  
 1/2 cup cooking oil  
 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
 4 cups apples (finely chopped)  
 2 teaspoons baking soda  
 2 teaspoons cinnamon  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 cup walnuts (chopped)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Beat egg, sugar and vanilla. Beat in oil until blended. Sift flour, soda, salt and cinnamon and add to egg mixture. Add nuts and apples. Turn into an 11 x 7 greased and floured baking pan.

Bake for 60 minutes.  
 Alexi Panehal

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To sign up for any of these programs go to [https://eriemetroparks.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs](https://eriemetroparks.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs)

#### 50 Mile Challenge

09/04/2020 to 11/06/20. Free

Erie MetroParks is challenging you to walk 50 miles in two months! Complete the 50 Mile Challenge for a chance to win a FitBit, wireless headphones, or a walking bundle that includes a water bottle, belt bag, and a cooling cloth! Registration is Aug. 24 - Sep. 11. The challenge begins September 4th and ends Nov. 6.

#### Art In The Park - Virtual

09/10/2020 Thu 6:00-7:00pm, Free

Birch tree painting. Thurs. Sept. 10, 6:00pm. Join Cheryl for a night of crafting on Zoom! Tonight we will be painting a birch tree scene! You will need, a canvas (10"x8" or larger), painters tape, cream paint, black paint, a dark contrasting color like navy blue, and a scraper. More details upon registration. Please register by September 9th.

#### Get Fit Club Online

06/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 Free

Get Fit Club is coming to you virtually! Each Tuesday, you will receive an email to a private YouTube link to take the weekly exercise class. Each session is short and easy to follow, and you can do them at your own pace! The classes offered will change each month. You can sign up at [eriemetroparks.org/getfitclub](http://eriemetroparks.org/getfitclub).

#### Nature Plugged In

07/20/2020 to 12/31/20 Free

Mike Hensley here, Naturalist with Erie MetroParks. We have decided to create a "Nature Plugged In" Facebook group for adults to learn about what we are doing in YOUR Erie MetroParks. Topics can be about natural resources, park history, or anything nature related. The choice is yours! Upon signing up, expect an email request to join the Facebook group.

#### Nature School

08/31/2020 to 12/31/2020 Free

Are you homeschooling? Distance learning? A teacher in need of some help? The naturalists at Erie MetroParks are happy to present Nature School! This will be a Facebook group where a new video will be posted each week. All of the programs will be created to meet Ohio's Learning Standards. Naturalists will be on hand to answer any of your nature questions and issue challenges along the way. Let's get ready to explore!

#### Park PALS - Virtual

06/01/2020 to 12/31/2020 Free

Preschoolers Actively Learning Science is now on Facebook! Each Monday, Miss Melissa will post a video in a private Facebook group. The video will include a learning portion as well as a story time. She will post an accompanied craft, activity or challenge for participants to complete each week.



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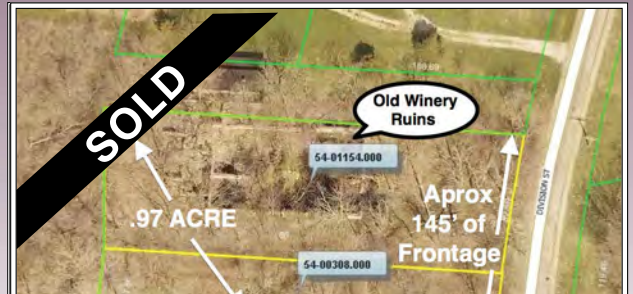
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