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## Kelley The Teddy Bear Located!



Josie Gaither, Bear Hunter.

Photo by Gary Leidhesier

**Sharon Leidheiser, Publisher Kelleys Life**

Josie Gaither, a student at the Kelleys Island School, was the first person to discover Kelley the Kelleys Life mascot at the Island Market. Josie will receive her own Kelley the Teddy Bear for being the first to find our Mascot!

Keep watch for Kelley as she will keep moving around the Island. If you see her, let us know where she is through Facebook and post your photo at [kelleyslifenewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:kelleyslifenewspaper@gmail.com).

## Landowners (KILA) continue to support our Community



Pictured left to right: Todd Hanes, Frank Dodson, Tom Beck, Drew Algase, VP KILA

**Caroline Jorski**

Through donations made to KILA thru membership dues, donations, raffle tickets and Homecoming, they have purchased approximately 13 trash containers amounting to \$8000 (actual cost is still to be determined) which will be used on the Island. This organization has also donated \$500 to the VFW to help them with their purchase of the beautiful flags that adorn the many poles on the Island and just in time for Memorial Day.

The Landowners are hoping to give the community their annual Homecoming celebration on Friday, August 13 and Saturday

August 14, 2021 which will have food, music, parades, vendors and games for young and old and don't forget the beer!

Raffle tickets are going on sale and should be ready for purchase on Memorial Day. There are only 500 tickets sold and prizes are: 1st prize \$2500; 2nd prize \$1000; 3rd prize \$500; 4th prize \$250; and 5th prize \$100.

All these events helps KILA provide Kelleys Island with the many little "extras" that makes the Island home! Come support the Landowners and support the Island. NOT A MEMBER? Sign up by completing the form in *Kelleys Life* in this issue.

## From the Mayor's Desk

**Ron Ehrbar, Mayor**

I am sitting here on this May 9th thinking about April Showers as it continues to rain on this Sunday afternoon. It was a very dry April and we do need the rain. Also, it is Mother's Day and I hope all our Island mothers enjoyed their day.

On another note, I would like to tell you about some Village accomplishments this spring. First, thank you to the Kelleys Island Landowner's Association (KILA) for their generous donation of approximately \$10,000 for new trash containers for the Island. The new containers replace old ones that were in poor shape - beyond the point of more repairs. A second project are upgrades to the Village's public restrooms in the downtown, Town Hall, and Pavilion. Where possible, touchless toilets, wash basins, soap and sanitizer dispenser, and hand dryers have been installed. The costs for the project were covered through COVID-19 Cares Act monies. Speaking of the pandemic, please continue to be courteous to each other's concerns governing recommendation to prevent the spread of Covid 19. It looks like we are getting ahead of the pandemic.

I would like to welcome 11 new emergency medical responders to our Island EMS staff and 8 new members to our Fire Department. They will be a welcome addition this summer with several of the members living here year-round which comes as a relief to those that are here during the winter months.

## Meg's Makeshop



Ribbon Cutting at Meg's Makeshop,

photo by Megan Pucek

**Sharon Leidheiser, Publisher Kelleys Life**

The first week of May a new business opened on Kelleys Island called Meg's Makeshop. It features personalized woman's and men's candles, colorful, unique jewelry, kids crafts and more.

Meg Pucek, the owner, grew up in Medina, Ohio and visited Kelleys Island during her summers. Now married, Meg is sharing her love of the Island with her husband and two children. The family purchased a home on the Island in 2019. Meg's vision was to open a unique shop displaying her playful and diverse array of handmade products and other items. The business is located at 115 Division Street. Please welcome Meg and her family, and her new shop to Kelleys Island!



# What happened to the woman who arrived on Kelleys Island to care for 611 East Lake Shore Drive?

Vera Ioannou

I loved the Island since I first experienced it in the summer of 1983 visiting someone I call my savior, Lois Whitacre Giles. She loved her cottage on Lake Erie that her father, Harold Whitacre, had built in the 1940s as a hunting and fishing lodge. The racoons had a field day in it, and it was in sad shape, but for me it was grander than The Kelley Mansion.

I spent the summer reveling in it as if it were my own place meeting and befriending all its part- and full-time residents. Judy DuShane was just two doors away in Esther's Place. I breakfasted with June, Bill, and Ben and all the regulars in The Seaway Marina my first morning. Chris Gore was to be the first man to hand me a mask to protect me from contaminants in the cottage. Little did we know I'd be wearing it still in coronavirus time. (I am very frugal).

Cindy greeted me warmly at the

library where I had the privilege of volunteering for the winter months with Connie, Jay, Wally, and Barb who also invited me to the book club. The Pieratts invited me to lunch in order to invite me to a pig roast! How friendly is that? Carol Nelson-Burns took me to lunch at The Winery on my birthday, I learned to crochet with the Christian Crafters, and I spent Sunday mornings with Ginny Park and fellow parishioners who knew Lois, a dedicated member of Zion and the Island Singers. Bird banding with the Bartletts made my days so joyful, I felt I could fly.

The Campbells rented me their condo for the winter. Shari Herman let me stay with her until it was free in November, and Pat and Lori Hayes asked me to care for the Island's dahlias while staying at The Inn. My winter on the island was more amazing than the summer. I walked down the center of Shore Drive shouting, "I'm queen of



The quilt I made on KI in honor of Lois Whitacre Giles

the Island!" I loved the solitude and the art classes with Bonnie.

Then in the spring of 2018 since Lois's cottage was for sale and I could not afford vacation rent. Chris Ashley, the KI State Park manager, hired me giving me the opportunity to remain on KI over the summer. I never worked so hard but was so happy.

When the fall came, the cottage and the condo had been sold so frantically I tried to find an all-year round rental without any luck. Sadly, I found

accommodations on Catawba. And then COVID-19 sent me back to New York State in the fall of 2020. That is where I am now missing all of you.

I could not possibly name all the people I still call friends on KI. You know who you are. The only issues I have with KI are the chiggers and poison ivy.

Welcome Tim Hertzog and his family, the new owners of 611 East Lake Shore Drive. They will take good care of it, I believe.

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## Bible School At Zion Church

Pastor Virginia Park

Zion Community Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. "Destination Dig" is the theme of the five-day event and classes will help children ages 4-14 to "unearth the truth about Jesus." Each day the students will learn a Bible story about Jesus and will also learn other Bible scripture and prayers. Songs, games, crafts, and snacks will be enjoyed each day by all students. All Kelleys Island children and young guests on the island

are welcome to attend.

Dates of Zion's VBS are July 19-23, and the children and teachers will lead the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship on July 25. Because of the COVID-19 virus, special precautions will be heeded if required. Masks will be required, social distancing will be observed and class size will be limited. Other protocols will be put in place as needed.

Pre-registration for VBS will be announced at a later date and is strongly recommended.

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June 27th  
July 4th

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# Kelleys Island Brew Pub

**Patti Johnson**

Hello everyone,  
We would like to thank you for the loyal support you have given to our family business. El Lago Vista, Inc. goes back to 1960 when my parents and gram, Ruth Gibbons, opened the Dairy Isle across from Neumans Ferry Boat line. Running a business here on the Island during my life, has been the American Dream. We have made friends, memories, and forged a home on this beautiful Island. Our business continues to evolve from transportation, retail, food and beverage, and now to rentals.

Until 1999 our main business, other than the transportation business, was to make ice cream and sandwiches and later breakfast and lunch, in 1999 we added the brewery.

It was one of the smallest breweries in the country. When I was a school-teacher, I thought the Island would be a great investment over time and that having a brewery would bring travelers here. People were coming from all over to taste American ales and the industry was perfect for a short time. I had four local and two Cleveland friends that jumped in and did what it took to build the brewery. So many people came together and called this a Labor of Love. Like most builds, it did not go smoothly, but thanks to Wayne Neuman and his brother and a slew of other brothers and sisters, this Labor of Love survived 21 years. We would not have survived without the love of one guy. How did Doug get involved?  
Doug was on vacation at the State

Park when the brewery opened in 1999. Our personal story starts when he stopped in for a beer. We were acquainted through his brother and while sipping his beer, he asked what was wrong with our brew machine as it was producing warm beer. Long story short, he was a machine builder, identified the problem, ordered a new pump, and asked me out on a date that Friday. My friends were astounded and insisted I pursue this - he would take care of the business. The rest is family history.

Twenty-two years later, we are closing the doors of the KIB and making it available to rent for your family and the Island memories that you will make by holding your gathering here. It is also a great venue for chefs, artists, and local community mem-

bers that want to have a workshop or other event. The building is spacious and clean, and the property is peaceful and serene, all of the things that Kelleys Island cultivated in all of us and inspired the building of such a unique personal business here. There will be services available and many options to create new island memories. Come find out about our new business at one of our three parties to say so long to the KIB June 20, June 27, and July 4.

Island Devil and Dawg Bizkit Brown will be available by the can to take home. Come share stories, make memories, and thank you for being part of the Dream.

Patti, Doug Mark and family and Pat and Jay

# The Parsonage Perspective

**Janet Killam**

Celebrate Memorial Day and witness how June is 'Bustin' Out All Over!' at your Parsonage Resale Shop!

Hurry in for an amazing array of new Spring and Summer items for your home, cottage, yard, the beach, gift giving, or just for fun.

We receive new items in just about every single day. Some days it really feels like Christmas to us, unloading and unwrapping new, exciting commodities to present to you. There are red, white, and blue decorations galore for Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day.

Have you ever thought about volunteering for a two-hour stint in the Parsonage? We are always glad to have new friends giving their time to our worthy cause. Inquire within and you will have a great time adhering to our motto which is, "If you're

not having fun volunteering at the shop, you're fired!"

The Parsonage Shop's proceeds allow the Historical Association to renovate and protect the Old Stone German Reformed Church and its rectory, the Parsonage. We also renovate many historic locales on the Island. One project the Association is addressing this year is the reparation of the old bread ovens located on the hill above Sandy Beach.

So come on in and shop where your hard-earned money is put to good use for needed causes on our Island. You will feel great about it, we promise!

We are always glad and grateful to see you at the Parsonage Resale Shop! Now open daily 12:00 to 4:00 and always by appointment! See you there, Jodie, Janet and Sonia and the gang.



# Walk and Talk at Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens

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# KILA Korner

It's almost summer and it can't come soon enough!

Sadly, we had to cancel our Welcome Back Pot Luck event in May. We did this at the April board meeting because of the spike in COVID19 cases and the uncertainty of the best safe practices needed. Homecoming (August 13 & 14) and the Hayride (October 23) are still on our calendar. Plans continue for us to celebrate Homecoming in a safe environment for all to attend and enjoy this family tradition. We will keep everyone updated about these events via our Facebook page, website, and public

announcements. Cross your fingers and get vaccinated and continue to "Keep Kelleys Safe".



Keep Safe Sign

As a charitable organization, KILA also "acts to improve and enhance the village to benefit all citizens, residents, and guests of Kelleys Island". We had several potential projects to consider for 2021. The board decided on a few projects that meet our goal to enhance & improve Kelleys Island.

We sponsored Dumpster Day on the Saturday after Earth Day. A couple of dumpsters were filled to dispose of trash in a

safe and clean manner. Thanks to Frank Dodson for coordinating this. We plan on another Dumpster Day in September.

We purchased more "Keep Kelleys Safe" yellow signs to help remind us all to behave in a safe and respectful manner. Let's keep COVID off our island and keep our residents, guests, and visitors safe.

Our "big" project for 2021 is to provide new trash containers to the village for our parks, cemetery, and public places. You will be seeing these pleasing looking and functional containers very soon.



Funding for projects like these comes from membership dues and fund raisers like the annual raffle, Homecoming, and donations. Please consider becoming a new member (landowner or associate) or

renewing your current membership. See application, below.

KILA wants all homeowners to be aware of maintaining their septic systems. To promote this awareness, your active membership (new or renewal) this year automatically enters you in a drawing for reimbursement for having your island household septic tank pumped out. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends that you have your system inspected (in general) every three years by a licensed contractor and have the tank pumped, when necessary, generally every three to five years. For more information check with the Ohio Department of Health at: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/sewage-treatment-systems/INFORMATION-FOR-HOMEOWNERS>.

Donations are always appreciated. You may donate to KILA on our website [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks), by mailing to KILA at PO Box 22, Kelleys Island, OH. As a 501.c.3 charitable organization, your donations may have tax advantages.

The always popular KILA Raffle will be back this year. A maximum of 500 tickets at \$20 will be sold. Prizes will be as previously: 1st: \$2500, 2nd: \$1000, 3rd: \$500, 4th: \$250, 5th: \$100. The Drawing will be at Homecoming on August 14th. KILA board members will be selling tickets. Get yours before we sell out.

We welcome your support, volunteering and suggestions for activities, projects or initiatives you suggest to help KILA improve KI. E-mail: [info@kila.rocks](mailto:info@kila.rocks).

## KELLEYS island

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**2021 coming events**

**June 6: 5 & 10k Run/Walk**

**June 26-27: Mad River Bike Tour**

**July 10: KI's Got Talent**

**July 23-25: Film Fest**

**September 11: Treasure Island Day**

**2021 EVENT SPONSORS NEEDED!**

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## 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. Please join KILA for \$25 for initial membership. If you are or were a member, please remember to renew you membership in KILA for 2021 (\$20).*

### KILA Membership Dues

Description	Amount Due
Initial Membership	\$25.00
Annual Dues (Renewal)	\$20.00

Please make checks payable to KILA and mail to:  
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# KI Chamber of Commerce Update

**Jordan Killam, Director**

Spring was eager to arrive early, as were many visitors to Kelleys Island in May. We welcomed people from near and far for the annual Derby Day Festivities and then for activities like Free Museum Day, the Fish and Steak Fry at the Pump, the opening of the new Monarch Winery & Butterfly Box, and EMS Safety Forces Day. Lilacs, daffodils, and the iconic and rare Lakeside daisy also sprouted early. And, for a lucky group of people, morel mushrooms!

One Island business, Meg's Makeshop, made its debut over Derby Day weekend. Located in Caddy Shack Square, Meg's Makeshop serves not only as a gift boutique, but will also host craft nights and other events in the future. We heartily welcome them to our island community!

An important update, the Chamber will be relocating to the Village's Goliath House on Addison Road in May. Watch for our "open" sign to be hung once we get settled.

The rise of virtual video conferencing software has allowed me to continue connecting with Island businesses during the past year, but I am happy to share that throughout May I met with on-island business owners in person to discuss marketing goals for the year. I am impressed with the myriad ways Island business owners have turned their challenges into opportunities, whether it's related to staffing or supply chain issues. We have an A+ team here on Kelleys Island and I am proud of all of them! I cannot wait to see what great things they have in store for the 2021 season.

**Events**

Our events begin in June with the 5 & 10K Run/Walk, which takes place on Sunday, June 6. We thank our premier sponsors, Cousino Restoration/FRST Team and Lake Erie Shores & Islands for helping us pull it off. This year, the race will also benefit the Pollinators & Partnerships Project, an ongoing project on Kelleys Island focused on planting and nurturing native plants to support the population of mammal and insect pollinator species. The Chamber, along with the KI School, KI Audubon Club, and KI State Park, has supported the project from the very beginning! Join us for celebration of this unique project on Sunday, June 6, at 4:00 p.m. The event is being held at the Habitat across from the airport.

Next up, we have the Kelleys Island Motorcycle Tour on June 26-27! This event is generously organized by the Ohio Motorcycle group. All registration fee profits solely benefit the Chamber. Registration will be held Saturday, June 30th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Mad River Harley Davidson (5316 Milan Rd, Sandusky, OH) or Lake Erie Motorcycle (38401 Chester Rd. Avon, OH) locations. 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, June 27 by 3pm. One lucky player will win a fabulous Kelleys Island Vacation package! Kelleys Island businesses and rental properties are encouraged to donate gift certificates to be included in the vacation package. This fun-filled, multi-day event facilitates many overnight stays on the island and helps boost our local economy!

As of late May, registration for KI's Got Talent, our first July event, has been open. The deadline for submissions is June 18. This event's

premier sponsors include Remax Beyond 2000, Motto Mortgage, and Lake Erie Shores & Islands. We are absolutely thrilled to be having this event in person again after its inaugural success in 2019. If you would like to submit your audition video, please send to info@kelleysislandchamber.com.

At present, we are searching for film sponsors for our 2021 Film Fest, which will occur July 23-25. The premier sponsor for this event is Hancock Wood Electric Cooperative.

**Other Connections & Associations**

As some of you may be aware, I serve on the board for the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA). In

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## TURN YOUR PHOTOS INTO PRIZES!

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce and Kelleys Life Newspaper photo contest - ENTER TODAY

[kelleysislandcontest.com](https://kelleysislandcontest.com) - Grand Prize: \$500

- Entries accepted May 1 - August 31, 2021
- Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

*Landscapes • Wildlife • History/Structures • Life on Kelleys*

Winners will be announced at Treasure Island Day on September 11, 2021.

**To participate:**

Upload images to [kelleysislandcontest.com](https://kelleysislandcontest.com) OR

Use hashtag #kiphotos2021 on social media:

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- Instagram: @ki\_chamber
- Twitter: @Kelleys\_Island

Full details can be found at <https://kelleysislandcontest.com>



SCAN ME





# KI Chamber of Commerce Update

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April, the GLIA steering committee designed a job description and interview strategy for our first-ever paid employee, which will be called Project Manager. The Stewardship Network, which serves as our fiduciary, will be responsible for administrative aspects (i.e., payroll) for the position. As a member of the steering committee, I helped create goals and benchmarks for the position and took an active role in creating interview questions and crafting our vision for a desirable candidate. We received 3 promising applications and will begin interviews May 3.

I am also part of the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Marketing Committee. We have hired Consultant Roger Brooks, who has assisted nearly 2,000 communities

with branding, tourism, downtown development, and marketing efforts for over 35 years. Roger will be assisting us in our project, focused on branding Erie and Ottawa County as world-class destinations to live, work, and play!

We have developed and completed 2 surveys this past month to help Mr. Brooks assess the effectiveness of our region's brand. We are mapping out who our region's most important stakeholders are - businesses, local school and government officials, chambers of commerce, and folks who choose to make their homes in Erie and Ottawa County in order to gauge what they think in terms of our region's brand. Does it really say what we want it to say? Roger Brooks has been further engaged by the city of Sandusky to

assess their municipality's brand. This work may seem abstract, but it has far-reaching effects. Travelers all over the country will be aware of what we have to offer here in Erie and Ottawa County!

### Reminders

Remember to Sign up for our photo contest and be eligible to win \$500! Visit [kelleysislandcontest.com](http://kelleysislandcontest.com) to enter.

### Chamber Meetings

Are held virtually. If you wish to attend, please email [info@kelleysislandchamber.com](mailto:info@kelleysislandchamber.com) to be on our notification list.

The next two meeting dates are Wednesday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

## 2021 Chamber Sponsored Events Calendar

(also posted on our website)

**5 & 10K Run/Walk**  
Sunday, June 6

**Mad River KI Bike Tour**  
Saturday, June 26 &  
Sunday, June 27

**KI's Got Talent**  
Saturday, July 10

**Film Fest**  
Friday, July 23-  
Sunday, July 25

**Treasure Island Day**  
Saturday, September 11

**Caddy Shack SQUARE**

**BAR / PATIO BAR**  
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# Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Swim & Golf Cart Poker Run 2021

Greeting and Happy Spring! A quick recap of last year, \$20,200.00 was donated for 2020 that's 2+ wishes granted to very deserving children. We swam on Saturday, August 22nd starting at West Bay Inn to Portside Marina. Three miles in 1:45 minutes, our shortest swim ever. We are looking forward to this year and some sort of getting back to normal. We would like to introduce you to the children whose wishes we will be working to support in 2021.

Trinity, she is 12 years old, fun, sweet and loves the water! Her wish is to SWIM IN ALL 5 GREAT LAKES!!! She loves her family and unicorns, and you will always find her smiling. Trinity has ESES which is a form of Epileptic Encephalopathy. She is a very brave lady.



Trinity

Rylee will be a teenager this month! She turns 13 and is excited to be a grownup. Rylee has REIT Syndrome and is non-verbal but that does not keep her from being silly and sassy, plus the happiest member of the family. Rylee's wish is for a HOT TUB so

she can relax in the bubbles, it makes her feel so good. Sorry no picture of Rylee yet.

We will be holding our Golf Cart Poker Run on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Registration will take place at Dockers Restaurant starting at 10:00 a.m. Poker Run will start at 12 noon and end at Kelleys Island Wine Co. at 4:00 p.m. 50/50, raffles, baskets, and more to fill your afternoon with fun. All while supporting Make-A-Wish.

We will be swimming into Portside Marina between 11:30-12 noon on Sunday, August 1st. There will be no party afterward at Docker's Restaurant. If you want to watch us swim in come down to Portside Marina.

Make your reservations now so you do not miss this fantastic weekend. Be a part of changing these special children's lives.

To donate, mail your Tax-deductible donation to:

MAKE-A-WISH, US Bank,  
205 W. Perkins Ave Sandusky, Ohio or  
Make-A-Wish, PO Box 517,  
Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438.

We appreciate everyone's support and always being there for us and the Children.  
God Bless & Love, Cindra & Jeni



- 1- Jonathan Schodowski
- 1 - Bill Campbell Jr.
- 2- Keegan McCafferty
- 2- Jessica Shenker
- 2- Kelley (Elfers) YorksK
- 2 - Leslie Algase
- 3 - Dave Rich
- 5 - Jan Lochotzki
- 6 - Mark Walters
- 8- Lauren Kranyak
- 8- Lillie Leckler
- 9- Amy Karpowicz
- 9- Erin Sandvick
- 10 - Benjamin Elfers
- 12- Kreg Vetovitz
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# Texas was not ready for a "Winter Storm"

Jack Wade

Southeast Texas along the Gulf and south in the Rio Grande Valley rarely has snow and below freezing temperatures. When cold fronts reach that far south, they rarely last more than a couple of days. We had a 14-day period of high temperatures in the 30s or 40s and two nights with single digit temperatures from February 10 to the 25th. The Gulf water temperature was 57 on February 8 which is below normal and dropped to 40, a near record low eight days later. High pressure systems created north winds cooling the region and Gulf water. The last time it was this cold for this long was 1931, 90 years ago. There were temperatures this low in 1978 and 1997, but only for a couple of days before returning to normal. Very few local people are old enough to remember weather this cold for this long.



Adams Bayou with Snow

We had rain February 8th that turned into a "Thunder Snow" (a thunderstorm with lightning and thunder with snow instead of rain) about 4:00 a.m. The rain froze when it hit anything solid coating everything with an inch to three inches of ice that was then covered with six inches or more of snow. This resulted in power lines breaking or falling from the weight of the ice and snow.

Since it rarely gets this cold the local building codes do not require water lines to be buried very deep. Water lines froze and broke for several hundred miles in every direction including Houston. No one was prepared for water lines freezing and people did not have any means to prevent lines from freezing. The local news cast told people to turn on water since flowing water does not freeze, however, instead of a trickle they turned water faucets wide open. This caused water pressure to drop to zero in many areas and many pipes still froze and broke. We had a boil alert for several weeks when the water pressure returned to normal.

Many homes use electric heating and air conditioning while some use natural gas to heat their homes and use gas water heaters. When the power lines broke many homes had no heat and had no back up heating sources. Some people had fireplaces but firewood was bought out days before the storm and many people were unable to buy any firewood. Many homes were also without water when water lines froze.

Many people in this region do not own winter coats, gloves, hats, or warm shoes for below freezing temperatures. When there is a cold snap people just wear layers of spring

and fall clothing.

Most of Texas is on a separate private electric grid, ERCOT. It was built with about 25% of its power generated by wind towers over the last two decades. There are hundreds of them along the Gulf of Mexico. As they were built the coal, natural gas, and oil fueled generators were shut down when they came online. These fossil fuel generators were to be the backup if wind power or a nuclear power plant in the Houston area had to be taken off line. The ERCOT grid covers most of the 254 counties in Texas. There are a few counties along the eastern border to Louisiana on the Eastern Grid that runs north as far as parts of Indiana. The counties along the New Mexico border are on a grid that runs west to parts of Arizona and California. These plants were shut down and padlocked, but there was no program to store fuel for them or maintain and test the generators. The wind towers were built to operate in rain. They were built to be "feathered" in heavy rain and high winds from tropical storms and hurricanes. They were not built to operate in below freezing temperatures when water freezes allowing ice to form. The nuclear power plant built to service Houston was not built to operate when some of the cooling system smaller pipes could freeze.

The grid had to be shut down when power generation dropped as demand grew. ERCOT was minutes



away from total failure according to news reports from the Governor's office. Since the grid was designed to be operated by "green energy" and standalone it could not get power from any adjacent grids. "Rolling blackouts" were used to prevent total failure by shutting down different parts of the state power. This was to allow what small amount of power to be generated could be used to restore power to part of the grid. As more wind towers and nuclear power could be brought back online in more areas more of the grid was restored. Many areas were without any power for three weeks or longer. The newspapers and TV news reported on this story for weeks. When power was restored the state legislature and Governor's had hearings daily as to why it failed, who was responsible, and how to make sure this never happens again. Dozens of people died in their homes of hypothermia. Many others died from running their cars in enclosed spaces to stay warm poisoning themselves with carbon

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# Monarch Winery is Open



Above: Abbey and Rodney Rosado

Right: Monarch Winery Wine Selections



### Janet Wermuth

The Monarch Winery opened its doors on Saturday, May 15. There were broad smiles on the visitor's faces as they sampled the fruit wines produced onsite by Abbey and Rodney Rosado. The wine slushy machine is sure to be an Island favorite!

The Winery has a well-stocked gift shop with items for children including stuffed animals and treats and unique gifts for the adults too. Stop in and visit the winery and butterfly enclosure.

## Texas was not ready for a "Winter Storm"

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monoxide, and many deaths and injuries with people burning their furniture in their houses or apartments causing house fires. The state officials are holding ERCOT officials responsible for filing contingency plans which called for using the old plants but did not maintain the equipment as plans called for.

We are only five miles from the Louisiana border (and not on ERCOT) so we only lost power for one day, but power browned out many times. We have natural gas so only got cold when the electric power was off, so the furnace blower shut down. For a backup I bought a heater at Harbor Freight that uses a propane tank. The local Lowe's and hardware stores never ran out of propane tanks since it is produced locally in large quantities. No one sells kerosene heaters and other types of space heaters in the region. The stores never carry what we think of as winter clothes. We had many "Ohio clothes" so we were right at home in that weather. Our dogs, Grace and Angel, rolled in the snow and loved it. No one owns and few stores sell ice scrapers for car windows. No stores sell snow shovels and many people have never seen them or know how to use them. People stayed in their homes and shivered. Almost all businesses shut down. With COVID-19 having shut down some businesses and people afraid to leave their homes anyway it was a ghost town. Carol, Grace, and Angel and I had the streets and ourselves, so we took walks and played in the snow. Many locals have

never seen snow/ice covered roads and were afraid to drive cars.

People used brooms to try to get snow/ice off their cars. There were car wrecks everywhere since many people never drove in snow in their entire lives. Schools were closed. Police, Fire, and EMS issued request everyone to stay off the roads and shelter in place. Fires, wrecks, and medical emergencies kept them busy. Some government buildings opened as emergency warming stations.

We had stocked up for the storm and did not need to drive anywhere and get hit by local drivers. They drive the speed limit with no way to control or stop their cars. They do not understand winter driving techniques like slow down, do not hit the brakes hard, and keep a great distance away from other vehicles. Snow tires are unknown to locals who spin their tires until they run into a ditch or hit another car.

The palm tree in the front yard was covered with snow and survived. Many other sub-tropical plants died across the state. State Biologists had to pick up turtles on the beaches and take them to warming stations, so they did not die. Most lizards died or were unable to move so the birds feasted on them. I saw two snakes and one frog in the yard a month after the freeze but no lizards. There are usually some lizards sunning themselves in the front yard and little frogs crawling up the garage door. It is going to take up to a year to recover from this storm. It made me appreciate Ohio.

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# The Island's Oldest Inhabitant – Jacob Hayes

Leslie Korenko

George Huntington, in his presentation to the Fire Lands Historical Society on October 30, 1862, offered this about the man. "Jacob Hayes, then as now a bachelor, and one of our oldest residents, was boarding with Mrs. Knowlton at the afore-said boarding house in front of where the Island House now stands. If, as political economists assert, that man is to be considered a public benefactor who causes two spires of grass to grow where but one grew before, then Mr. Hayes is certainly deserving great credit, since he has performed a much greater amount of physical labor than any man now living on the island, almost the whole of which was tended directly or indirectly towards the general improvement. For 15 years his time was devoted almost exclusively to clearing land, building fences, putting up small tenements, etc. and since that date he has been employed in making and repairing agricultural implements, etc., and other mechanical pursuits, all tending the same general result. Besides this, there is not a dock on the island but what he has had a hand in the building of it."

Jake's many adventures were chronicled in the early days of the Island through stories shared in the Islander. Jake was reported to have been born in 1804 making him one of the oldest inhabitants at just 34 years old when the island was settled. He did finally get married, at age 62, to Miss Ellen Fallon, who was 40 years younger than he was. He lived on Kelley's for almost 20 more years.

In 1836, Jake first visited Kelley's Island. "Jake

Hayes was crossing Cunningham's Island and on the way, he met in the road Mr. Addison Kelley, who at that time was the business agent of D & I Kelley in charge of their Island property and who proposed he should stop and go to work for him. But Jake's mind, with his late experiences of supporting another man's family and living himself on smoked sturgeon during the winter [on Pelee Island] fresh in his recollection, at first declined. But Mr. Kelley, assuring him that no such contingency could occur under his administration, showing him by that he had one barrel of flour for every man on the Island, and further that if he should die during the winter, he (Mr. K.) would have him decently buried and would charge him nothing for it. Hayes concluded to accept such generous terms and remain." It looks like the community fulfilled Mr. Kelley's promise. Jacob was given a cemetery lot by the Village, he being unable to pay for same, and the Clerk was ordered to make out a deed to Jacob Hay for the cemetery lot donated to him.

His monument, however, would not be installed until 1901 by one of his daughters. Genealogy records simply state that the girls left the Island, and that should be the end of the story. However, in 1901 Anna S. Hayes, the older daughter, purchased a granite cemetery monument for her parents. At that time, she was boarding with the Christmann family in Waterville Township near Toledo. There is no record of where her sister Lucy ended up.

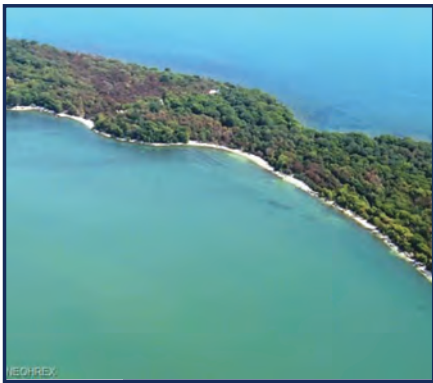
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Death Records indicate that Jacob died at the age of 73 of apoplexy. He died in Sandusky at the Infirmary. His wife must have continued to live on the property, but she died a few months later leaving her little girls destitute.

Read more about Jacob Hayes on [KelleysIslandStory.com](http://KelleysIslandStory.com) - History Blog.



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## Becoming a Wine 'Expert'

Donniella Winchell, Executive Director, Ohio Wines

Our region has so long been identified with wines and wineries and a growing number of people who would never have been interested in grapes are learning to enjoy this amazing beverage of culture, heritage, history, and fine cuisine. I often wonder if Mark Spitz would have become a swimmer if he did not live near a pool – or if Tiger Woods would have become a champion golfer if he had grown up in a different place and time.

So, for those who might want to explore the wonderful world of wine, we are a little luckier than most – we live amid the Shores and Islands Wine Country and can visit a nearby vineyard to practice our pronunciation skills and hone our taste buds. If you are new to the world of wine, and a little intimidated by it, plan a trek to a local winery and begin the delightful process of learning how to pick a great wine for dinner.

Before you start, beyond all else, remember to ultimately trust your own taste preferences. The very 'best' wine is the one that you most enjoy. So, while traditional 'rules' dictate that a heavy, complex red wine might not complement a delicate grilled walleye filet, it still makes no sense to purchase something does not taste good to you.

A good first step is to spend an afternoon or two at one or more local wineries. Chat with the wine maker, begin to pick up the jargon, then plan to do some at-home research to polish your skills. Pairing food and wine is a great way to begin the journey. The exceptions, notwithstanding, some food and wine pairings suggestions ARE based on common sense, so you might want to at least start with a food and wine event.

When summer returns and the neighbors arrive from around the state - and Covid is gone - identify a group of folks who might like to share in the fun and plan an informal dinner gathering where you will do some joint 'research.' Serve a light white meat entrée (either fish or chicken) and ask one guest to bring along a local Vidal blanc (a little sweet), another should find a favorite Riesling (often somewhat dryer) and someone else should select a Chardonnay (usually quite dry and often 'oaky').

You can repeat the experiment with a selection of red wines: perhaps Cabernet Sauvignon or Cab Franc, maybe a Dolcetto or Syrah. Instead of a meal, you might want to use a selection of local cheeses, probably those with a little more intense flavors to match the heartier reds. In each case, everyone attending the table can taste, comment, compare and identify his or her own favorite pairings.

Once each person has identified their favorite wine styles and food combinations, they might not pass a 'Master of Wine' exam but will be ably equipped to make an appropriate wine selection at the next restaurant you visit with family, friends, or business associates. Folks will also feel confident enough to share why they made the decision; what others can expect from the taste combinations – and be perceived as an emerging 'wine expert.'

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# Molly Sampson Takes the Helm of the Maritime Museum of Sandusky

**Dawn M Weinhardt, CTIS, Lake Erie Shores & Islands**  
SANDUSKY, OH, May 8, 2021 --- The Sandusky Area Maritime Association has hired Molly Sampson as its Executive Director.

Sampson, an Ohio native, brings with her years of experience including, Program Coordinator & Exhibit Curator at the 6th Cavalry Museum in Fort Oglethorpe, GA; Visitor Outreach Coordinator at Hancock County Convention & Visitors Bureau; and Administrative Assistant & Accounting Officer at the University of Findlay's Mazza Museum.

"I am honored to be joining the Maritime Museum of Sandusky," Sampson says. "I look forward to working with the talented team of staff, board members and volunteers as we find new opportunities for the museum to share the maritime history of the Sandusky Bay area."

The Maritime Museum of Sandusky, which opened for the 2021 season on May 1, will be unveiling some major new exhibits this year. Visitors

will be able to explore an interactive knot-tying adventure that is built around an actual vessel and will provide a learning experience for summer camps, scouting groups and visitors of all ages. Hardcore history buffs and armchair boatwrights will be blown away by the new full-size replica of a naval gun position aboard an 1812 brig and a 32-lb carronade, the main gun mounted on Niagara and Lawrence, both part of Oliver Hazard Perry's fleet. Many areas of the museum also underwent improvements in 2020, including an enhanced treatment of the Johnson Island POW camp display, an upgraded look at marine navigation, expanded coverage of the age of passenger steamers and a fantastic new perspective on Prohibition.

As the museum welcomes Sampson, we would like to wish former Director John May fair winds and following seas as he heads back to the classroom to share his passion and knowledge of US and world history with middle and high school students



at Sandusky Central Catholic Schools. John is not saying farewell, as he plans to still stay involved with the Maritime Association. "I appreciated the opportunity to serve our Association and our community as the Director these past few years," said May, "and I'm proud of the way we've all worked together to move our Museum toward becoming a 'ya-gotta-go' attraction on the Sandusky waterfront. See you at the Museum!"



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# Lakeside Daisy – A Rare Find

Lori Hayes

The Lakeside Daisy is one of Ohio's rarest wildflowers. It can be found blooming on Kelleys Island in April and May in several areas including the State Park's North and East Quarries and the Huntley Beatty Preserve.



# A Swarm of Bees

Dale Olson

*A swarm in May is worth a load of hay  
A swarm in June is worth a silver spoon  
A swarm in July isn't worth a fly.*



This is an age old saying that is ageless. Can you imagine on a hot sunny day when you hear a terrific buzzing noise? Upon looking towards the sound, you notice what looks like a black tornado comprised of up to 15,000 honeybees flying through the air. They are searching for a new home and may alight on a tree branch in your yard. You in turn will probably rush into your house and observe them from a window until they settle down into the size of a very large basketball. This is a spectacle that has happened for millions of years in the spring. And, years ago people would bang on pots and pans to make the bees settle on their land. Honeybees were considered good luck, good for pollination, and provided something sweet to eat.

When bees get overcrowded in their homes and the queen does not have enough space to lay her eggs, the bees will start swarm preparations. This can be almost a month before they actually move out. Swarming is the only way they can naturally proliferate or reproduce. When you see a swarm of bees hanging on to a tree branch, they are truly an amazing sight.

They are not dangerous and will not sting unless they are provoked for self-defense. They do not have any stored honey to protect and are only looking for a safe place to start a new home. They will send out scout bees who will travel about one to two miles looking for a cavity in a tree usually about one and a half foot by two feet or a cavity in your house to

settle in.

Sometimes, it is a place where bees have lived in for many years. Some trees will have continuous hives of bees due to the scent of wax and honey left from other hives. If the bees do settle in your house or yard, it is best to look up your county beekeeper's association who will have a list of people available to pick up a swarm. Most exterminators will not kill the bees unless they are in a place where they are not able to be retrieved. Beekeepers during this time of year need to check for queen cells and either destroy them or divide the hive in half. Therefore, eliminating the bees from swarming or making two hives out of one.



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# AUDUBON HAPPENINGS: Explore Our Island

**Pat Hayes, President, Kelleys Island Audubon Club**

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club has been part of a remarkable natural transformation here on the island. Twenty years ago, the State of Ohio Natural Areas and Preserves and our club lobbied for two state nature preserves. We were successful. They are the North Pond Preserve and North Shore Alvar complete with boardwalk and viewing tower. There was a wonderful dedication ceremony. Soon after the Cleveland Museum of Natural History established the Scheele Preserve for the public use. It is the host of the Owl Banding Program in the fall. All three preserves have access to Lake Erie.

A few years later, the Cleveland

Museum of Natural History and the Jones Family dedicated 17 acres for the Jones Preserve on Long Point. The preserve is closed to the public except for spring and fall bird banding when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The Huntley and Quinn Preserves came along several years later. They are both open to the public. Our newest preserve is the Curilla Preserve which has marked trails and signage. These preserves are owned by the Village of Kelleys Island and were bought by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

The new logo of the KI Life - EXPLORE KELLEYS ISLAND - really is very fitting as our island has so much to explore.

Our kickoff meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, at the Pavilion on

Addison St., 6:00 p.m. starts with a Potluck. Bring a dish to pass. Make sure to bring all your own SERVING UTENSILS. Because of COVID restrictions we will not have serving utensils in the individual dishes. Also bring your own beverage. The food line will be socially distanced, and masks are required until you are seated at your table. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our program this month is titled "Birds OF Ecuador" by our very own Audubon member, Alexi Panahal who has retired to the Island after an illustrious career in the State Department. She recently published the book, "Kelleys Island in the Winter." The meeting is rain or shine. For more info: 419-746-2358

## 2021 KELLEYS ISLAND AUDUBON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 6**  
Dedication Of The Kelleys Island Pollinators, 4 pm  
Across from the Airport  
**June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21**  
Monthly Pot Luck  
6 pm; Nature Program  
7 pm; Pavilion on Addison St.  
**July 5 - 9 & July 19 - 23**  
Kids Nature Camps  
**Aug 14**  
Audubon Booth at Homecoming  
**Sept 5** - Glacial Glimpses  
**Sept 18** - Feathers and Foliage  
**Oct. 14 - Nov 22**  
Owl Banding, nightly  
**Nov 5 - 7** - Owl Fest

## 10 years ago... Rare bird seen on Kelleys Island

Tues., Apr 26, KI Audubon member Mary Ann Rysek heard the tell-tale "thunk" on her window and got a glimpse of something little falling. Lying on the front porch was a "cute little blue bird" which she didn't recognize. Mary Ann knew a group had gathered at Judy DuShane's house for their regular Tuesday "coffee," so she wrapped the little bird in a clean washcloth and took it to the group and handed it to June Campbell. Mary Ann said it might fly away, so June, Lori Hayes and Judy DuShane crammed into a little bathroom and carefully turned back the washcloth to reveal a beautiful blue head. Indigo Bunting, said Lori. June thought Black-throated Blue Warbler. The little bird was timid but moving around like it might want to escape. More careful uncovering did not reveal the expected black throat, so June was immediately sure and excited that it was a cerulean warbler.

A quick search of bird books verified it as a cerulean, and one of them stated that the earliest record in Ohio was Apr 22. This was Apr 26 -- right on time!

Lori called husband Pat Hayes who came right over to Judy's but doubted that it really was a cerulean warbler. Pat verified the breed, and now we are all getting excited.

The bird was moving around, and June held it in her fingers like Tom Bartlett taught her while Pat took pictures. The bird fluttered like he wanted to get away. The wind was still blowing strong SW, which was much too strong for that tiny little bird. It was taken to a sheltered place behind Judy's house and placed on the ground, but it did not try to fly. Judy supplied a paper bag, and the bird was taken home by Mary Ann to recover so it could continue its spring migration.

Cerulean warblers are considered an at-risk bird because of seriously declining numbers. Its winter habitat on the slopes of the Andes Mountains has been seriously destroyed to grow cocoa (cocaine) and coffee. In the USA, the mature woods habitat along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers has also been lost.

Cerulean warblers live in the tops of mature deciduous trees, foraging insects in the canopy. It can be identified by its song but is very difficult to see so high up in the trees, especially after leaves pop out. Nests are built high in the canopy and concealed by leaves and vines, and 3-4 eggs are incubated by the female. Both parents feed the young. Breeding areas are as far north as southern Ontario and as far south as Arkansas with light distribution as far as the east coast. Formerly one of the most abundant breeding warblers in Ohio and the Mississippi River Valleys, its population plummeted in the 1900's due to habitat destruction. It is doubtful that cerulean warblers will

nest on Kelleys Island.

What a way to celebrate the spring migration on Kelleys Island!

### Update to our 10-year story...

The rare warbler has not been seen since it appeared 10 years ago, but the Audubon Club of Kelleys Island is doing many things to preserve the island for birds to travel through our

island. In 1992, a small group of Kelleys Island residents formed the Kelleys Island Audubon Club to protect, preserve and develop natural habitat for the birds to migrate through the island. This year, they have banded 200 birds to track "a new record," says Lori Hayes. The Audubon Club President, Pat Hayes conducts tours on the island on various nature paths

throughout the island.

The Audubon Club has 50 active families participating in preserving the island's habitats so birds will continue to migrate through Kelleys Island. Also, the Kelleys Island Pollinators & Partnerships is a collaborative effort to promote the health of pollinators critical to the Lake Erie Islands' Ecosystems.

## 2021 Kelleys Island Audubon Club Annual Membership Form

**Giant Swallowtail** \$15.00 Annual Individual Membership:  
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### Donation to Memorial Fund

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**Donation to Pape Memorial Fund** (Natural Science Library) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Pollinator Fund

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Kelleys Island Pollinator Habitat for Conservation, Education, and Research of the Kelleys Island's pollinators.

### Avian Study of the Birds of Kelleys Island

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the collection, management, and the relaying of information from banded and marked birds on Kelleys Island.

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Kelleys Island Audubon Club PO Box 42, Kelleys Island, OH 43438**

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club is a 501 (c)3 organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

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*The mission of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club is to bring into closer association those interested in the study of wild birds and in the conservation of natural resources of Kelleys Island; to further the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of ecology; and to cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives.*

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# Kelleys Island 2021 Nature Camp

Jackie Taylor, Kelleys Island  
Field Station Director

The 2021 Nature Camp Theme is "Everything Under the Sun." Each day will focus on a different topic and habitat including insects, fish, birds, geology, and astronomy. There will be an evening night sky program for campers and their families. Campers 9-14 years old will kayak one day. Campers will be provided professionally developed materials (including many hands-on activities) designed to appeal to campers' sense of wonder and curiosity, connecting them to nature. Nature Camp Dates are as follows: 4-10 years old July 5-9; 11-14 years old July 19-23. For the registration forms visit our website: [kelleysislandfieldstation.org](http://kelleysislandfieldstation.org).

Themes by day include:

**Birds** - Campers will get to inspect a variety of physical bird adaptations including characteristics of beaks, feet, legs, wings, and colorations while going on a bird hike. AND they will get a chance to design their own original bird!

**Fish** - Campers will participate in a Fishing Program. The program consists of hands-on participation in four areas covering

the basics of Angling in Casting, Fishing Knots and Rigging, Fish Habitat and Handling and Local Information.

**Geology**- Campers will go on a hike through one of Ohio's most geologically interesting areas in Ohio, gathering a variety of evidence of the island's ancient history discovering wild caves, rock formations and glacial grooves.

**Insects**-Campers will be Insect Investigators while going on an insect hike collecting live insects to observe and handle and illustrating their investigations.

**Astronomy**- Campers will get to be Astronomers for the day. They will join an Astronomer to view the sun, examining sunspots and discover how the sun supports all living things. Campers will also make Sun Prints!

**Night Sky Program**- All campers and their family members will be welcome to join our Astronomer for any one of the 3 evening night sky programs. Participants will get views of the planets, star clusters, and moon. Each camper will receive a planisphere!

**Kayaking**- Campers 9-14 years old will get an afternoon to Kayak around Gibraltar Island, learning boating safety, paddling strokes, and kayaking games!

**Science Saturdays** will be held Memorial Day- Labor Day, every Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program is a partnership between Kelleys Island State Park, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island Field Station. This is a weekly series of events that features interactive exploration centered around a particular wildlife topic. Families and learners of all ages are invited to explore hands-on science fun during this free drop-in event. We have outstanding experts coming who have backgrounds in bees, geology, astronomy, bats, snakes, plankton, and more! This is one program you do not want to miss out on!

## Kelleys Island Nature Camp Registration Form 2021

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year-Check Age Requirements-Must be of Age by Camp Date)

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(X) Preferred Camp Session(s)	Dates:	Times:	KI Resident:	Nonresident
___ Intro to Nature Camp (4yrs.)	July 5-9	9-10AM	\$15.00	\$30.00
___ My 1 <sup>st</sup> Nature Camp(5-6yrs.)	July 5-9	10:30-11:30AM	\$15.00	\$30.00
___ Nature Camp (7-8yrs.)	July 5-9	12:30-2PM	\$15.00	\$30.00
___ Environmental Adventure Camp I (9-10yrs.)	July 5-9	2:30-4:30PM	\$15.00	\$30.00
___ Environmental Adventure Camp II (11-14)	July 19-23	TBA	\$15.00	\$30.00

KI Audubon Club 2021 Members receive a discount. Please refer to membership card for details.

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Make checks to Kelleys Island School. Mail to Nature Camp Program PO Box 349 KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO 43438

### Permission Form

I fully understand that the nature of recreational and educational activities associated with Nature Camp includes an inherent risk of danger, which may result in personal injury or harm to my child. I grant permission for my child to participate in the program and activities of Nature Camp at the Bay, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Kelleys Island School and Field Station, its staff, directors, employees, Agents and/or representatives from any claim for any injury or damage which may result from my child's attendance at and participation in the Nature Camp at the Bay. I authorize emergency medical treatment if none of the above-named emergency contact persons can be reached at the time of an emergency.

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# Kelleys Island History Museum

Sophia Seaholtzer from Kelleys Island  
(?Martin) Seaholtzer sister



**Leslie Korenko**

We have another lovely QUILT which was donated by Teri Behrends to be raffled off. Watch for photos on our website and Facebook page or stop by the museum to get your tickets. The cost is just \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and you CAN order tickets online.

Our project of replacing the windows in the parsonage house is on hold due to high lumber prices, but we hope to get them installed early next year. We were unsuccessful in securing a grant for the project which means we will fund the project.

The Museum's opening day was held on May 15. When visiting the Museum Gift Shop you will find the majority of items on sale for 50% off as we make room for new inventory! Stop by, browse, and make a purchase to support us and add something new to your life!

The Historical Society has decided to cancel Vegas Night this year. We are considering hosting another Members Only cocktail party as the last one was so much fun.

We continue to post the latest issues of Kelleys Life on our website. Perfect for reading the news online when you cannot pick up a paper.

With this article we are sharing photos from the album that Leanne Pendetti donated. What a treasure trove of Island photos that include long standing families including Riedy, Seeholzer, Moysey, Miller, Reuter, and Antwander. Keep those Island artifacts coming. We are always grateful for someone who brings in a bit of Island history to us.

Aunt Annie & Uncle John Riedy-Kelleys Isl  
Mama's sister-Papa's council John



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## Kelleys Island EMS News

**Russell Maust, Village of Kelleys Island EMS Director**

As the 2021 season progresses there are continued advancements to the new partnership with Cleveland Metro Health.

The new Kelleys Island Doc2Go program is up and running! There is a \$49 fee for this service. But when you compare it to going to the mainland, this is a very reasonable price for many issues. It has successfully been utilized in the EMS Clinic to assist people in need of a doctor's visit. It is also available from the convenience of your own home if you have sufficient internet capabilities at your location; if not, you can always contact the EMS non-emergency phone to access the internet at the EMS station.

If you need the services of Doc2Go you simply access it by the following steps.

1. Go to doc2go.com
2. Click the "Login" tab.
3. Follow the registration process by entering the required information.
4. When finished with the registration, click the "Add Patient" tab.
5. When asked how you found out about Doc2Go, click the option that states "you want to use Doc2go and you have a registration code."
6. Enter the word "metrohealth" into the promo or company code field.
7. Provide a credit card number for the \$49 fee.
8. Receive a consultation with a doctor and discuss your problem.

It is my advice that if you end up receiving a prescription from your visit, that you have it called into the Bassett's Market Pharmacy in Port Clinton. If you contact Bassett's Market Pharmacy, they do have regular deliveries to the Kelleys Island Boat Line for transport to the Island.

With the 2021 summer season upon us, please remember to stay hydrated. And as always, play safe and enjoy the beauty of Kelleys Island! Emergency - 911 Non-emergency - 419-503-2508

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James "Bones" Bowens left those of us who knew and loved him unexpectedly on March 24, 2021 after a brief illness. He was born on October 8, 1972 in Sandusky OH.

James grew up in Berlin Heights, and attended Edison Schools, graduating in 1991. He loved playing football and baseball for the Edison Chargers. After graduating he went

immediately into the Air Force, where he began his lifelong career of protecting and serving. During his 5 years in the Air Force, he served in Florida, Indiana, Saudi Arabia, Korea, and Guam. The majority of his military time was spent in Guam where he forged life-long friendships. The crew from Guam reunited years later and met yearly for a 'Guam Reunion' at the Islands every summer, a week he always looked forward to.

After his discharge from the Air Force, James began his career as a police officer and worked at the Huron Police Department. Throughout his law enforcement career, he enjoyed working with the Erie County SRT as well as working on the water on the Huron Police boat as well as the ECSO boat. He retired from the HPD in November of 2020, proudly service the community for 24 years. That, combined with his time in the military, was almost 30 years protecting and serving.

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**Sue Daugherty, Director, Serving Our Seniors**

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If you have Original Medicare Part A (hospital coverage) only or Medicare A & B (Part B pays for Outpatient coverage), but failed to purchase a Medicare Supplement, you will want to request an appointment to understand the pros and cons of purchasing a Medicare Supplement, based on your health status.

If you are on Original Medicare Part A with a Medicare Supplement or Original Medicare Part A and Part B, with a Medicare Supplement do you know what you are paying each month for that Medicare supplement? Have you ever shopped for a lower price on a Medicare Supplement? If you have not, you should in order to be knowledgeable about what other carriers are charging.

Erie County residents ages, 60+ can call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 and ask for The Medicare Desk. Ask for an appointment to discuss if you are paying too much for your Medicare Supplement. This can be a telephone appointment, or we can meet virtually by ZOOM. Those who are vaccinated, and show proof of being vaccinated, can request an appointment to meet with a Medicare Counselor, in person, at Serving Our Seniors office.

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# Zion Matters

By Pastor Virginia Park

**Vacation Bible School.** Zion Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year. The decision to proceed with this ministry was taken after deep discussion by the church council and after implementations to ensure following COVID-19 guidelines were set in place. The VBS theme will be "Destination Dig."

"Destination Dig" promises to be a fascinating study. The sub-title is "Unearthing the Truth About Jesus" and each day the children (ages 4-14) will learn a story about Jesus. Other activities will be crafts, singing, and games relating to the theme. Daily snacks and beverages will be provided, and these will be packaged appropriately to ensure safety for all participants.

Zion's VBS event will take place in the church and on the church premises July 19-23 each morning and the students with their teachers and helpers will be in charge of 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship on July 25. Annalee is the VBS chairperson and Barb Shadle is registrar. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure following COVID-19 protocols for numbers of children who may be in a classroom together. All Kelleys Island children and children who are guests on the Island are invited to attend. Youth over the age of 14 may register to be "helpers." Registration forms will be available on an internet site and the particulars will be announced later. Details for registering will be posted on the message board at the KI post office as soon as they are available.

Certain requirements will be necessary to keep everyone safe. Masks will be worn, and social distancing will be observed. Hands will be washed frequently, and materials and equipment used will be sanitized. Teachers and assistants are encouraged to receive the complete covid vaccination/s procedure in advance of VBS.

Here is a brief message for parents or for anyone bringing a child to VBS or picking up a child after a session is over. You may be asked to wait outside the church building. Anyone coming into the building will be subject to the enforcement of the same guidelines imposed on all participants. This includes masks and distancing and may possibly include having temperatures taken. Bottom line is this... the church council is very happy to offer VBS again this year but insists on keeping everyone as safe as possible.

**Worship Services.** Zion Church at the corner of Division and Chappel Streets is now open again for 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship in the sanctuary. In the building we are still observing COVID-19 protocols to keep everyone as safe as possible. The church Sunday worship service is also available on

"Google Meets" and by telephone. Todd Hanes or Tom Behlen are in charge of the technical aspects of "broadcasting" the services so if you have questions about that Todd or Tom can assist you. If you wish to call in to participate in worship, dial 1-234-805-1038. When the call is answered you will be prompted to dial in the access code. It is 642-962-210#. Then just listen until the service begins at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome either in the church sanctuary or online or by phone.

**Christian Crafters.** The Christian Crafters is comprised of a group of Island women who gather at the Zion Church Fellowship room on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to sew, knit, and crochet items to be given to sick, needy, or homeless persons. These items support the work of various charitable organizations in Erie County. The Crafters need yarn, thread, and fabric of any size or color. The group also collects toiletry items for these charities. Can you donate things such as toothpaste, soap, combs, shampoo, deodorant, etc.? These are packaged to be given to people who need them. Call Shari Herman at 440-864-0497 if you have something to donate and she will pick it up. Or, bring your donated items and come visit the ladies on Wednesdays when they meet!

**Bible Study.** Over the winter and spring months Zion church members and others have participated in two Bible studies by phone conference call. These hour-long studies have taken place at 6:30 on Thursday evenings. I found the studies to be wonderful, particularly because the participants openly discussed their feelings and opinions with each other. This enriched the studies immensely.

Our first study was solely concentrated on the Gospel of Mark.

This book (Mark) is the shortest of the four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It was the first Gospel to be written and scholars therefore think it is the closest information we can ever have concerning the ministry and life of Jesus. It is surmised that some, even most, of the material the author of "Mark" used came directly down from the recollections of the great disciple Peter. "Mark" is fascinating, short, to the point and every word is relevant to Christian study about our Savior. I encourage you to read it.

During the month of May we had a different study and in that we concentrated on the work life and ministry of Jesus. Using all four Gospels we focused on 1) the healing miracles of Jesus, 2) the parables He told, 3) the "I AM" statements that Jesus used as related in the Gospel of John, and 4) the five Discourses (speeches) of Jesus that are found in the Gospel of

Matthew.

These studies were a personal blessing to me, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to lead them. Now I hope that someone else will step up to lead a Bible study over the summer months. Volunteers? Just contact me.

**Kelleys Island Churches.** I have had a wonderful time watching (and photographing) the construction of the new church hall at St Michael's Church. What a beautiful building! I will be eager to see it when it's fully completed. Meantime, remember that either of the two active churches on Kelleys Island - Zion or St Michael's - are now holding regularly scheduled worship on site. I assure you that you are welcome at either church whenever a service is held. Attendance will be a blessing to you. Worship is an important and essential part of any person's life. I invite you to participate in it.



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## American Heart Association Approved Article

This past February, the "Go Red for Women" campaign entered its 17th year in the fight against heart disease and stroke. While progress has been made with research and education, cardiovascular disease is still the No. 1 killer in women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. Too many women remain unaware of the signs and symptoms of heart disease and stroke. But we can change that because 80 percent of all cardiac events may be prevented with education and lifestyle changes.

Each February the Go Red for Women event is held in Cleveland. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 event

was held virtually with over 450 people participating in the week-long experience. Educational webinars kicked off the movement and it culminated with the main star-studded evening event at the end of the month. The program featured a heartfelt story from a local survivor, educational awareness, and a special guest appearance from actress and National Go Red for Women Ambassador, Susan Lucci.

One of the many critical fund-raising elements was the highly anticipated silent auction, led by Silent Auction Chair, Denise McGee of Bellwether Enterprise, a passionate advocate, and supporter of the mission for many years. We are PROUD to say that the following KI

businesses supported a Kelley Island Get-Away package that was pulled together by our very own resident and teacher, Janice Kraus.

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- Their generosity will impact lives for years to come.

To watch highlights from the event, go to: <https://youtu.be/XF8wGzuaMzY> and to watch the full event recording go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0\\_CZ3gr3CC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_CZ3gr3CC4). To get involved or learn more about the American Heart Association, visit: <https://www.heart.org/en/affiliates/ohio/cleveland> or email [julie.gotschall@heart.org](mailto:julie.gotschall@heart.org).



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## Take Your Dog Boating

It's getting more common to see "Fido" on board with the family. A recent survey of boat owners in the U.S. showed that 70% of them own dogs. Not sure if your dog and your boat are a good fit? In general, a dog that is accustomed to noise, comfortable around water, well behaved, and listens to "down" and "stay" commands can make a fine boating companion. Excitable or skittish dogs may not be the best boating pals.

The first priority of a responsible dog owner should be the safety and well being of their dog. To keep your dog safe, you need to know your pet: Does he like water? Is he afraid of noise? Does he listen to you? Some dogs just don't like water and some dogs don't like to swim. If you don't know how your dog will react near water or boats, you should find out before you actually plan a trip. Visit a boat dock or launch area and see how your dog reacts to the surroundings.

As a boat operator, you are also responsible for the safety and well-being of your human passengers. Will your dog being onboard be a distraction to you? If your dog needs continual attention from you, or if any of your passengers are not comfortable with your dog, you should reconsider taking the dog onboard.

Ensure your dog exhibits proper behavior at all times while on a boat. That means staying in one place, which is especially important on smaller boats, no frantic movements, no distractive barking, etc. Be sure your pet knows where she belongs in the boat and stays there while the vessel is in motion.

If you've never had your dog on the boat, practice a "dry run" – where

your boat is loaded with everything else you take on an outing. Be sure you have all the equipment on board you usually would and that it is stowed where you normally put it. Put the dog on board and determine where the safest and most comfortable place is for your pet.

Some safety professionals suggest counting your dog as a person in the boat because they can require space (taking up a seat) and can move on their own inside the boat. Definitely include their weight when calculating your boat capacity.

Make sure that you have a plan for when your dog goes overboard, whether that is voluntarily or not. If your dog is a swimmer, be sure you have practiced getting your dog back into the boat, whether you are in the water with him/her or not. Many pet flotation devices have a gripping handle incorporated into the design, which can be very helpful.

And just as you plan for food, drink, and restroom stops, for yourself and your passengers, make sure you are prepared for your dog. Have a water bowl and snacks for your dog, and bring her leash and bags for waste cleanup. You never know when a treat can come in handy, or when you will need a plastic bag.

### PFDs for Dogs

It's now common to see dogs of all breeds on boats and around the water outfitted with a specially designed canine flotation vest. The choices on the market today for dogs are similar in many ways to the options we have for people. They come in a variety of colors, have varying warmth factors, and offer different amounts of flotation.

Buying a flotation device for a dog is a lot like buying one for a human: The main concern should be getting a device that properly fits your dog.

Make sure the flotation device has the characteristics your dog needs, like added warmth from neoprene if water temperature requires it. Most have a gripping handle for lifting the dog back into the boat. Make sure you know the weight limits of the device.

You should consider taking your dog with you to the store so you can fit the device before buying, but be sure to call ahead to make sure that's okay.

A general internet search of "dog PFD" will locate a slew of options when it comes to flotation devices for your dog, including retailers, manufacturers, as well as numerous blogs about dogs (where you may find someone with the same type of dog as you). BoatUS has some good information on testing different dog flotation devices.



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