

LIFE ON KELLEYS

THE EMERALD ISLE NEWS



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Islandfest

Patti Johnson

Even though the rain put a damper on the day, the parade and the Firework show was the highlight of the weekend. Another weekend of street dancing, vendors, a beer truck and the best Islandfest T shirts we have seen in a long time.

Thank you for coming to support the event, and the community.

The parade, coordinated by Ed Nowalk of Sugar Ridge towing has been so well attended and the floats and golf carts set the scene for the day of festivities.

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New Playground At Community Park

Play is a child's work. Vital to physical and mental well being, especially in this day and age when screen time dominates our days. There is no greater learning tool than play. It fosters physical and emotional skills as well as independence, socialization and community. All through child directed interaction. PLUS, it's fun!

The new playground which will be a bit larger than its previous footprint will offer everything needed to enrich children's play life. Most importantly...it's inclusive. This means it's designed to serve the needs of all children, including those with challenges. ADA accessible means a child with a wheel chair can access the play area and enjoy the benefits that weren't available in the past. Specific areas also take into consideration kids with other needs. For instance, children who struggle with ASD, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, can use The Serenity Spot or Stem play when socialization or even physical play can be difficult for them. Beyond the swings and slides there is a plenty to keep a child busy at play. Musical play includes a xylophone and a babel drum. Research shows that music is instrumental (pun intended) to math, motor skills and language development. Stem Play is a regular part of curriculum in class-rooms as a learning tool. Motion Play enhances balance and coordination. The Volta Spinner, Air Venture Glider and Multi User Swing can help achieve those strengths.

The Firehouse Exploration Station is all about imagination and socialization. What child doesn't love a little house? Other components such as the balance beam and

climbing ladders enhance agility and focus among other things. Of course, traditional swings and slides are fun for all and one of the swings is ADA accessible.

The first steps to achieving the goal of a new playground was to apply for grants and funding. Much of the contributions were awarded based on this inclusivity. This is where the additional cost comes into "play" (pun intended). To achieve accessibility for special needs, we have to put in specialized turf that can accommodate wheel chairs. Mulch will not work.

Although other forms of recreation have been proposed, this state of the art playground is the most cost effective and easiest to maintain. It also stays within the aesthetics of Community Park.

In order to make this play facility a reality we need to raise more money. The park Board is funded solely through grants and donation and although we have raised the money for the equipment, we still need to gather money through donation to complete the flooring. You can help and be a part of Kelleys Island History by making a donation to Community Chest, the non profit that raises funds for many island events. They accept checks or you can use the QR code to make a donation. Be sure to indicate donation is for New Playground.

Sincere thanks for your support,

The Kelleys Island Park Board



venmo QR code for donations to New Playground

Mayors Desk

It is August, nearing the end of summer, but a very productive summer.

First, I would like to welcome our new Village Administrator, Andy Federle. Andy was appointed June 12 and comes with a great employment background, is a full time resident and we are very happy to have him aboard.

One of four major items I wanted to accomplish in my term as mayor was to see a public sanitary sewer system for the village become a reality. The last week of June the state legislators brought that idea to more of a possibility by voting to award the village Two Million Dollars for study and planning of the project. WOW, what a win-win for Kelleys Island. A special thanks goes out to Representative DJ Swearingen, Senator Theresa Gavarone, Nathanael Jonhenry, and Leeane Alexicos.

Another item I wanted to see completed was to see a new waterline and paving of Huntington Road South. As we are reading this article the project should be almost completed if not already completed. As one resident told me, this road has been a disaster for over thirty years not to mention how many times the village has had to fix the many water leaks. It is a great improvement.

We are now completing another major project at the airport. The airport is receiving new modern lighting for the runway. This is a project costing approximately \$750,000.00 and will be paid for by the Federal Aviation Administration with a five percent match from the State of Ohio, and another five percent from the village. This will greatly enhance the safety for the pilots that have to fly here at night. Let's remember this is our only way off the island in the dead of winter and if there is a medical emergency at night or during inclement weather, this will be beneficial for all involved.

Our Community Health Center has been very well received. Along with patient care, there have been many improvements to the Golias House. It looks fantastic!

The list does not stop here as there have been many improvements over the past four years. I am very proud of what we are accomplishing and I believe we are headed in the right direction. With this being said, I will be running for a second term as Mayor.

Your Mayor,
Ron



The following residents are on the Kelleys Island ballot for re-election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 with no opposition:

- Ron Ehrbar, Mayor
- Lisa Klonaris Clerk-Treasurer
- Gary Finger, Council Member

If you need an absent ballots you may contact the Erie County Board of Elections at 419-627-7601 for any information you may need on obtaining your ballot.

Deadline is October 31st.



Pickleball aficionados in the front court is the fierce Tom Pieratt and his partner Debbie Plonski. In the fire court is Bistra and her partner Brian Plonski.

Are you in a pickle?

Then come join the Pickleball players every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 AM at the Community Park on Addison Road weather permitting or at the school gym when weather changes.

If you are a tourist, boater or weekly renter you are welcome to join us. Some boaters have collapsible bicycles which they keep on their boats while they dock on the Marina and they will bike over to the park and join us, paddles in hand and ready to play! Campers, also, are encouraged to join in the fun as everyone is welcome for open play.

There is a Pickleball Facebook

page which was set up some years ago by one of the commissioners of Pickleball from Toledo, Ohio. who came to Kelleys Island to introduce the game at the request of Janet Killam, who enthusiastically spearheads this fast growing game on Kelleys.

For the past decade or so, Janet has been teaching an exercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 AM at the Estes School gym.

Contact Janet for any information regarding the Pickleball program, her number is listed on the Facebook page.



Jennifer Pieratt, and Barb Zeller

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29th Annual Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Swim & Golf Cart Poker Run - Finding Strength Together

Jeni Hammond

As we start our 29th year of doing long distance Lake Erie swims, we realized, we could never do this without **Finding Strength Together**, with each other, our families, friends and all of you. Same goes for our Wish Children. Without the strength of compassion, prayers and love, none of this could be possible.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, August 5th Golf Cart Poker Run & raffles. Sunday, August 6th is the Make-A-Wish swim & party. Come to Portside Marina to meet our Wish Children and see us swim at about 11:30am.

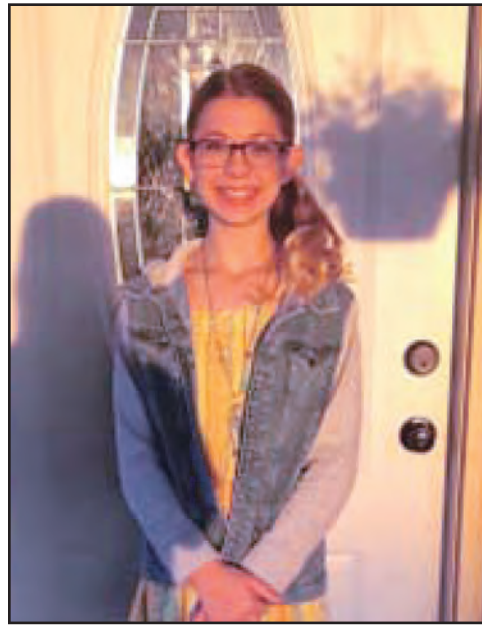
New News: We Will Start The Poker Run An Hour Earlier! Registration at Dockers restaurant will be opening at 9am, \$10 per hand (no limit of hands) with the run setting off at 11:00am. KI Winery & Cantina is our final destination at 3:00pm with Raffles, a Lottery Tree and more awaiting this fantastic event for you to enjoy. Last year we donated \$35,300.00 to Make-A-Wish and granted 4+ wishes.

Our first Wish child is Jazzy, she is 12 yrs old and is from Toledo. Her wish is to go to Disney World and Volcano Bay. She has Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She is full of light and sunshine and has the sweetest smile. Jazzy is excited to come to Kelleys, she loves the water.

Caydence Is our second Wish child she is 13 years old and has Polyangitis. Her wish is to have a Royal Ball for her birthday with all the bells and whistles and a Disco Ball! She'll be like Cinderella



JAZZY



CAYDENCE

without the mean step-sisters! If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please send & make checks out to

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



KELLEYS island
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2023 coming events

Sept. 1-4: Light Up KI
Sept. 9: Treasure Island Day

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Paul Burns, Quartermaster

The weather this spring, at least on the three consecutive Mondays in June, was not very favorable for a cruise on the Goodtime I around our island. Refunds are available at the canteen during our regularly schedule hours. Very disappointing, but not unexpected for Lake Erie.

Upcoming events this Fall will be our "Turkey Shoots" in October. The Sunday shoots are the highlight event of the season. This is truly an Americana event, shooting at a paper target twenty-five feet or so away with a shotgun all to win a prize. We begin at 1 pm with sign-ups starting earlier. Plan of joining us for the fun.

On Saturday November 11th we will be hold on annual Veteran's Day ceremony.

We are planning on an event to celebrate our seventy-five years of being part of this wonderful community later in November. I am told that our community had about 500 souls living here during World War II, and that 123 of our citizens served in the military during that conflict. That's an amazing statistic. We, the current members of Post 9908 are proud and honored to carry on for those who came before. Thank you again for the support this community has given us for three quarters of a century.

We are always looking for veterans to join the ranks with us in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of America. If you have received a campaign medal for overseas service; or have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay, then you're eligible to join our ranks. Please contact one of our members or, stop by our Post, or email us at VFW9908@gmail.com for more details.

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KILA Korner

Drew Algase

Summer is in full swing! Nice weather, a KI talent show, and a damp Island Fest are parts of the season.



KILA is also in full swing with plans for the 49th annual HOMECOMING celebration. This event is open to ALL past, present, and future KI residents, guests, and visitors



Homecoming fun begins on Friday August 11th from 5:00-9:00 pm with our 3rd annual FISH FRY. Joel and Mike will be back to fry our fresh Lake Erie perch and the ever popular local sweet corn will be husked just before cooking to keep that great fresh flavor. Homemade slaw and dessert round out the meal. The tables will be set, the music will be playing, and the beer will be cold. Meals will be served starting at 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased in advance. The proceeds, as always, go to worthy projects to benefit the landowners and visitors of Kelleys Island. Kids' meals of a hot dog, chips and a drink are free with adult ticket holders. Pop and Beer will be available for purchase. Entertainment by Frank & Dean from 5:30 - 8:00 pm will add to the festivities. Tickets are on sale now by contacting Jennifer Pieratt at (740) 606-2900. BUT, only 200 tickets will be sold and over 110 have been sold so far.

Saturday August 12th is our traditional HOMECOMING PARADE at 11:00AM with two (2) High School marching bands; Edison and Crestline high schools. The theme for this year's Homecoming parade is "The Spirit(s) of Kelleys Island". This theme is intended to capture the spirit of our island. Please join the parade with your floats/carts/cars/etc. decorated to reflect your view of KI spirit(s). Line up at the West Dock across from Venture resort at 10:30am. Prizes will be awarded for the most spirited entries. Thanks to donors & sponsors alike for their grant to promote Homecoming & Kelleys Island.

Pie Contest. Attention all bakers and pie enthusiasts!

Get ready to showcase your baking skills and indulge in some delightful treats at this year's Homecoming Pie Contest on Kelleys Island. Join us at the Kelleys Island Pavilion on August 12 from 8:30-9:00 AM, where Patti Johnson-Muranyi, Debbie Duirck, and Candy Voltz will eagerly receive your pie entries.

Last year's winners will be back to defend their titles, but there's room for new champions to emerge. We invite you to bring your best pies and share the taste of your kitchen with our festival that celebrates the island's spirit. This year's categories include 'Fruit,' 'Cream,' and 'Other,' allowing for both traditional and

innovative entries.

Judging will commence promptly from 9:00-9:15 AM, with all pies being sliced and sold at the Food Table, except for a single piece reserved for the JUDGES' taste and selection of the winning prizes. If you're interested in being a judge, please contact Patti for further details.

The winners will be announced at 11:30 AM, following the opening ceremony, with prizes distributed accordingly. We encourage all passionate bakers to submit one or multiple entries, as we aim to have 12-20 pies this year and continue this cherished tradition on Kelleys Island for years to come.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Patti via email at islandpj419@gmail.com. Let's make this Homecoming Pie Contest a scrumptious and memorable event that brings the community together in the love of baking and island camaraderie.



Follow up the parade with an afternoon of fun at the Community Park Pavilion. There will be family fun & entertainment all afternoon. The Fat City Band will perform following the Village Singers and

Opening Ceremonies. KILA volunteers will be serving food, snacks, and pie slices from the Pie Contest. We'll have plenty of beer & soda pop. There are kid's games (marshmallow golf, Twinkie eating contest), and a bounce castle. Some adult games include the ever popular "Beer Slide" and a Corn Hole tournament. We'll also have craft and food vendors and nature displays from the KI Field Station & Back to the Wild. We welcome all Estes School Alumni and KI Summer Kids Alumni for a photo to commemorate Homecoming.



New this year will be the first annual "Corn Hole" tournament. 2-person team entry is \$25. First prize is 50% of the

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49th Annual

Kelleys Island Landowners

Homecoming Celebration

Friday & Saturday
August 11 & 12 2023

Kelleys Island
Community Park Pavilion
121 Addison Road

Theme: **The Spirit(s) of Kelleys Island**
Parade Marshal: Ed Frindt

GRAND PRIZE
\$2500

2nd Prize \$1000

3rd Prize \$ 500

4th Prize \$ 250

5th Prize \$ 100

Raffle To Benefit Park
Playground Equipment

Drawing Saturday
4:30pm at the Pavilion.

Winner need not be present.
Only 600 tickets sold at
\$25 each and can be
purchased before
Saturday from any
KILA Board Member.

FRIDAY
3rd Annual Fish Fry 6-8 Pm
*Pre-Sale Ticket \$30
(Only 200 Tickets Sold)*

Snacks and Beverages 5pm-9pm
Music By 'Frank & Dean' 5:30pm-8pm

SATURDAY
Pie Contest - Judging at 9am,
Register & Drop Off 8.30am

Parade - 11am
With Edison H.S. & Crestline H.S.
Marching Bands
Enter your float or golf cart (prizes)

Food - 12noon-4pm
Music by Fat City Band
Photo - 1pm at the basketball court:
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**KILA's 2023 Homecoming Schedule
August 11 & 12 @ Pavilion**

Friday 6-8 PM 3rd Annual Fish Fry: Tickets by pre-sale only (\$30)
 Friday 5:30-8 PM Music by Frank & Dean
 Friday 5-9 PM Beer, Craft Booths and gift market & 50-50 Raffle

Saturday 11am-5 PM

9:00: AM Pie Contest - Sign in & deliver Pies 8:30am
 11:00 Parade on Lakeshore - Lineup 10:30 at West Dock
 Theme: The Spirit(s) of Kelleys Island
 11:30 Opening Ceremony at Pavilion – Parade & Pie Contest winners
 11:45 Island Singers & Edison Band encore
 12:30 - 2:30 Fat City Band
 12:00 - 1:00 Tour of Fire Trucks and Ambulance
 1:00 Estes School Alumni Picture (@basketball court)
 1:30 1st annual Corn Hole tournament
 2:00 Marshmallow Golf
 2:30 Twinkie Eating Contest
 2:30 50-50 Raffle
 2:45 to 5:00 Fat City Band
 3 to 3:45 Kids Games
 4:30 Last bids due for Silent Auction – for Marching Band
 4:30 Drawing for KILA Raffle Ticket prizes
 Until 4:00 Food: Brats, dogs, Hamburgs & picnic sides (until we run out)
 Until 4:00 Snickers Balloon Sculptures
 Until 5:00 Craft Booths and gift market
 Until 5:00 Beer and Beverages and Beer Slide and Bounce Castle

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KILA Korner

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total entry fees. Second prize is KILA shirts. Starts Saturday at 1:30 PM. Sign up by email at info@kila.rocks or at the KILA Booth at Homecoming. Come and show us what you've got!



Raffle tickets help support the projects to improve and enhance Kelleys Island. In 2022 KILA was able to make a \$16,000 donation to help replace/improve the old playground. With your help, we pledged and donated \$15,000 in 2023 for the playground. That's \$31,000 donated toward the new playground! These donations are a result of the fund raising activities such as the annual raffle. This year, we will be selling 600 raffle tickets at \$25 each. There will again be five cash

prizes with 1st place of \$2500. KILA board members will be selling tickets until sold out. The drawing will be at Homecoming on Saturday afternoon. In addition to raffle ticket sales, our fund raising events and your \$20 annual dues to KILA go a long way to help us make more donations to enhance Kelleys Island. Stop by the KILA booth at Homecoming for memberships, KILA merchandise, Raffle tickets, and KILA information.

We look forward to welcoming current & past members to renew their KILA memberships. And, all new property owners are welcome to join us. Meg's Makeshop, in Caddy Shack square, has agreed to distribute KILA Kards to members who have renewed their 2023 membership. Of course, new memberships and renewals may be processed on our web site (www.KILA.rocks) using PayPal, or mailed to our PO Box 22 on Kelleys Island.

The KILA annual meeting is Saturday September 16 at 10:00 am at Estes School. All members and KI residents are welcome. Election of directors and the president's annual report will be on the agenda. The KILA board will have a meeting following the annual meeting. Then, there will also be a Candidates' Forum at 1:00 pm on the same day at the school. Candidates for village offices and issues on the ballot will be presented.

The final KILA event for 2023 will be the Family Hayride on Saturday October 14th from 3-5 PM. This will be at the 4H camp with volunteers from KILA & 4H hosting a fun time for all. Further details will be on the KILA website and Facebook page.

Thank you for your support, volunteering, donations, and suggestions for activities, projects, or initiatives to help KILA improve Kelleys Island via email to info@kila.rocks.



KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO, JULY 15, 2023 --- Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA) is proud to announce it has been awarded an Event Grant to support the promotion of KILA's Homecoming Weekend festival and parade by the Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau, Inc., part of Shores & Islands Ohio, the destination marketing organization for Erie and Ottawa counties.

"KILA is very appreciative of the continued partnership with Shores & Islands Ohio. The funds from this grant will enable us to fully promote our Homecoming and encourage more people to visit and enjoy our beautiful island" said Chris Arnold, KILA president

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Kelleys Island 2023 Calendar of Events

AUGUST

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| 5 | Science Saturdays | State Park |
| 5 | Folk Singer - Jason Patrick Myers | Herndon Gallery |
| 5 | Golf Cart Poker Run | Dockers |
| 6 | Make-A-Wish Swim & Party | Portside Marina |
| 11-12 | Homecoming – KILA | Village Pavilion |
| 12 | Science Saturdays | State Park |
| 19 | Science Saturdays | State Park |
| 26 | Science Saturdays | State Park |
| 26 | KI Historical Assoc. Art Festival | KI Historical Assoc. Campus |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1-4 | Light Up KI* | Island-Wide |
| 2 | Island Singers Concert | Town Hall |
| 2 | Science Saturdays | State Park |
| 3 | Glacial Glimpses | Audubon Club |
| 8 | Treasurer Island Day* | Island Wide |
| 16 | Wine and Art Fair | Kelleys Island Wine Co, Monarch Winery, & Crooked Tree Vineyard |
| 16 | KILA Annual Members Meeting | Kelleys Island School |
| 17 | Feathers and Foliage | Jones Preserve |

OCTOBER

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| 7 | 3rd Annual Pump Alumni Party | Village Pump |
| 7 | 24th Annual Chili Cook-Off | Peeper's |
| 10/12-11/20 | Owl Banding | Scheele Preserve and North Pond Preserve after dark |
| 14 | Family Halloween | Island Wide |
| 14 | Pumpkin Carving Fundraiser | Peeper's |
| 14 | KILA Family Hay Ride | Erie County 4H Camp |
| 21 | Adult Halloween | Island Wide |

NOVEMBER

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| 3-5 | Owl Fest | Schelle Preserve and North Pond Reserve |
| 23 | Thanksgiving Potluck | The Village Pump |
| 25 | OSU vs Michigan Tailgate Party | The Village Pump |
| 26 | Sights, Sounds, and Scents Kelleys of the Holidays | Island Wine Company |

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From left to right: Amelia, Aaron, Jessica, and Louisa Neumann from Hudson watching the Islandfest parade.

Looking back on the Fourth of July

Leslie Korenko

July 4, 1872 – The 4th of July evening social entertainment will be given at Kelley's Hall which will undoubtedly be a fine affair. The Great Western Band has been engaged to furnish the music. An efficient committee of arrangements have the matter in charge, and will spare no effort to make every one feel at home. A very quiet day. Everybody and his wife went to Sandusky to attend Barnum's show and until night the Island had more the appearance of a quiet Sabbath than a National holiday. July 4, 1874 – The glorious Fourth of July 1874 is past, and those who survived the perils of the day without

burnt fingers or accidents may rejoice over the good time they had burning powder and making a noise. The papers will herald the calamities of the day and the doctors will have a good time binding up the wounded, or rather in getting paid for binding up the wounded. Thus, pleasure and pain go hand in hand together. A very large crowd came over on the steamer Ferris in the evening accompanied by the Germania Reed Band. Kelley's Hall was crowded and a pleasant dance until midnight was participated in by the islanders and strangers.

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Fun is on the inside before and after the hayride 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 & adults 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. Hot dogs, several sides, and cider will be prepared and served by the volunteers.

This all comes together each year with 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. Anyone 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.



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The Parade

This year's winners were

- Golf Cart
- Best Theme #11 Field of Dreams
- Most Original #8 Browns Field
- Best of Show #2

- Floats
- Best Theme Village Pump
- Most Original East Side
- Best of Show Papa T's



Although the Saturday afternoon music (Thanks for trying Stan) could not perform because of weather, the vendors and the foods and kids games, kept us entertained between rain drops.

The Fireworks display was one of the best in the state, and boaters and our neighbors from Lakeside and Marblehead commented on the beautiful experience they get to enjoy with our families because of our wonderful event coordinators, Jackie Finger and Lisa Klonaris.

Thank you to Matt and to all the volunteers that do the work that it takes to set up, and tear down everything in our park. So many hours go into an event, and we are so grateful for the people who sell beer, t shirts and raffle tickets and donate to the Best Firewok Display on the Lake. Thank you to the sponsors and to the George Foundation for making this years event a special memory for our residents and visitors.





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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 - ENCORE RETURN OF THE COYOTE MAN!

June was a wash out so there will be an encore presentation to educate you on coyotes. Paul Pira, Wildlife Biologist from the Geauga Park District is returning to re give his program.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 30TH CELEBRATION! Come join in the festivities as we celebrate 30 years! Tom Bartlett, our island Bird Bander will be giving the program.

The Thursday Meetings begin with a Pot Luck at 6 pm. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and beverage. Program begins at 7 pm
Meet at the Pavilion at the Community Park on Addison St.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - GLACIAL GLIMPSES GUIDED WALK - 1 pm
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Leslie Korenko

It is hard to imagine that 130 years ago, the Village had to pass this ordinance. August 1890 - It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners or any person having the custody or control of any horse, mare, mule or other beast of burden or of any ox, steer, heifer, cow, calf, swine, sheep, goat or goose to herd, stake out, tether, tie or in any other manner, any of the animals herein named upon any of the streets, public grounds, alleys or parks of said Village, so that the rope, chain, strap, or other thing by which said animal is tied shall extend across any street or sidewalk in said Village of in any manner interfere with the free use of said streets and sidewalks for the purpose of travel or passing over the same.



The Bittersweet Farewell: The "Irish Goodbye" of a Hometown Business

Patti Johnson

As the curtain falls on a remarkable 63-year journey, we bid a fond farewell to a local business that has seen multiple rebrandings and transformations. The tale of this enterprise is a testament to resilience, adaptability, and the ever-changing landscape of entrepreneurship. In a twist of irony, the closing of this business echoes the spirit of the "Irish Goodbye" - quietly slipping away without drawing attention. Join us as we delve into the timeline of this remarkable journey, reflecting on the diverse entities that have shaped its legacy.

1. Genesis: The Humble Beginnings (1960-1988) It all started in 1960 when the doors of the original entity opened. The Dairy Isle, offered delicious whipped ice cream treats from a Taylor freeze, brought from W 117th St. to the local community. With determination and hard work, the business established its roots, becoming a fun stop for tourists and the only place for ice cream in the evenings, where the lines were as long as the ones on Sunday for the ferry. As times changed and market demands evolved, the need for adaptation arose.

2. Rebranding: Embracing Change (1988-1999) Recognizing the shifting tides, the business underwent its first rebranding, unveiling a fresh identity to better align with the evolving market. This transformation brought new opportunities, where breakfast was offered both to people who lived and worked on the island, but also campers that came and renters in cottages. It was a family diner experience with a lake view, homemade food and unique friends and family that had a revitalized vision of the possibility of commerce and food service on the island. Desserts like milkshakes and root beer floats, strawberry shortcakes and sandwiches with fun names were developed and enjoyed for years. Over those years, several rebrandings followed, each capturing the spirit of innovation and responding to the ever-changing business landscape. Vintage t shirts and old menus tell a story from the days when the island had not quite been transformed to its new incarnation. At this time, transportation was the core of the business until the folding of the Neuman ferry.

3. The Power of Beer: A Series of small breweries and their visions,

were inspiring enough for the Johnson family to add the Kelleys Island Brewery. Opened in 1999 as a feeder business to Neuman boat line, when it unexpectedly folded in 2002, 95% of the daily income was gone. The commerce could only be recovered by innovation and that was bringing groups to the island, and so again, as unpopular as it was, it was a trend that supported the business and the community. Throughout its journey, this business went through a remarkable metamorphosis, resulting in the establishment of many different brands and types of hand crafted beer. While other establishments responded to emerging trends, the KIB and its staff could not continue the diversification and specialization that current business models have adapted to. They could no longer meet the needs of the community while striving for longevity in a competitive environment.

4. The Final Bow: The "Irish Goodbye" (2022) After 63 years of remarkable achievements, the time has come for the final act. With a sense of irony and poetic closure, the business will gracefully exit the stage, leaving behind a legacy of resilience, innovation, and much community support. The decision to embrace the metaphorical "Irish Goodbye" reflects the spirit of humility, honoring the memories made throughout the years while recognizing that all good things must come to an end. And a nod to the items placed in the rock walls and bar that hold this labour of love. In this bittersweet moment, we honor the business and its supporters, its employees, its family and all of the love that has been poured into the land that we have stewarded. It has weathered countless storms, rebranded many times, and witnessed the birth of many children and deaths of countless friends and island family members. It stands as a testament to the ever-changing nature of life and entrepreneurship and the inevitable evolution of the business landscape. When people walked in the doors for the last 10 years I used to say, "Welcome to America!" to remind us all of the privilege we have here to enjoy capitalism and small business.

As we bid adieu, let us celebrate the indomitable spirit that propelled this enterprise forward, and may its legacy serve as an inspiration for future endeavours in our community.

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The Island In July 1873

Leslie Korenko

“There are about the usual amount of visitors here this summer. The hotel ‘is nearly full. Hemelein’s [Himmelein] has quite a number. A party was up from Cleveland last week. This Island, when there is sufficient accommodation, must be the favorite resort for Clevelanders. Gentlemen having families here can take the Cleveland boat in the evening and have a good night’s rest and be back early in the morning; and can leave Cleveland at evening and be here by one o’clock. I do not know as there will ever be hotel accommodations enough for all who want to come here, and when I see clergymen and ladies of respectability at watering places, who have left all their decency at home, drinking and carousing after all honest folks should be in bed, I wish and hope if I have to live here, there will never be accommodations for a popular resort. There were a good many here on the Fourth and the dance at the Hall was orderly and respectable. A good many Islanders attended. [The Cleveland Plain Dealer picked up this tidbit, remarking, “Evidently this pious young man sat up to see what mischief was going on. Plainly, he is in course of preparation for a great reformer.”] An invitation was given to all who were interested in the Woman Suffrage movement to meet at the residence of E. K. Huntington last Tuesday evening. Only a few attended. There are quite a number who believe that ‘taxation without representation is tyranny,’ but prefer to submit to the injustice rather than exert their influence to make it different. A tea party will keep most of the women from such a meeting. The intelligent portion of the voters, I believe, would give the franchise to women if they thought a majority of the women wanted it. I doubt if they would be willing to give up their privilege of voting if 9/10 of the men did not wish to vote. One voter said to me that he doubted if it was within a woman’s sphere to vote. He said it did not interfere with any of his duties, but I suppose he thought that if women were given the privilege we would want to vote all the time and do nothing else. But these questions and a good many more have been answered thousands of times. I do not blame any one here for making these objections to woman’s suffrage, it is to be expected in a place where nothing is read or talked about in its favor and see nothing in the papers but slurs and ridicule to make it odious. I expect folks will call me old and ugly to write all this, but I am not as old as I shall be if I live long enough to see

women vote, and perhaps not so ugly as some who don’t want to vote. [Emeline was already 54 years old.] We have almost hourly opportunities to go to the continent. The Riverside stops here four times, the Cooke twice and the Gazelle twice, making 12 arrivals and departures each day, besides from 6 to 10 sail vessels. The Cleveland steam boat has not put in an appearance yet, but she is expected to be out very soon when we shall have tri-weekly steam communication with that place. The Rev. Mr. Holbrook has a donation party to-night. Some of his congregation think his health would be benefited with a trip this summer, and take this method of furnishing

the means for him to do it, and also to show their love and appreciation of him as a friend and pastor. EKH” Emeline would take heat again for writing this article. This time from the manager of the Island House. “Your correspondent EKH in the Register of to-day in speaking of summer resorts rather deprecates the conduct of those who visit those places. I wish to say the remarks have no reference to the Island House. We have no ministers here that I know of, and the House, since I have had the honor of managing it, has been remarkably free from ‘drinking and carousing when honest folks should be in bed.’ I am charitable enough however to think

that EKH perhaps had the same object in view as when a few weeks ago the Sarah Van Epps had to take a raking in order to give the writer a chance to say a good word for Woodhull and George Francis Train and I think ‘woman’s suffrage’ was what was the matter this time. [Among Train’s many projects, he supported Woman’s Suffrage.] I would respectfully ask EKH in further not to drag steamboats and hotels into any such company. C. C. Townley” Emeline Kelley Huntington hoped to live long enough to see women vote.
From the book Kelleys Island 1872-1876: The hotels, the telegraph & the Lime Co

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St. Michael the Archangel Parish

VBS at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. We had roughly 17 children. They did crafts, singing and dancing and heard Bible stories about the theme "Who is My Neighbor."

The next Fellowship/Hospitality will be after the 9 a.m. Mass on August 6. All are welcome.

Blessings,
Deacon Jim O'Donnell



Zion news

My partner in ministry Dawn Soldner is always teaching me things about Kelleys. She has helped me see that there are so many colors on a rock beach.

It is not just a bunch of gray stones. And even among the gray there are many tones of gray. I intentionally did not use the word shade. Nor will I mention a nifty

number. The various colors and tones on a rock beach reminds us that we are distinctive even when we are similar. There is also a sense that we belong together. We can exist as a solo rock but it can't really be a beach.

Homecoming the 2nd weekend in August has the theme "The Spirits of Kelleys" What a great idea. In my

brief time here I have sensed that a Spirit does thrive here. There are some who might use the phrase "I am spiritual, but not religious." Sometimes religious get upset with that phrase. I liken a spiritual quest as one who is seeking the truth. I think that is always a good thing. So in August examine the Spirits of Kelleys both outwardly and inwardly

On Sunday the 13th at 1030 much of the Zion Church service will be a hymn sing. All are encouraged to rank their top 3 hymns and we will compile the list. Feel free to email me your favs at jbutchko32555@gmail.com



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Things With Wings!

Nature Camp 2023

Kelleys Island Schools Field Station's Nature Camp has been an important part of our programming and culture for years. Our camps provide experiential, educational outdoor sessions in a fun, positive, and safe environment. Held amongst award-winning preserves and varied native habitats, our camps are filled with intrigue, exploration, and adventure in the natural world.



The 2023 Nature Camp theme was Things with Wings. Each day we had educated professionals join us at camp, focusing on a different animal and its habitat to help the campers develop authentic connections and deepen their understanding of the local ecology through investigation and observation.



Dr. Jon Bossley from Mount Vernon Nazarene University spent a day with the campers learning about aquatic insects. Lisa Brohl, president of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and instructor at OSU's Stone Laboratory worked with the campers teaching them about dragon and damselflies. Rich and Terri Brutsche from Brutsche Beekeeping came to teach campers about bees.

The Black Swamp Bird Observatory Staff members Jasmine Cupp, Ryan Jacob, and Annalise Bokenkamp joined campers 4-8 years old for a day learning about owls. And, Erie Metroparks Naturalist Martyn Drabik-Hamshare and Michael Hensley took campers 9-12 years old kayaking.



At Nature Camp, we are committed to providing a positive camp experience for all campers that will help them grow in many capacities, now and for years to come. We could not do this without the Kelleys Island Community, Families, Friends, and Campers, The Kelleys Island School-Administration and school board, Volunteers- Jodie Smith, Isabell Smith, Carlie, Dylan, and our first ever Jr. Naturalist Katie Schuler. The mental and physical energy they provided each day was outstanding. They kept things fun while still being helpful assets to the program. I cannot thank this crew enough!

The Nature Camp mission is to "Encourage Children's Natural Curiosity of the Outdoors by Engaging Them in Fun and Educational

Activities." I am thankful for the support and assistance we receive in teaching kids about the beautiful islands they live and play on. For the 80 plus kids who participated in Nature Camp, and 230 volunteer hours at camp I am so grateful.



We are excited for Nature Camp 2024
Jackie Taylor,
Field Station Director

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Qualifying sizes below apply to all Ohio waters.

SPECIES	MIN. SIZE
Blue Catfish	35 inches
Brown Trout	20 inches
Bowfin	23 inches
Bullhead	14 inches
Carp	28 inches
Channel Catfish	26 inches
Crappie	13 inches

Flathead Catfish	35 inches
Hybrid-Striped Bass	21 inches
Largemouth Bass	20 inches
Longnose Gar	34 inches
Muskellunge	40 inches
Northern Pike	32 inches
Rock Bass	9 inches
Sauger	16 inches
Saugeye	21 inches
Sucker	20 inches
Spotted Bass	15 inches
Sunfish	9 inches

Qualifying sizes below apply to Lake Erie and its tributaries.

SPECIES	MIN. SIZE
Freshwater Drum	24 inches
Lake Trout	31 inches
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Lake Erie Fish Ohio Report (Updated 7/25/23)

The daily limit for walleye in Ohio waters of Lake Erie is 6 fish per angler. The minimum size limit for walleye is 15 inches.

The daily limit for yellow perch is 30 in the West and East Zones of Ohio waters of Lake Erie. The daily limit is 10 in the Central Zone of Ohio waters of Lake Erie.

The trout and salmon daily limit is 5 fish per angler. The minimum size limit is 12 inches.

Black bass (largemouth and smallmouth bass): The daily limit is 5 fish per angler with a 14 inch minimum size limit.

Walleye: Many walleye are beginning to move east as waters warm. Trollers are doing well with deep diving stickbaits, spoons, and worm harnesses in 40-55' of water. Trolling north or east of Kellys Island and across the Canadian border near Pelee Island has produced the best catches, with successful trips out of Cranberry

Creek, Lorain, and Avon Lake as well. Leads 100'+ back unassisted or 50-80' back with divers or 2 to 4-ounce snap weights have been working well at speeds around 2 mph. Kept walleye are regularly 18"+ long, with many 25"+ fish as well. Most trips are also seeing plenty of shorts. Remember the daily limit is 6 fish, with a minimum size of 15 inches.

Yellow Perch: Perch fishing is beginning to pick up as waters warm. Anglers are doing well in the west off Catawba near the firing range and south of Green Island. The Toledo Harbor Lighthouse and Toledo water intake have also been successful locations. Anglers are using perch or crappie rigs with spreaders and minnow bait. Yellow perch are averaging 7-9" long.

The water temperature off Toledo is 75 degrees, off Cleveland 74 degrees, and off Erie 75 degrees.

Serving Our Seniors Calendar of Events

- August 8, 2023, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. What is a "Trust" and How is It Different from a "Will"?

Speakers - John Frankel, Attorney, Wickens, Herzer, Panza; Ryan Garman, Attorney, Flynn, Py & Kruse; John Ball, Attorney, Reminger Co. LPA., and Michael Brumbaugh, Attorney, The Law Office of Michael L. Brumbaugh, Co LPA.

- August 21, 2023, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., "What Are the Powers of the Power of Attorney (POA) and Why Do I Need a POA?"

Speakers - John Frankel, Attorney, Wickens, Herzer, and Panza; Ryan Garman, Attorney, Flynn, Py & Kruse; John Ball, Attorney, Reminger Co. LPA., and Michael Brumbaugh, Attorney, The Law Office of Michael L. Brumbaugh, Co LPA.

- August 23, 2023 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., a roast sirloin dinner to follow. "Aging and Memory Changes: What's Normal and What's Not?"

The Ten Fifty-Eight Event Center, 1058 Cleveland Rd, Sandusky.
Speaker - Roopa Anmol Singh, MD, Geriatrician, Cleveland Clinic.
\$10 refundable deposit paid to Serving Our Seniors by Aug. 8th, is required to reserve your seat. Include your name, phone # and the name of this event.

- August 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. "Don't Blowoff Medicare Open Enrollment This Year."

Speakers- Patricia Stineman, Medicare Education Specialist, Jo Seiler, Medicare Counselor, Serving Our Seniors.

- September 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., a roast sirloin dinner to follow. "True Stories of Exercise Working in Place of Medicine."

The Ten Fifty-Eight Event Center, 1058 Cleveland Rd, Sandusky. Speaker - Willy Valnecia, MD, Endocrinologist and Geriatrician,

Unless otherwise stated, all forums will be held at the Erie County Office Building, 3rd Floor, 247 Columbus Ave (downtown) - Sandusky. RSVPs required no later than 1 week before the date of forum by calling 419-624-1856 or e-mailing Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org. Tell us your name, the name of the event and your phone number. If the forum is cancelled you will be notified by phone.

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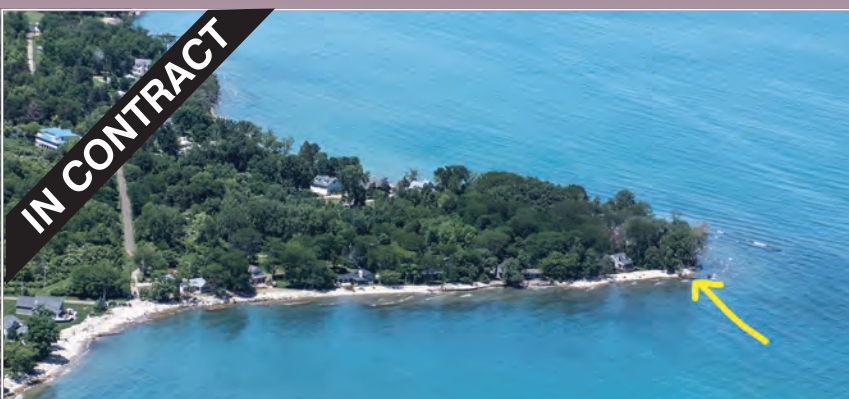
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