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Kelleys Island Schools Field Station

Jackie Taylor, Field Station Director

What an extraordinary summer we had at the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station. There were more than thirty volunteers helping us this season contributing 500+volunteer hours. In addition, just over \$3,000 in grant dollars and in-kind contributions were received from The Kelleys Island General Store, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line. This support helps us to be successful in what we do at the Field Station.

The Field Station participated in the

Kelleys Island Homecoming and the Kelleys Island Clean-Up. We reached out to nearly 1,000 visitors at these events from near and far. It is an honor to be a part of these community events.

Our partnership with the Kelleys Island State Park and the Kelleys Island Audubon Club continued with the hosting of the popular Science Saturdays. This is a weekly series of events that features interactive exploration centered around a particular wildlife topic. Families and learners of all ages came to explore the hands-on science Please turn to page 4

Where's Kelley our Mascot Teddy Bear



Sharon Leidheiser

Pepper and River Wolfe found Kelley the Bear at the Village Pump! Kelley is heading off the Island for her winter hibernation; she will see you in the spring.

Kelleys Island School Intersquad Meet



Vicktoriya at the Finish Line

PHCR: Janet Wermuth

Jodie Smith

Cheered on by islanders seated in bleachers, the Kelleys Island School running team ran a course at the Community Park on Monday, September 12th to practice their skills for upcoming meets with other schools. The three students, Josie Gaither, Nikolay Skeans, and Viktoriya Skeans were encouraged by shouts of encouragement from the folks in the bleachers and residents of houses surrounding the park.



Lilly and the Runners

PHCR: Janet Wermuth



Nikolay at the Finish Line

PHCR: Janet Wermuth

Viktoriya, a seventh grader, will be competing on September 24th at Freemont Walsh Park. She has reached the age where she will be participating in Ohio High School Athletic Association sanctioned competitions. Shaving 30 seconds off her two-mile course time during the intersquad meet is an encouraging result for her next meet. Nikolay and Josie will also participate in a ¾ mile elementary race at Fremont Walsh Park on the 24th.

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Kelleys Island School Intersquad Meet

Nikolay, a fourth grader, ran the two-mile course accompanied by his mom Nataliya Skeans. This was one of the longest runs for Nikolay who came through the finish line with a big smile on his face, arms raised in the air, with Lilly the family dog at his side.

Josie Gaither, a fourth grader, ran a 900-meter course with a steady gait throughout her race. She is a new member to the team and clearly enjoys the sport and never stops running! Following her finish, she then ran along with Nikolay as he completed the race.

The intersquad meet gives the runners an opportunity to practice their meet skills between competitions. A special thank you goes out to the



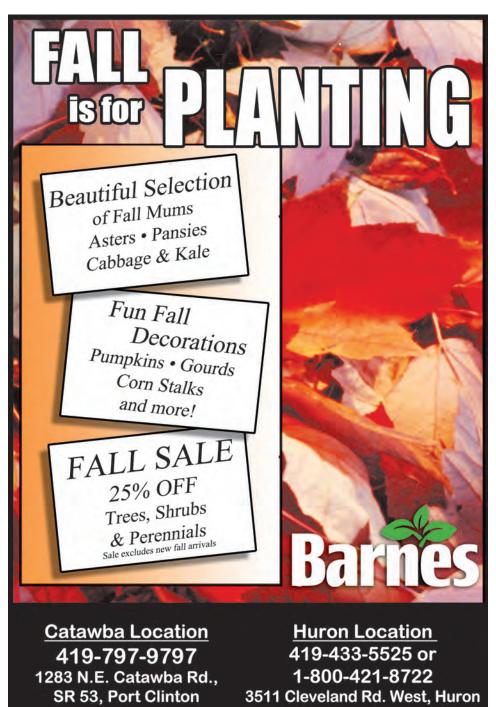
The Fans

PHCR: Janet Wermuth

islanders who turned out to watch and cheer the runners on; having an audience brings another element of the competition to the students and prepares them for actual meets.







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KILA Korner: October 2022

Drew Algase, V.P. KILAWell, another wonderful season on Kelleys Island comes to a close. The hint of fall is in the air. Before we forget, a special thanks to all those who made our 2022 Homecoming Celebration the great success that it was. To all those who volunteered, who chaired a committee, and especially all you wonderful people who attended we say THANK YOU!

2022 Family Hayride Party

KILA and the 4-H camp have long joined together to bring this event to the Island, and this year will be no exception. We will build a fire and put-up decorations and load goblins. princesses, and superheroes on the hay wagon. As they sit on the straw, they will pass Peanuts Halloween scenes painted by Robin Benvenuto.

Fun is on the inside before and after the havride that includes delicious cookies to frost and decorate. Halloween crafts are always a big hit. Carnival games will fill the end of the room. There will be balloons to pop, bean bags to toss in the cat's mouth, mouse traps, and other fun activities. And "Stanley" shirts in kids and adult sizes will be available for sale.

Children's laughter will again fill the dining hall at the 4-H camp, and no

one will leave hungry.

This all comes together each year the community spirit demonstrated by the 4-H camp staff and volunteers as well as the wonderful KILA volunteers; all who give a few hours of their time on a fall afternoon. Anvone who wants to help with this fun island event please respond at KILA's website (www.kila.rocks), email (info@kila.rocks), or Facebook page.

Membership Membership is the engine that drives KILA. Initial membership is \$25.00 and annual dues are only \$20.00. You may join or renew on our web site (www.KILA.rocks) using PayPal, or mail to our PO Box 22 on Kelleys Island, 43438-0022.

We are planning to get 2023 membership renewal notices out much earlier this year. Expect to start receiving those before the winter We will be sending holidays. information by email and traditional mail. To help us get them to you, we need your correct contact information. If you've recently moved or changed email (or you're just not sure) send us your latest contact information to Chris Kipfer at info@kila.rocks.

KILA – Request for Support

Each Year, KILA selects projects to "improve and enhance KI." For 2022, we selected two main projects. The first project is for the Community Park playground equipment. This will purchase and install a saucer swing and a solo swing as part of the phase 2 for the new playground. The successful sold out KILA Raffle will allow for this purchase.

The second project was suggested by KILA members Mike & Donna Schuessler. This was to put 4 trash receptacles at the trailhead of Scheele Preserve, North Pond, East Quarry, and North Loop trail. The receptacles were installed in late July and are in use to keep litter off the trails and neatly and easily disposed.

KILA, a 501.c.3 charitable organization, is interested in improving and enhancing Kelleys Island. We ask that KI organizations or individuals with a specific project or initiative that will further this interest and wish for support from KILA, please submit a Request for Support to KILA We have no formal grant application process, but do require a type-written request of no more than two pages (8 ½ x 11 paper; 11 pt. font size minimum) containing the following information:

1. Requestor's name and contact information

2. Title of project

3. Concise description of project including what is the project, who benefits from it, and how it "improves or enhances" KI.

4. Approval or support by the Village of KI, if applicable (i.e. Mayor or Village Administrator) or property owner (e.g. park, preserve, school,

5. Type (financial and/or volunteerism) and amount of support requested.

6. Any other information to help "sell" your proposal.

Requests for 2023 projects must be received by April 1, 2023. Please send requests to info@kila.rocks or PO Box 22 Kelleys Island, OH 43438-0022. We will review requests and make a decision at the May 20, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

Donations to KILA

KILA relies on several sources of revenue to support our projects and initiatives to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. These include membership dues, fund raising activities, and donations. In addition to supporting these projects, your donation to KILA, a 501.c.3 charitable organization, may have some tax advantages per IRS regulations.

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2. But, if you claim the standard

deduction, you may still claim a deduction, in addition to the standard deduction, of up to \$300 per individual or \$600 for joint filers.

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Please consult with your tax advisor to be sure you understand the tax issues with these donations.

It's not too late to consider a donation to KILA in 2022.

We welcome your support, volunteering, donations, suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island. Please contact us via email to info@kila.rocks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

CONTINUED SUPPORT.









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EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2023:

May 20 "Nest with the Birds" Sept 17 "Feathers and Foliage"

Sept 3 "Glacial Glimpses" Nov 3-5 "Owl Fest"

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Nature Camp Fishing



Science Saturday Snakes



KI Clean up Kids

fun, reaching out to over 2,500 participants this year. Our topics included geology, snakes, plankton, mammals, monarch butterflies, bees, turtles, and so much more. Thank you to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line who assisted us in ferry transportation for our speakers.

Nature Camp is always the favorite part of my job. I get to be around some of the best people young and old who make the camp program a wonderful success. This year, there were over eighty nature campers 4-14 years old. The camp's overall theme was "Wonders of Water." Each day covered different sub-theme: plankton, macroinvertebrates, fish, groundwater, marine debris, and a kayaking day for the older campers. The Nature Camp mission is to encourage children's natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities. We could not do this successfully without the families, friends, volunteers, and the love that goes into supporting this program.

Lastly, I would like to express appreciation to the Kelleys Island community for supporting us through their time and energy. Thank you to everyone for another incredible summer, and we hope to see you again next year if not before!

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KI 2022 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Breakfast, Bingo, and Bloodys for Breast Cancer

2nd Annual Pump Alumni Party

GLIA Summit 4

22nd Annual Chili Cook-Off 8

of the Holidays

Family Halloween 15 Judy Myers

22 Adult Halloween

NOVEMBER Owl Fest 4-6

North Pond Reserve Thanksgiving Potluck The Village Pump 25 26 OSU vs Michigan Tailgate Party The Village Pump Sights, Sounds, and Scents Kelleys Island Wine 26

Please contact Janet Wermuth at jdwkelleys@gmail.com if you would like to correct information listed on the Island Calendar of events or to submit items to be considered for inclusion. Thank you

He's a nonagenarian!

Let's have a Kelleys Island celebration for Don Koschla's special birthday. Let it be filled with wonderful memories and tributes. Happy 90th birthday, Don, from all of us on Kelleys Island!

Kelleys Island School Welcomes the 2022-2023 School Year





UCTOBER

1 – Scott Lentz 1-Terry L. Solomon

2– Gregory Elfers

2—Alex Quillin

4 – Hayden Hoffman 4– Cindy Christofferson

4—Jay Walker

7 – Brother Ed

10—Bill Bruner

10 – Lilly Franks

11 - Carol Chadwell 11 - Donna Walters

13– Ekaterina Hazard

13- Daniel Hazard

13- Laurel (Elfers) Weaver

14 - Colton Schroer

15- Teresa Maher 16 – Geno Van Orsdale

16—Betty Pape

16-Debbie Grim

17—Keith Vetovitz

18- Maggie Allan 18-Janet Killam

18-Lillian Shaffer

18 – Christie Barton

20 - Sean Weaver

21 - Gary Leidheiser

22- Shelley Quillin

23 – Sam Schooley

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The Parsonage Perspective

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Come in now, congratulate us, and find a varied celebration of our anniversary year, the number 5, in lots of bargain deals, and steals. We also have a fantabulous Fall and Halloween gift basket to raffle off just

by using the coupon found in our ad. Now, wait for it! Yet another exciting surprise!

Construction for the expansion of

the Parsonage House Resale Shop floor space has commenced! We are building a new detached structure, in the form of a quaint white matching barn/garage, to house larger donated items such as furniture, paintings, accessories, vintage and new items. The space will make your shopping experience so much better with more of our inventory readily available to

Remember, Jodie and Janet (2-Women and a Truck) will pick up donated items and deliver purchased items, to your door. As always, we'll continue to delight and surprise you with our new stock, which comes in almost daily occurrences.

Don't forget, as Halloween and Thanksgiving are approaching, you'll find decorations galore, costumes, and so much more to enhance your holiday experiences here in the house. See you at "your" house, The Parsonage Resale Shop!

All the best, Sonia, Jodie, and

VFW Post 9908 Bugle Call

Paul Burns

October is an exciting month for us at VFW Post 9908 Kelleys Island. It is Turkey Shoot time again! Join us on the five Sundays this month at the Michael J. Feyedelem Pavilion for this action-packed community event. We will take turns trying to win a frozen turkey with our marksmanship skills. Turkey Shoots start at 13:00 (1:00 p.m.) with signup beginning at

In November we have two notable dates. November 11th we will be honoring our comrades with our annual Veterans Day Ceremony. The support our community shows for this event is truly wonderful. And November 27th is the 74th anniversary

of our Post founding.

In September our Post was honored to host a District 9 meeting. It was well attended by the visiting members from other posts in the district. All had nothing but good things to say about our Post. Thank you to all who contributed and made the luncheon after the meeting a

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Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Update

Joseph Sugalski Light Up KI

Light Up KI was back for its second year and was a great success! We had over 20 private homes and rentals compete for the grand prize. People's Choice award went to 133 Fairview owned by Mark and Ann Siko. The runner-up was 1330 W. Lakeshore. Thank you to everyone who participated! Save the date for next year. Light Up KI will be back September 1st-4, 2023.

Treasure Island Day

The annual Island-wide yard sale returned on September 10th and was also a hit! Over 30 people and businesses participated in Treasure Island Day. Thank you to Unc'l Dik's and the Island Market for passing out our Official Treasure Island Day map! Mark your calendars...next year it

will be held on September 9, 2023! Great Lakes Islands Alliance -Summit on October 4, 2022

The Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA) summit is happening soon! Island leaders, residents, and advocates from all across the Great Lakes will be participating in the Lake Erie Islands summit, happening from October 2nd-5th. Kelleys Island's day is Tuesday, October 4th when we will show those from all over the Great Lakes communities how our Island community functions, and what we do compared to other island communities. We also will learn what life is like on other Great Lakes Islands and how we can learn from those communities. planning team is excited to welcome island leaders including government officials, business, education, and

conservation leaders, along with other island advocates to discuss the and opportunities challenges associated with island living.

GLIA Community Chats

The Chamber has hosted four community chats; two of which were with Peter Huston, the project manager for the upcoming GLIA Summit on the Lake Erie Islands. Topics discussed included the upcoming GLIA Summit, and issues such as housing, erosion control, and community building. Thank you to the Village of Kelleys Island, the Herndon Galleries, the Kelleys Island Historical Association, and Kelleys Island School for letting us use their spaces to hold these community

Want to help or learn more?

If you are interested in helping

with this event, contact The Kelleys Island Chamber or Jackie Taylor at Kelleys Island Field Station. For more information visit glianews.com.

Membership Renewals

Membership Renewals have been sent out and payment is due by October 15th. If you want to join the Chamber of Commerce and be on our Island Map, you must join by December 1st!

2023 Events

Save the date for these 2023 Chamber Sponsored Events:

- Dice Run: May 31
- 5&10K (40th Anniversary!) June 4
- Motorcycle Tour: June 24 & 25
- Kelleys Island's Got Talent: July 8
- Islandfest: July 14 16
- Filmfest: July 21 23
- Light Up KI: September 1 4
- Treasure Island Day: September 9



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A Surprise Visitor at the Jones Preserve Bird Banding Station

Paula Bartlett

A hideous creature visited our Jones Preserve bird banding station on May 23, 2016. Tom and I had gotten to the banding station earlier than normal that day; it was still dark when I finished opening my nets and returned to the banding canopy. I thought it strange I hadn't seen the light from Tom's headlamp bouncing along nets six-eight where he finishes opening his group of nets. My thought was that he had finished in record time. But when I noticed he wasn't setting out our banding tools as usual at the canopy I began to panic! Was he lying dead from a heart attack at net three? As I turned to go in the direction of his nets his headlamp came bobbing into view. Tom walked toward me with a gait of purpose as I stood at the truck tailgate ready to haul out the banding box. He was carrying something in a bird bag, and I noticed he was wearing gloves. Gloves are never used in bird extraction. "Get your camera," he said. The hissing and guttural growls began as he carefully reached into the bag and brought out an angry creature with its mouth agape exposing its treacherous fangs. All this time, rather than opening his nets, Tom was disentangling a Hoary Bat from net two, wearing those cumbersome gloves. It had flown into the net as Tom was in the process of opening it. Diving into the backseat I finally came up with a camera. (We really must get more organized). As Tom held the wings out exposing its twelve-inch wingspan, I snapped photos. We talked quietly, with excitement and admiration. Everything about this creature was astonishing: its frosty fur, enormous ears, razor sharp teeth and its loud, throaty growl. We took it all in and released the bat within five minutes. Hurrying off together to set up the unopened nets, we were unable,



Hoary Bat

PHCR: Paula Bartlett



nor unwilling, to remove images of that splendidly hideous, gorgeously vile creature from our thoughts.

Hoary Bats are common throughout most of North America but are most abundant in the Plains states and the Pacific Northwest. We are unaware of their existence, because, like all bats, they sleep during the day and hunt for insects and occasionally other bats at night. Their primary predators are owls and hawks. Although why any animal would want to mess with that thing is beyond me. I was impressed that Tom took it on. But he had to; we needed the net! Most likely this bat was migrating, as they do in the spring and fall. They can fly up to 13 MPH and as high at 8,000 feet.

According to the Ohio Division of Wildlife there are eleven bat species in Ohio. We have occasionally caught

four species in our nets over the years: Red Bat, Little Brown Bat, Silverhaired Bat, and Hoary Bat. They are all carefully removed and immediately set free as their benefits are great to us humans. They pollinate certain plants and are a major predator of night flying insects. One bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes and other flying pests in just one hour. If bats were to go extinct the insect population would explode causing crop failure, economic problems, and human illness. Speaking monetarily, bats are estimated to save around \$3.7 billion dollars each year for the agriculture industry (Boyles et al., 2011).

Due to the onset of white-nosed syndrome, a disease that has killed an estimated six million bats in the U.S. and Canada since 2007, the Ohio Division of Wildlife began a bat study in 2011. A 2017 report indicated the study consists of 42 routes in 41 counties. Two of Kelleys Island's very own help with this Mobile Bat Acoustic Survey. Tom Behlen and Pat Hayes began volunteering in 2014 and except for 2020 they have submitted yearly data using a standardized procedure. The route, which begins just after sunset is about 12 miles long taking a little over one hour to complete. They monitor for bats twice within a 7-day period in June using a powerful microphone (attached to the top of a vehicle) hooked up to various black boxes that collect sound recordings and gps data. The data is then analyzed by scientists with the Division of Wildlife to determine what bats are present (based on call frequency) and relevant densities (based on algorithms). Surveys have accumulated 39,090 bat call detections since 2011-2017. The study continues but results seem to point to significant increases in bat abundance beginning in 2014.

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Audubon Happenings: Owl Fest 2022

Barb Zeller

Mark your calendars and grab your warm coats as Tom and Paula Bartlett will return to Kelleys Island from November 4-6 to present "Owl Fest 2022." The weekend is the culmination of fall saw-whet owl banding at the Scheele Preserve and the North Pond Preserve by the Bartletts and their loyal helpers, including Chris Ashley, KI State Park

Owl Banding will begin at dusk nightly at the preserves from October 13-November 22. For the dates of the Owl Fest, there will also be speakers and other activities to add to the fun. On Friday, November 4 at 8PM, Pat Hayes, President of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club, will lead an "Owl Prowl" hike at the North Pond to the North Pond Tower. Meet at the North Pond parking lor and make sure to bring a flashlight.

The saw-whet owl is a very reclusive bird, so this is a rare opportunity to see them up close. Wear a headlamp, bring a flashlight and dress for the chill in the air! For more information, check out the Kelleys Island Audubon Club page at https://kelleysislandnature.org/ or check our Facebook page at Bird Kelleys Island-KIAC.

KI Audubon Calendar for 2023 Regular Meetings on Thursday: May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19

2023 Event Schedule

Saturday, May 20: "Nest with the Birds" Sunday, September 3: "Ğlacial Glimpses" Sunday, September 17: "Feathers and Foliage" Friday-Sunday, November 3-5: 'Owl Fest'

Firelands Symphony Orchestra Season Opens

HURON, OH - The Firelands Symphony Orchestra (FSO) opens their 2022-23 concert season with The Force of Destiny on Saturday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the newly renovated Sawmill Creek Convention Center. General admission tickets for this concert are available for \$25 at firelandssymphony.com/tickets or by calling the FSO office at 419.621.4800 (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Season subscriptions are also available for three, four, or all five orchestra concerts this season.

This concert is made possible with generous funding from: Randolph J. & Estelle M. Dorn Foundation, Patrick & Louise E. Charitable Foundation, Murray Crown Battery, Barnes Wendling

CPAs, and Ohio Arts Council. Student tickets for youth are complementary, as well as for college students with a valid student I.D. at the time of purchase. For these special ticket offers, please call the FSO office or claim at the door on the day of the

Carl Topilow, music director and conductor opens the first concert of FSO's 2022-23 season opens with Giuseppe Verdi's overture to La Forza del Destino ("The Force of Destiny"). A favorite standard among orchestras worldwide, it is known for its sweeping and powerful melodies.

The concert season theme this year is "Looking to the Future" and highlight artists young throughout the Firelands and beyond. This concert will feature solo performances by gifted young members of the Firelands Symphony Orchestra. Victor Beyens will perform Maurice Ravel's Tzigane on violin, Kim Zaleski will perform Cecil Chaminade's Concertino for Flute and Orchestra on flute, and Loren Toplitz will perform John Williams' Born on the Fourth of July on trumpet.

The evening of music will conclude with one of the most influential pieces of music ever composed - Symphony No. 5 by Ludwig van Beethoven. Written between 1804 and 1808, it is one of the best-known compositions in classical music and one of the most frequently played symphonies. It also has one of the most iconic opening four notes in the history of music.

This will mark the first time the FSO has performed at Sawmill Creek Resort. While the renovation of The Sandusky State Theatre is underway, Sawmill Creek will now serve as the temporary home for the FSO.

The facility is absolutely stunning and so welcoming. We are ecstatic to be bringing our orchestra to this newly renovated, local venue and continue to share music with our Firelands region," said FSO board president Nike Mendenhall.

Sawmill Creek Resort is located at 400 Sawmill Creek Drive W in Huron. When entering the site, attendees should follow signage for the conference center parking and entrance.

Zion Methodist Update: "Don't Touch My Stuff"

Pastor John Butchko

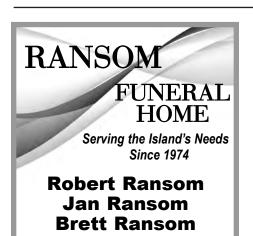
I have become acquainted with the folk group Trout Fishing in America. Their van and equipment were stolen. They retaliated (like a good folk group) by writing a song, "Don't touch My Stuff." Part of the lyrics state the sentiment that this is not your stuff, if you want your own,

go buy your own.

I was reminded of the value of private property on a vacation out west. On the way home we (my wife our dog, and me) stopped and made a picnic at grassy shady spot by a strip shopping center. A man came up and said this is private property. We apologized and he said no, "feel free to us it, just make sure we clean up afterwards." We thanked him and assured him we would clean up.

I am amazed at the vast amount of public land that is available for all to use on Kelleys Island. It is good for all of us to respect people's private property. A sign that says private property is a basic way of saying "Don't Touch My Stuff."

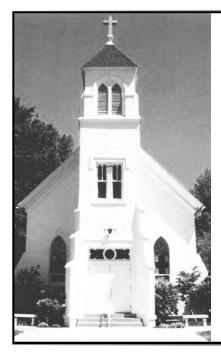
When the sign says Private Property, No Trespassing. Let's be respectful. Basic respect still works. Kindness will always be a best approach. We do not always get it right. But we can keep on trying.



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HALLOWEEN 1868

From the book Kelleys Island 1866-1871 – The Lodge, Suffrage & Baseball by Leslie Korenko

"...it is my duty to inform you...that you are cherishing in your very midst a 'Klan' whose midnight depredations and confederations are only to be surpassed by the famous KKK. Having, by the merest chance in the world, obtained a clue to the fact that such an organization exists as well as the date of one of their sessions. We called all our detective powers into requisition and by untiring vigilance and perseverance, under many difficulties, have gained information enough to warrant an expose of the whole affair, for the good friends and neighbors who, if we can save them from depredation similar to those committed on the night in question, will at least accord us their heart-felt thanks.

We learned their meetings were held upon some Holly-day, no doubt so that in case of discovery they might excuse themselves upon the plea of celebrating such and such a time. The evening it was my destiny to witness their doings was the last evening in [October] between the hours of 11 and 12. We arrived at the rendezvous just in time to witness the opening performance.

From our retreat we beheld five dam-sels sally forth blindfolded and hand in hand, but as only a confused murmur of voices reached us, we did not dare venture very close for fear of detection. We could not then guess at the nature of their expeditions to the garden in the vicinity of a cabbage, but we waited patiently for the revealment of the exercise. Soon back, they came pell-mell, each staggering under a prodigious load. Fearful there might have been murder committed from the snatches of conversation which we indistinctly heard; 'head' and 'no heads', being all the words we were sure of, we cautiously approached the window of an unoccupied room where they had gone to examine their spoils. What think you we saw! Each bore like Herodia's daughter, a head. The tall dark eyed Miss whose expedition did not prove successful as the rest, the cabbage she held was headless. The unanimous verdict was that her future destiny was to be brainless. The rest seemed to have great satisfaction in their prize, especially will it do to tell it on the schoolma'am. Her cabbage was all head a heart could wish for, despite little Miss Pert's assertion that she had to look longer for and tug harder to get it then any of the rest.

After placing portions of each over several doors, either to repel evil spirits or to entice unfortunate young men under, and thence unite with them in the bonds of matrimony, they proceeded to Act No.

Though anticipating something unusual we were unprepared for the next move, and as it was executed with such expediency the Klan came near discovering our retreat as they went bounding along down to the lake shore, but 'Adam he lay low' and hugging up close to the fence, watched. The sight was picturesque in the extreme as in the clear light of the full moon each sylph-like form dipped her – her - her left dress sleeve into the water. Query No. 1 - Did they get dry that night and if so, did they see the spook that came to turn the sleeve so it would dry on the opposite side.

Instead of returning to their former haunts, they struck a bee line for the rear of the premises somewhere in the direction of the propagating house and a conversation, something like the following came to our ears. 'Where are you going? Out here. What for? Can't tell yet, don't know where it is.' We concluded as they returned very soon they did not find it. Query No. 2 - What was it, and what did they want to do with it?



The ladies met at Carpenter's propagating house. The cellar is very deep and was originally used to store wine and 'start' grape vines.

There was after this quite a lull when active preparations were set on foot for some other murderous design. Gazing through the windows we beheld a fearful sight. Each of the Klan melted a large piece of lead. Šupposing they were making bullets what was our surprise to see them pour it into a basin of cold water where it assumed an endless variety of shapes, which seemed satisfactory. They then proceeded to an underground vault, where by a fiery furnace they heated a shovel red hot and thereupon placed something which looked like buckeyes as much as anything, and uttering over them some mystic words, by way no doubt as a charm, watched each as it passed through its fiery ordeal. Soon exclamations were heard, 'There he goes. There she goes. Why don't he pop?' came to our ears.

After some time devoted to this unintelligible jargon they ascended to the upper regions where they arranged upon a table three white dishes. Each was successfully blind folded and let to the table three times when she dipped her hand into one of the dishes. Supposing at the time it was a sort of test or oath to answer in case of emergency, but afterwards found it a joke. Query No. 3 - ... which is to be the Old Maid?

Would you know what next? These five wise virgins supplied themselves with a tallow dip and knife not to omit mentioning an apple, when they proceeded to a looking glass [with] their apples. Query No. 4 – Who did they see in the looking glass over their shoulder?

School ma'ams made an expedition down cellar with a lamp and looking glass backwards, which the rest did not venture to do. Query No. 5 – Who did she see in the looking glass looking

over her shoulder and why did not the rest go with her?

The next expedition was going upstairs backwards. All proceeded slowly but surely until near the top when one of the foremost or according to position the rear most, missing her bearing came down with a concussion decidedly audible. Query No. 6 – Was that bump phrenological?

Soon after this, all seemed quiet and the midnight vigils over. We left the scene convinced that unless active measures were taken to quell further outbreaks, fearful results would ensure, and to the five ringleader and followers, we would say your indiscretion betrayed you and when next you try Halloween tricks, look for witches and spirits still in the flesh as reporters."

There were many traditions celebrated on Halloween. Most were of Celtic, Scottish or English origins and reflected the heritage of Island residents. Hallowe'en was traditionally a time for marriage divination. One custom was for country girls to be blindfolded and then led into a field where they were supposed to pull the first cabbage they could find. If the cabbage head had a lot of dirt attached to the roots, their future husband would be wealthy while a cabbage with a close white head meant an old husband. Eating the cabbage would reveal his nature - bitter or sweet! The ladies brought the cabbages home and hung them above the door; perhaps to attract that perfect mate.

Apples played a role too. The theory was that if an apple was peeled in one long continuous strip, and the peeling thrown backwards over the left shoulder, then the peel would fall onto the floor to form the initials of the future husband. If an apple was eaten before a mirror, his face would be seen looking over the girls' shoulder.

Nuts were also used for divination. Held over the fire, the way they burned, quietly or exploding, indicated good or bad luck.

Three bowls were often used to predict marriage. They would be placed on the floor, one containing clean water, one milky water and one kept empty. Blindfolded, the ladies spin around then placed her fingers in one of the dishes. If clean water was touched, then there would be marriage. Touching milky water signified widowhood or separation. If the empty bowl was touched, then there would be no marriage at all.

Another predictor involved the stairs and was a dangerous test. If a maid walked backwards down a stairway, by candlelight, while gazing into a looking-glass, she might see the face of her future mate. If a spinster poured melted lead into cold water, it would turn into the shape of the tools her future husband will use. A doctor could be represented by a lancet, a writer by a quill, a surveyor by a chain, a mason by a mallet, and so on. There were any number of ways that a young lady could divine to find her future husband and it looked like all were employed here as one young man clandestinely observed the ladies this Halloween night.

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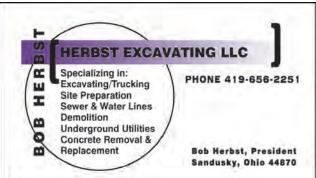
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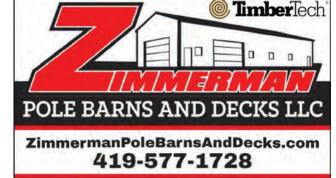




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