

LIFE ON KELLEYS

THE EMERALD ISLE NEWS

The Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve



Above: Representatives of the collaboration in the restoration, each one with red scissors and cut the ribbon!

Below: Glacial Grooves Right: Open House



Jodie Smith

The power of nature created the Glacial Grooves. On Friday May 19, the Glacial Grooves were re-introduced as The Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve. The ceremony was well attended by The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Ohio History Connection, The Ohio Geological Survey and the community and visitors to Kelleys Island.

Kelleys Island Mayor, Ron Ehbar spoke first, thanking all who attended and recognizing the value of the Glacial Grooves to the island. He introduced Mary Mertz, The Director of Ohio Natural Resources. Mary spear-headed the project after a visit to the grooves. She recognized that changes needed to be made. The natural landmark is the biggest one of its kind known to humans. It has fossils unique to this area and the time period of glacial movement across northern Ohio. The work was completed in close collaboration with The Ohio Geological Survey team of, Tom Valachovics, Geologist, JD Stucker, Assistant Chief, Andy Dash, Geologist and Group Supervisor, and D. Mark Jones, Division Chief, and with close consultation with The Ohio History Connection. The grooves were cleaned of vegetation growth, new see through fencing was installed, 7 education stations were placed around the grooves, landscaping completed to encourage leisurely and safe visits, and connecting paths built making the quarry paths and the Lake Side Daisies accessible.

Megan Woods, CEO and Executive Director of The Ohio History Connection, spoke next. She recognized the historical significance of the Grooves and other entities on the island. She praised the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Ohio Geological Survey Team, Chris Ashley, Leader of Ohio State Parks on Kelleys Island, volunteer Dave Coon of Kelleys Island and Glen Cobb for their continued work to preserve the site and keep it pristine for visitors. Finally, she handed the ownership and care of The Glacial Grooves to The Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The Grooves will remain as a National Natural Landmark, soon to be added to the list of international natural landmarks. It is the largest easily accessible grooves in the world. With these final words, the representatives of the collaboration in the restoration, took their places along the red ribbon, each one with red scissors in hand, and cut the ribbon! Visitors were invited by the Geologists present, to take

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5K & 10K RACE

Sunday ♦ June 4, 2023 ♦ 10:45AM-1:00 PM

All Residents And Visitors

Road Closure

On Sunday, June 4 from 10:45am - 1:00 p.m. , the roads which are being used for the race route will be closed to all through traffic. Please be sure to plan any travel for before or after the race. Please be sure to inform renters and visitors of the road closure. Exceptions will be made ONLY for church services and emergencies.

Please be courteous to our runners, this is a great event. Please take their and others safety into consideration.

The race will begin just before the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat entrance at 10:45.

The 5-K will proceed west on Lakeshore Dr., a little past the trailer park and back to

Memorial Park.

The 10-K will proceed up Lakeshore Dr., up Division St., rounding the entire block before coming back to Division St. Runners will then proceed north on Division St., around Titus Rd. to W. Lakeshore Dr. and head back to Memorial Park. All races will be led by police cruiser and followed by a couple of golf carts.

The 1-mile Fun Run will begin at noon at Division St. and Lakeshore Dr. and go around the block.

Thank You For Your Consideration Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

JUNE 4th, 2023

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The Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve

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a guided tour of the Glacial Grooves Geological Preserve.

Watching the re-opening was an exciting and historical event. The weather was picture perfect and the excitement from the crowd was felt in the air. This new restoration for an island treasure marks a new move forward for Kelleys Island. The

ODNR and The Ohio History Connection recognize the value our historical landmarks give to the History in Ohio and even nationally and internationally. We can hope that more places on the island can be supported by efforts such as those given to The Glacial Grooves.

An advertisement for StayOnKI.com. The background is a scenic view of a lake and a house. The text reads: "StayOnKI.com RENTALS Homes, Condos, Cabins, Cottages". There is a logo of a house on a green island.



An advertisement for The Village Peddler Island Shops. It features a cartoon fish character and text: "the village pump the perch place Kelleys Island, OH". It lists "Award Winning Perch & Brandy Alexanders", "ORDER ONLINE! Food-To-Go & Gift Cards", and "JUNE EVENTS". Contact information includes "103 W. Lakeshore Drive • 419.746.2281 www.VillagePumpKIOH.com" and "130 Division Street 419.746.2377 VillagePeddlerKIOH.com".

Herndon Gallery, hosts famous Cellist, Brian Shifflet

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the gardens on the Gallery's grounds, will be the setting for a free musical performance by Brian Shifflet. The sculptures in the garden will be used as a background for the beautiful, heart warming music that will fill the air.

Brian Shifflet was born and raised in the area and had a love for music even as a small child. He began studying piano at age seven, and began studying cello at age 12. One of his first teachers was Teresa Perez, through the Firelands Symphony School of Music. After graduating from Port Clinton High School, he attended Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Music Education and Cello, and continuing by receiving a Master's in Music Education from Bowling Green State University. After teaching orchestra for a few years, Brian returned to the area and currently performs with the Firelands Symphony Orchestra, Firelands String Quartet, and various solo performances around the region. Brian also teaches cello, violin, and piano in his private studio and through the Firelands Symphony School of Music.



Cellist Brian Shifflet

bureau. He is a member of North Coast Narrative, an historical reenacting group focusing on living history and the presentation of various historical topics.

Everyone is invited to this event sponsored by the Herndon Gallery, 114 Laylin Drive, owned and operated by Charles and Cindy Herndon.

The time of this event will be announced later.

An advertisement for the Kelley's Island Chamber of Commerce. It features a sunset over the water and a map of the island. The text reads: "KELLEYS island CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023 coming events". It lists events: "June 4: 5 & 10k Run/Walk", "June 24-25: KI Motorcycle Tour", "July 8: KI's Got Talent", "July 12: General Meeting ~ 5:30 pm", "July 14-16: Island Fest", "July 22-23: Film Fest", "Sept. 1-4: Light Up KI", "Sept. 9: Treasure Island Day". It also includes "2023 EVENT VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED!", "Thank You! YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS MAKE ALL KICC EVENTS POSSIBLE!", and "Visit our website for Island Info, Maps & Events!". Contact information: "117 Addison Road • 419-746-2360 • info@kelleysislandchamber.com".

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.

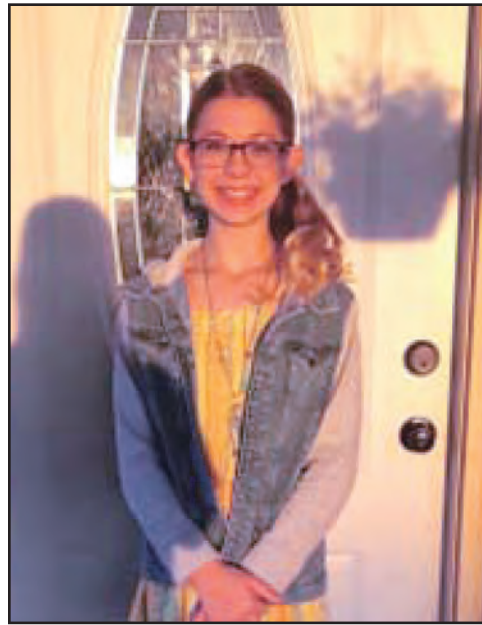
This year's event will take place on Saturday, August 5th Golf Cart Poker Run & raffles. Sunday, August 6th is the Make-A-Wish swim & party. Come to Portside Marina to meet our Wish Children and see us swim in around 11:30am. **New News: We Will Start The Poker Run An Hour Earlier!** Registration at 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 without the mean step-sisters!



JAZZY



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



Welcome Back from the Erie County 4-H Camp!

Gary Leidheiser, Camp Director

June is here, and soon you will be seeing bus loads of campers making their way from the Kelleys Island Ferry to our camp on Ward Rd. This would not be possible without lots of hard work behind the scenes, throughout the year, from the many volunteers who spend hours, days, and weeks working to get our camp ready for another season. Our Camp Board plans, oversees, and works constantly to make our facility better.

We are excited for another summer of hosting 4-H'er's from around Ohio as well as groups supporting cross country, martial arts, Ohio Military Kids, scouting, family reunions, weddings, addiction recovery, and the Volkswagen campers, or Kombi's. Each group handles their own registration and counts on our staff to provide healthy meals, safe sleeping quarters, restroom facilities, beach front activities, nature programming, and a chance to get away from it all on beautiful Kelleys Island.

Our facility is booked all summer this year, June 9 – August 10, except for three days. Our staff will be hosting the many youths and their adult leaders. When our "Camp is in Session, No Visitors, Please" sign is up we are responsible for keeping everyone here safe from harm, please respect that. It is not that we don't want to see you, we have a job to do.

We want to thank everyone who supports us through our winter storage offering. This helps us by providing a small amount of income during the off season. It also helps us build relationships with many wonderful islanders.

Be on the lookout for our summer fundraiser flyer. We will be working with the Lake Erie Crushers to sell tickets to their July 28, 2023, game at 7:05 PM. The game will be at the Mercy Health Stadium and will be followed by fireworks. Please join us for all the fun!

I am so excited for this summer as we are fully staffed for the first time in several years. Here's to a wonderful summer!

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KILA Korner



Jim Coleman (in orange shirt) who led the "Pot Lunch" with over 50 KILA members & guests attending.

Drew Algase

It's almost summer. Lilacs have bloomed, gardens are being planted, and we're all ready for a season of fun, relaxation, and community. KILA has been busy with a Welcome back potluck on May 20th and plans for Homecoming. Thanks to Jim

Coleman (in orange shirt) who led the "Pot Lunch" with over 50 KILA members & guests attending.

A lot is going on at the island's Community Park. The playground equipment has been removed to due safety issues. The Park Board and Village council are in process of



Above: Mary Gaither at KILA Potluck Below: Playground Area



2023 Kelleys Island Audubon Club Annual Membership Form

- Giant Swallowtail** \$15.00 Annual Individual Membership:
25% Nature Camp Discount
- Northern Saw-whet Owl** \$25.00 Annual Family Membership:
50% Nature Camp Discount
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In addition to my membership, I would like to donate to:

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I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Kelleys Islands Nature Camp, to be used only for expenses and equipment related to the Nature Camp Program.

Donation to Memorial Fund

I would like to donate \$ _____ In Memory of _____

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

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.

Pollinator Fund- If you wish to donate to this fund, please send a separate check along with the membership.

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

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.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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.

Pat Hayes – President, Barbara Zeller - Vice President, June Campbell – Secretary, Jean Kuyoth – Treasurer,
 Jim Zeller, Lori Hayes, Jackie Taylor, Chris Ashley, Virginia Coyne, Tom Pieratt

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replacing it with a modern playground for everyone. Please see the plans at the KI Park Committee Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/KIParkCommittee>. Right now, there is a 70 (or 100') by 50 foot area designated for the new Playground. KILA is supporting this project by pledging \$16,000 from 2022 and plan on a further pledge this year. Councilperson Mary Gaither answered questions about the 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.

The annual KILA Homecoming will be on Friday and Saturday, August 11 & 12th. For the 3rd annual Fish Fry, tickets will go on sale in July. Saturday will feature a parade including the Edison Chargers marching band, more live entertainment (including KI Island Singers, Edison band, Frank & Dean, and Fat City), food & beverages, a vendor's market place, games, a pie contest, and much more family entertainment. New this year will be a "Corn Hole" tournament.

The theme for this year's Homecoming parade is "The Spirit(s) of Kelleys Island". This year's theme is intended to capture the spirit of our island, which manifests itself in many forms, be that legacies of past inhabitants, or sense of those now present of what surrounds them on the island, or maybe the spirits which are served in our many businesses, but clearly including the strong spirit of volunteerism on our island. Have your floats ready for the parade.

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 accept membership applications & dues (cash or check only) as well as distribute KILA Kards to members. Of course, memberships may be processed on our web site (www.KILA.rocks) using PayPal, or mailed to our PO Box 22 on Kelleys Island.

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

Free Museum Day entices visitors to take in history of Kelleys Island

Jodie Smith

Free Museum Day at the Kelleys Island Historical Association Museum brought Andrew Kimmel and Mandi Fears from Indianapolis, Indiana. They traveled to Cleveland's Cuyahoga National Park to camp and attend a Blink182 Concert. Mandi had always wanted to come to Kelleys Island to experience the natural beauty. They enjoyed camping and hiking the island and they were pleasantly surprised to find the Museum and gift shop open and free! They accepted the invitation to pose with all of the tourists coming off the ferry boat to visit Kelleys Island. They were presented with a copy of *Life on Kelleys--The Emerald News* paper as they left the Museum. They were both thoroughly impressed with the displays and information they encountered from the Free Museum Day.



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VFW Post 9908 – Bugle Call

Paul Burns

As I am writing this in the middle of May, and with Memorial Day 2023 still a couple weeks away, I am reflecting on how truly humbled I am by the turnout that our community shows our veterans at these ceremonies over the years. Thank you to the Island Singers who have added their wonderful voices, and to Pastor Virginia Park and now Rev. John Butchko, who have come out with us, and the cannon of Don Huntley's is always welcomed at our ceremony. Thank you, Jim Erne, for the best hot dogs after the ceremony at the VFW building.

On Monday June 12th we will be hosting our second D-Day Anniversary cruise around the island. The boat departs the downtown dockage at 19:00 (7pm), and will be returning about two hours later. If the weather is inclement that evening, we have a back-up date of Monday June 19th. Tickets can be purchased in the canteen for \$30. The voyage will include pizza and a cash bar. Many thanks to Brad Styles for organizing this event.

Last year our post received a generous donation from Nancy Howley to replace the bar stools in our canteen. With luck, by the time we are reading this in this newspaper we will be using the new stools. Thank you, Nancy!

The renovations to our second floor of our building are nearly complete. The transformation of that area has been truly remarkable. It is now a modern multipurpose space. Thank you to Steve Thrush and his crew for all their work over the winter months.

Our canteen holds a Sunday Sales, D-6 Liquor License that was first issued to us on April 13, 1971. Imagine that, fifty-two years and counting to have a license to sell alcohol on Sundays. This is the longest continuously held license by any VFW in the state for Sunday sales. We also have a D-4 liquor license which according to the Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.17 is "the permit to sell beer and any intoxicating liquor to its members only, in glass or container, for consumption on the premises where sold." And that "the club is operated in the interest of the membership of a reputable organization, which is maintained by a dues paying membership, and setting forth the amount of initiation fee and yearly dues." Thank you for your continued support of our canteen throughout the year and decades.

Thank you, Kelleys Island for seventy-five years as we celebrate our anniversary in November.

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Kelleys Island 2023 Calendar of Events

JUNE

3	Science Saturdays	State Park
4	5 & 10K Run/Walk*	Memorial Park
10	Science Saturdays	State Park
11	Which Way to Kelleys?	Goodtime I in Sandusky
16-17	Razzles Volleyball Tournament	Seaway Marina
17	Science Saturdays	State Park
24-25	Kelleys Island Motorcycle Tour*	Island-Wide
24	Science Saturdays	State Park
26-30	Nature Camp (ages 4-9)	KI Field Station

JULY

1	Science Saturdays	State Park
3-7	Nature Camp (ages 9-12)	KI Field Station
8	Science Saturdays	State Park
8	KI's Got Talent*	Memorial Park
14-16	Islandfest	Memorial Park
15	Science Saturdays	State Park
17-21	Zion Vacation Bible School	
22	Science Saturdays	State Park
22-23	Film Fest *	The Ball Field
29	Science Saturdays	State Park

AUGUST

5	Science Saturdays	State Park
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. Festival	KI Historical Assoc. Campus

SEPTEMBER

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

7	3rd Annual Pump Alumni Party	Village Pump
7	24th Annual Chili Cook-Off	Peeper's
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

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

*Chamber of Commerce Sponsored Events

If you have an event that you like included please email Lifekonkelleys@gmail.com

Spring being a tough act to follow... Mother Nature Created June!



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We will be resuming our regular 12 to 4 p.m. hours

Donations can be brought over to the back of the house with a phone call to Jodie, Janet or Sonia. Please do not drop off blankets or comforters unless they are brand new!

Jodie and Janet are "2 Women & a Truck" and will pick up and deliver furniture and other large items right to your locale.

The Parsonage is a part of the Kelleys Island History Museum
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Kelleys Island Chamber Update: June 2023

Hello, May was filled with island reunions, home openings and more importantly, all of our businesses are ready for our locals and visitors. We have had many calls about the Glacial Grooves, our traditional Island events, and some people looking for Chamber Rentals with openings for Island stay's.

5/10 K Walk/Run Sunday, June 4, 2023

Get ready for the 40th Annual 5/10 K Kick! Participants will enjoy a scenic route along the lakefront to enjoy the architecture and local unique flair of this Chamber Sponsored Island tradition. Numerous water stations along the way give the locals a great opportunity to volunteer and see the faces of the runners that come to participate in our yearly event. This year our proceeds will again be going to the Village Park Beautification project. The canon shoots at 10:45 am off for the start of the races from Memorial Park.

Registration

Same-day registration begins downtown, in Memorial Park, at 8:00 am-10 am. A discounted rate of \$20 will be available to those who pre-register online before midnight on May 29. Day-of registration will be \$25. Online registration closes one week before the race date. Register before midnight May 29 to be guaranteed a race shirt. Pre-Race Packet pick-up will be held at Dockers Waterfront Bar & Restaurant from 3-7 pm on Saturday, June 3th. Dockers will be offering live music throughout the weekend as long as other downtown establishments: Peepers & the Casino.

Road Closures

From 10:00 am-12:30 pm, Lakeshore Drive from Division Street through Titus Road, and back to the North End of Division Street will be closed while runners are on the course. The detour will redirect traffic from Division Street to Ward Road, which turns into Hamilton Road, then south on Monaghan Road, West on Woodford Road, and finally south on Addison Street before returning to Lakeshore Drive. This is the Detour for those looking to get to the Ferry and to the north end of the island. Thank you for your patience

and consideration to our visitors and locals that run each year.

2023 Kelleys Island Motorcycle Tour

Ohio Motorcycle Group is once again hosting a Bike Tour on Kelleys Island. This two-day event is on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 - 25, 2023. Registration begins Friday, June 23th at either Mad River Harley Davidson or Rock N Roll City Harley Davidson. Check either of their websites for further details.

Registration

The registration cost is \$10 per participant, which includes your tour scorecard and a ferry access wristband. After registering, take a self-led ride to the Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line in Marblehead, Ohio. Show your wristband at the ferry ticket booth to receive the special discounted round-trip price of \$20 per bike - a savings of up to \$42 off of the normal fare! Once you arrive on the island, you have two days to visit all ten stops and get your card stamped.

Grand Prize

The grand prize is a fabulous Kelleys Island vacation package worth over \$1,500! To be eligible for this prize, completed scorecards must be returned to either Mad River Harley Davidson or Rock-n-Roll City Harley Davidson by 4 pm on Tuesday, June 29. The grand prize winner will be drawn on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. The tour proceeds benefit the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce.

Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) Summit - October 4, 2022

What is GLIA?

The Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA) is a newer voluntary, collaborative network that brings together island leaders, residents, and advocates from across the region. The mission of the GLIA is to encourage relationship building, foster information exchange, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities to benefit islands. The GLIA has connected remote communities by increasing the membership to over 150 people from 19 different island communities. The members facilitate monthly conference calls to share information between communities, along with the annual summits. The

first summit was held in 2017 on Beaver Island, Michigan, followed by Madeline Island, Wisconsin in 2018, then on Mackinac Island, Michigan in 2019. Last year we were part of the summit and were well received with our tour of the grooves, alvar and the Herndon Galleries. The luncheon at the school was a great event in itself. The Lake Erie Islands (South Bass Island, Middle Bass Island, Kelleys Island, and Pelee Island) were toured by more than 100 members from October 2nd-5th. This year's summit will be replaced with a focused retreat on the findings from the UMichigan and help set up a stage for a successful Summit in the fall of 2024.

NEW EVENT

Witchy Brews Cruise:

Gather your witches for a witchy "Brews Cruise" and scavenger hunt for potion ingredients around the island.

Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm DOWNTOWN Kelleys Island.

Kelleys Island's Got Talent July 8, 2023

It's that time of year! Break out your voice, instruments, comedy show or magical moments you have always dreamed of performing. Do it on the friendliest stage around.

Submit a video to Tina at chickletscloset@gmail.com of your unique and inspired act.(Free)

The top 12 adult acts and the top 6 Children's acts will be chosen from audition materials.

If you are chosen: registration is \$100 for adults and \$50 for kids.

Judges will announce the winners at the end of the afternoon.

- Adult First Prize \$2000
- Adult Second Prize \$1000
- Adult Third Prize \$200
- Kids prizes will be baskets of KI Fun times!!

Islandfest July 15-16, 2023

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The Parsonage Perspective

Janet Killam

Isn't it true that everybody has to have had a father, has a father currently, wanted or desires to BE a father or even is lucky enough to have more than one father?

Whatever the instance, the resale shop wants to celebrate ALL FATHERS and regular people too with a 30% OFF SALE on Father's Day Weekend, June 17th and 18th.

You don't even have to be a father to enjoy the slashing of ALL items, everywhere in and outside of the house and our bursting at the seams new baby, Sis's Cottage.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special lower than low pricing.

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Jodie Smith 419-350-1082
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Beloved Custodian Joe Joyce Retires



Left to right; Tim Ahner, Nikolay Skeans, Joe Joyce, Viktoriya Skeans, Josie Gaither, Aryana Ahner

Jodie Smith

When Joe Joyce submitted his retirement letter to the Board of Education, he wrote about his pride in his work and his relationships with all the children he saw go through the school in 21 years! He mentioned that he does not have children of his own, but has been blessed with being an “Uncle,” and “Grandfather,” figure to many, many children. His job at the school gave him a sense of family. He will miss the children the most. Joe also shared some memories in his letter; sleep overs in the gym, a child riding a horse around the gym, rubber band fights, trips by boat to Cedar Point that ended in late adventures, thumb wars, and something he asked permission to do from each parent, permission to hug.

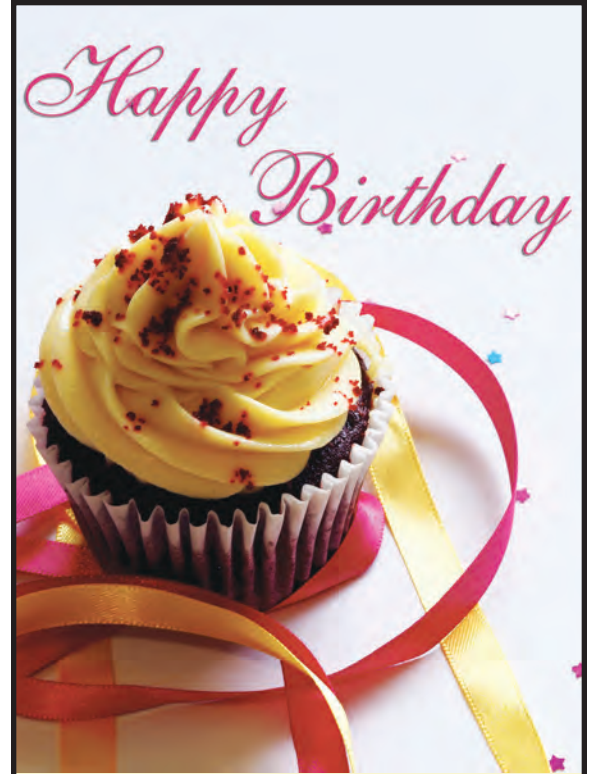
Joe said that the best thing he observed at the school were the times that the older children would take the younger children under their wing, to help and guide them, to push them up, to mentor them. A sense of family.

Joe’s retirement party was well attended by community members, the staff of the school, the school children, and school board members. Visitations

took place in the hallway where a large table was set with colorful donuts and cupcakes and punch. Gifts and cards were displayed along with a beautiful Thank you for your service canvas print of the school building that Joe lovingly cared for over 21 years. The ceremony moved on to the Community room where trifolds displayed photographs and memorabilia that Joe had saved from over the years. Many were letters and artwork from children saying, “thank you” for keeping our school clean or “thank you” for the yummy milk shakes or pizza!

Joe expressed his appreciation and said that he will miss the children the most. The children shed a few tears but were reassured that Joe would be back and may show up with a surprise ice cream treat now and then!

I have had the pleasure of being involved with the school since 2016. That meant my first and best point of contact being Joe Joyce. Thank you Joe for your support of all who passed through the doors of Kelleys Island school during your 21 years of not only caring for a building but creating your sense of family and sharing it with all you came in contact with.



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German Reformed Church

June Campbell

By 1865 the island was buzzing with European immigrants who worked in the thriving industry of quarrying with all its supporting operations of a lime kiln, barrel shop, hoop-making shop and shipping of the quarry products.

Many German immigrants were employed working on farms, especially vineyards and in the several wineries flourishing from the excellent quality of grapes which produced very good wines. Over 100 tons of grapes were harvested in 1865. Cases of KI wine were shipped to the east coast for consumption by sophisticated city folk. Young willow tree branches were used to tie up grapevines. Mr. Carpenter rented his wine cellar to individual farmers, and the Kelley's Island Wine Company was formed.

Fishing was generating a good profit with catches of large and small mouth bass, black bass and pickerel

for shipping to large cities on the mainland. Hotels hosted private fishermen and their families. Addison Kelley's mansion was completed. Island soldiers were returning from their service in Ohio Infantry divisions during the Civil War.

The Island Queen was motor-cruising the lake with passengers and freight. Exports of the quarry and wineries and grape harvest expected to reach \$400,000. Five neighborhood schools educated 200 island children. The library contained 36 books and grew to over 400 volumes within 10 years. Building of many new houses began on the south shore and attested to the island's prosperity. Ten acres of land could be purchased for less than \$1,000. Dirt roads became dusty or muddy in season. Immigrants appeared to be very, enterprising, ambitious and hard-working. The population was approximately 800 residents.

During this era of prosperity, the religious needs were evolving from private in-home services and prayer meetings.

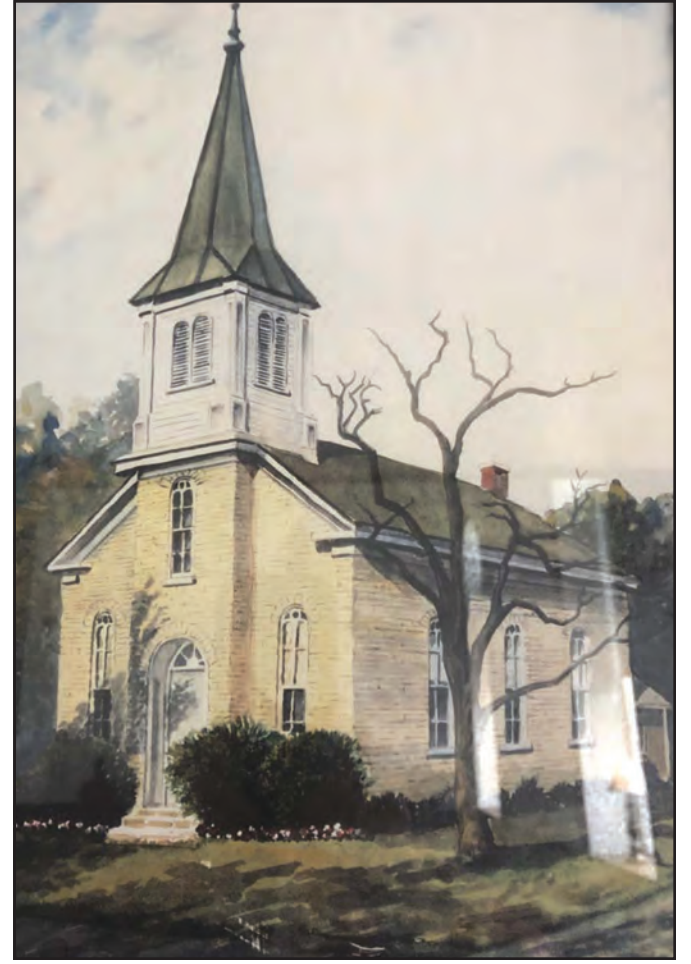
St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church was built in 1863, "a plain but neat little stone church." A group of Protestants with divergent views on religious subjects organized into The Union Evangelical Church, later becoming The First Congregational Church. The German Reformed Church was organized to serve the large population of Germans.

It conducted services totally in the German language, singing, Bible readings, preaching. Property on Division Street was acquired, and they began building by quarrying stone on their land across the street. A vibrant congregation soon grew to 25 families. The Ladies Aid Society held ice cream socials and craft bazaars, and a Sunday School flourished. Soon a parsonage was added for the minister's residence and an open-sided roofed "haul shed" housed the horses of worshippers. Ministers were Rev. Kness, Rev. Merchikens, Rev. J.G. Kuhl, Rev. W. Renter and Rev. Wm. Frirolin, Rev. Honecker and Rev. E. Koehne.

The prosperity and vibrancy of 1865 – 1919 ended abruptly when Prohibition was enacted by federal law. The wine and grape-growing industry were shutdown. About the same time the North Quarry, lime kiln and associated shops closed, Peak population of 1174 in 1900 dropped to 658 in the 1920. No work was available on the island for all those jobless workers, so they had to leave Kelleys Island to find work to support their families. With the decreasing island population they soon couldn't afford a minister, and the empty parsonage was for rent. The German Reformed stone church closed their doors in 1924. The last service was a funeral for William Burger, one of the founding members.

Fifty years later a group of island residents (now known as The Kelleys Island Historical Association) were concerned about the deteriorating condition of the old stone church. The first question was who owns the property? There was no German Reformed denomination any more. A series of different reformed organizations had joined into one Reformed Church of America which later accepted the Congregational denomination and became the United Church of Christ. The island group organized with 104 Charter Members and became the Kelleys Island Historical Association and soon began negotiating to purchase the property of church, parsonage, outhouse and haul shed site totaling more than an acre.

Conditions of the sale were explicit: The church had to be restored to its original condition within 10 years, and no other organized religion could hold services within. Immediately the members got to work to clean and clean and clean, repair, rebuild, refurbish inside and out. Original furniture was found in various homes, the pot-bellied stove



German Reformed Church, Kelleys Island in 1865

was found and rebuilt, pews had been stored in a barn and were retrieved, hymnals and the original Bible were returned to their church home.

A new roof was necessary, new ceiling inside, holes in walls patched and repainted, the gilded design forming a frame around the center of the chancel was pieced together like a puzzle, pews and chancel furniture were scrubbed with Murphy's soap, the pump organ was rebuilt by a generous member. Outside projects included the steeple's rotting beams replaced, island men with masonry skills tuck-pointed the outside walls with modern cement to stabilize the beach-stone walls, windows were given new glass and putty, and much, much more. Pictures are in the museum documenting the progress. Funds were raised through memberships, bake sales, raffles, Butterfly Festivals and many generous donations.

By 1985 United Church of Christ was convinced the Kelleys Island Historical Association was serious and diligent and proceeding well to meet the conditions of the sale, and the deed to the buildings and property was transferred to a proud and committed KIHA. Incomplete improvements and necessary maintenance continue to keep the old stone church a bright example of community dedication and pride in preserving the history of our lovely island for the future.

The Association continues to grow in memberships and collections for the museum. The Parsonage House Resale Shop thrives, the Museum and restored church buildings are open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day and are busy every day. Sis's Cottage was added in 2022 to expand the resale shop, the outhouse was restored 2021. The memorial walk bricks honor the people who love Kelleys Island. The Board of Directors is dedicated to preserving the history of Kelleys Island, and the volunteers spread their knowledge and enthusiasm to old and new residents, members and visitors.

Everyone is invited to stop in and view the splendid collection and displays in the Museum and the plain but classic beauty of the restored church. Shopping in the Parsonage and Cottage, where everything is donated, helps in the maintenance of the German Reformed Church, an Island Treasure.



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A Rare Island Sighting and a Tale of Inspiration: Kirtland Warbler

Jim Zeller

In a 2012 Hoot Owl, a short article appeared about a Kirtland Warbler sighting on the eastern end of Woodford Road. It is interesting that the sighting was considered so rare as to be newsworthy. Here is the story behind the excitement.

Once upon a time, in the dense forests of Michigan, there lived a small and delicate bird called the Kirtland warbler. With its yellow throat and black-and-gray striped back, the Kirtland warbler was a beautiful and unique creature that had captured the hearts of birdwatchers and environmentalists alike. This species is named after Dr. Jared Kirtland, a Cleveland, Ohio physician and amateur naturalist, who collected the first specimen in 1851.

However, in the mid-1900's, the Kirtland warbler faced a serious threat to its existence. The forests it called home were being cleared for logging and other human activities and the bird's habitat was shrinking rapidly. The Kirtland warbler was on the brink of extinction, a alarming environmentalists and bird watchers alike. That's when a team of conservationists and biologists came together to launch a mission to save the Kirtland warbler. They studied the bird's behavior, habitat, and mating patterns to gain a better understanding of its needs.

They found that one of the most unique aspects of the Kirtland's warbler is its nesting habits. It only nests in young jack pine forests that are between five and twenty years old, and the trees must be of a certain height and density. This is because the Kirtland's warbler feeds almost exclusively on the larvae of a single insect, the jack pine budworm, which is most abundant in these young jack pine forests. They worked tirelessly to restore the jack pine forests, planting trees and creating a safe haven for the Kirtland warbler and other endangered species. From a few hundred individuals in the 1970s, this conservation effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other organizations has helped to increase the population to over 2,000 individuals today.

Birdwatchers flocked to Michigan to catch a glimpse of the rare bird, and environmentalists celebrated the success of the conservation mission. A few were even seen in Northern Ohio during their fall and spring migration from the Caribbean Islands, where they winter.

As the years passed, the Kirtland warbler has become a symbol of hope and resilience in the face of adversity. Its survival is a testament to the power of conservation and the importance of protecting our planet's natural treasures.



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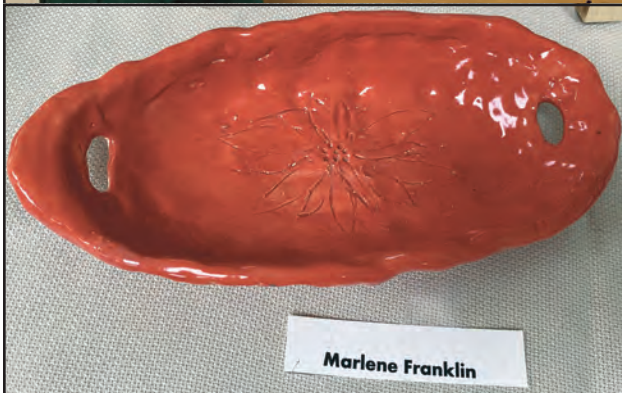


Jodie Smith

Under the direction of art teacher, Bonnie Schoff of Sandusky, Ohio and her adult students along with the Kelleys Island School children, organize an art show once a year to display their work which was completed during the past school year. The students met every Thursday morning in the Kelleys Island Art Room where many came to participate in the classes.

This year on Thursday, May 18, 2023, the annual art show was held at the Kelleys Island School. Visitors had a chance to view different art mediums that were used by the students such as: colored pencil, Chalk Pastels, Acrylic paint, water color and ceramics. After the art show, adults students gathered at the Wine Company to celebrate their accomplishments.

Left: Nik Skeans, Josie Gaither and Vik Skeans pose next to their art at the art show.



Marlene Franklin

Left: A sample of ceramics work by Marlene Franklin

Right: Linda Hostel

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In the heart of the Midwest, there's a state known for its rich agricultural heritage, picturesque landscapes, and charming small towns: Ohio. While the Buckeye State is known for many things, few are as beloved as its blooming lilacs.

Every spring, lilacs burst forth in a riot of colors across Ohio, marking the end of winter and the beginning of a new season. From late April to early May, the air is filled with the

Lilac Walk

sweet, heady scent of these fragrant blooms, attracting visitors from all over the state to admire their beauty.

Ohio is home to several varieties of lilacs, each with its unique characteristics. One of the most popular is the common lilac, also known as *Syringa vulgaris*. This lilac is known for its large, showy blooms and its delicate, sweet scent. Another variety that's common in Ohio is the Japanese lilac, or *Syringa reticulata*. This type of lilac has smaller blooms but is prized for its striking bark, which peels away to reveal a beautiful, textured surface.

Lilacs come in many different colors, from deep, rich purples to soft pinks and whites. Some of the most popular shades include lavender, magenta, and pale blue. In fact, lilacs are so beloved in Ohio that they have been adopted as the state flower, a testament to their importance and beauty.

But lilacs aren't just pretty to look at; they also have a range of uses in medicine, beauty products, and cooking. For centuries, lilacs have

been used in traditional medicine to treat everything from fevers and headaches to skin irritations and digestive problems. Lilac essential oil is also a popular ingredient in perfumes, soaps, and other beauty products, thanks to its sweet, floral scent.

In the kitchen, lilacs can be used to add a unique flavor and aroma to a range of dishes. Lilac syrup is a popular ingredient in cocktails and desserts, while lilac flowers can be candied and used to decorate cakes and pastries.

Despite their many uses, lilacs are perhaps most beloved for their sheer beauty and the joy they bring to those who admire them. On Kelleys Island, we have a LILAC WALK which should be a must see during your spring lake adventures. We hope to see you soon.

Twenty-five years ago Bruce Korenko, then president of the Park Board, worked with the State Park and a group of volunteers cut the trails that led to an old homesite that had multiple colors of lilacs which



flourished on the property for the last 100 years. The pathways have been expanded and maintained by the State Park, who added the signage and took on the mowing that was previously done by volunteers. A wonderful island trail that walks you back in time.

Destination Development Grants Awarded

A popular matching grant program available for the purpose of assisting Erie and Ottawa County businesses, organizations, and communities in developing activities or projects that will attract and engage visitors, serve and educate regional tourism partners, and educate regional tourism partners, and generate economic growth for their communities and the region through travel and tourism development, has recently been awarded.

The Shores & Islands Ohio Destination Development Grants have been awarded to two businesses on

Kelleys Island. The Herndon Gallery and The Kelleys Island Wine Company have been awarded the grant. The businesses partnered with Shores & Islands Ohio and showed that their project would reflect economic benefit for the county at large. Their projects target the development of quality-of-place amenities and facilities that enhance the visitor experience and foster connectivity with the specific destination or geographic area. The Grant is a matching grant program. The grantee must secure an equal amount of funds as they are granted towards the project in order to receive

the funding.

The Herndon Gallery has been a past recipient of the grant and had used it towards building a pathway through the outdoor Herndon Gardens area. The pathway allowed drainage to be installed to better manage the property and allows it to be accessible to more people. With this year's grant, The Herndon Gallery will be installing a cement platform overlooking the beach. The platform will be accessible by the new pathway and will encourage visitors to stop and gaze awhile at the beautiful lake and beach scenery. Outdoor music performances are being

planned for this summer, including cellist Brian Shifflet on June 22, 2023.

The Kelleys Island Wine Company will be using the grant to build a commercial grade outdoor play area and to enhance their goat and animal areas. With the upgrades, they hope to continue to grow their inviting outdoors areas.

Congratulations to these two Kelleys Island businesses that continue to show the spirit reflected in the awarding of The Destination Development Grant!



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These are the most common problems occurring on the island:

1) Systems are being overused

and are failing.

a. Rental units have too many people staying in them as property owners are advertising their properties to accommodate large groups.

b. Homes have additional bedrooms being added, including auxiliary buildings like pole barns and above garages.

2) Homeowners/renters are damaging systems by driving over them. This compacts the leaching area of systems and cracks septic tanks.

3) Homeowners are putting in pools, auxiliary buildings, and additional driveways/parking which is utilizing potential areas for the

septic system replacement area.

Here are some tips to protect your system:

1) Septic systems are designed based on the number of bedrooms in a home. Do not add more bedrooms than what was designed for your system.

2) Keep as much natural/undisturbed green space on your property as possible. Systems eventually fail and onsite treatment is priority for replacement.

3) Maintain isolation distances when adding on to a home, building an auxiliary building, or creating a new hardscape or feature in the yard. Septic systems, including septic

tanks, should be a minimum of 10 feet from foundations, pools, and driveways.

4) Have your septic tank pumped once every 3-5 years.

5) Systems with mechanical components should have a service contractor maintain their system twice a year.

6) Consult with the Health Department prior to making any changes to your property. 419-626-5623 X 5108

Lastly, please be aware that if you do any plumbing work in your home, you or your contractor are required to obtain a plumbing permit. Even if you are not altering your septic system a plumbing permit may be required for changes to your plumbing system or the addition of fixtures in a home or auxiliary building. If you have any plumbing questions, please call our chief plumbing supervisor at 419-626-5623 X5209.

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Players must aid Smokey Bear and his group of helpful animal scouts in preventing wildfires by removing fire hazards along their hike. During gameplay, players learn Smokey Bear history along with how to prevent unwanted wildfires, collecting badges and bear tokens (game currency) along the way to better assist scouts in their training. Nature lovers will recognize many famous backdrops in the game; campsite environments and biomes sprinkled throughout the game were inspired by national forests and parks across the country.

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Road Scholar “Birders” Enjoy a Week on Kelleys Island

Barb Zeller

As part of the “Road Scholar” program, a large group of birding enthusiasts spent the last week of May on Kelleys Island enjoying all the natural beauty the island has to offer. The week on Kelleys was one of five offered this year on the Lake Erie Islands, three in the spring and 2 more in the fall. Other islands that are visited as part of the program, which began in 2000 at Put-in-Bay as “Elderhostel”, include South Bass, Middle Bass, Gibraltar, and Pelee Islands.

stars of the season, i.e., the many species of warblers. Participants took part in daily bird walks each morning and visited Tom Bartlett’s banding station on Long Point one morning.



They also were able to tour the newly restored Glacial Grooves monument and the abundant Lakeside Daisy display blooming in the North Quarry. Many of the restaurants on the island, including Taste by the Lake, Captains Corner, the Seaway Café, the KI Wine Company, and the Village Pump, made sure the visitors were well fed each day.

Details regarding the 2 weeks this fall to be spent on South Bass and Kelleys Island as well as the 2024 dates for all of the islands can be found at <https://www.road scholar.org/find-an-adventure/12641/Lake-Erie-Birding-the-Islands-and-Shores>. Other trips throughout the world are described at <https://www.road scholar.org/>.



While on Kelleys, the group stayed at the KI Venture Resort which also served as a meeting spot for nightly lectures discussing birding during the migration season, bird banding of migratory species, and the colorful





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Zion Church News

The Sun sets much later now. It is technically not summer, but it feels like it most days.

One is aware that more people are back on the island and at the church. Starting on June 11 we will have in addition to Worship at 10:30 we will host Stories from Jesus for children and adults at 9:30 each Sunday.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 17 to the 21st each morning. The

children and youth will conduct the worship service on July 23rd.

In April we held a church retreat. Our mission is "Reflecting God's Love To All People".

The purpose of the retreat was to ponder the why or what we hope Reflecting God's Love to all will accomplish. This is what we hope happens, that people will draw closer to God. Or at least ponder what does

it mean to be spiritual and to have deep purpose.

We have been going on weekly spirit walks this spring. We will resume June 11th. We will meet at the church at 1:30 and then go to a suitable location. This is a time to just be together and examine what we see. Sometimes conversations occur. It is meant to be a gentle time.

I am still thinking about a poem

focusing On if Once you have preached on an Island.

Church is always at 1030 except on June 4, Island Race Sunday. We will move the service to 900am so people can get home, but also so people can participate in the race.

Grace peace and hope
Pastor John Butchko

Happenings at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

On Mother's Day we had May Crowning in the church. The attendants processed up the aisle and presented the Blessed Virgin statue with the crown of flowers. May has always been considered the Month for Mary the Mother of Christ. They are Nina and Anna Bonezzi, the granddaughters of Janine Bonezzi.

Starting this season we will have Hospitality/Fellowship in the hall after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first

weekend of the month. June 4th will be hosted by the Rosary Altar Society. All are welcome. Mass times are Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Jim O'Donnell
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OBITUARIES

Raymond "Ray" Meyers,



91, of Temperance, Michigan, passed away, Monday, May 15, 2023, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo. Ray was born on June 27, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio, he was the son of Henry and Mary Marcella (Dressell) Meyer. Ray served his country in the US Navy during the Korean War. He married Bonnie J. Meyers on July 24, 1954. Ray was employed as a machinist for D.T.&I. for 31 years, retiring in 1992. He had been an active member of the Bowsher High School Athletic Boosters, life member of Kelleys Island, VFW 9908, where he served as Trustee and life member of Samaria Lodge, 438, F.&A.M. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing,

bird watching, but most of all, spending time with his family at their Kelleys Island Cottage.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Bonnie; children, Carol (Marty) Perz and Robert Meyers; grandchildren, Maria (Chad) Mohler, Mason, Molly, and Dakota Meyers; grandchildren, Carolyn, Gabriel, Maddy, Cole and Bella; brother, Edward (Patti) Meyer and sister, Edith Kuebler. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold and Richard Meyers, and sister, Anne Michael.

Visitation will be from 3:30-7 pm, Friday, May 19, 2023, at the Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, 1640 Smith Rd. (at Jackman) Temperance, MI, where a memorial service will follow at 7:00 pm. Memorials may be made to the VFW 9908, in Kelleys Island. www.pawlakfuneralhome.com



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Sarah Bishop Merrill



MARBLEHEAD, OH Family is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Sarah "Sally" Anne Stueber Bishop Merrill, MS, PhD, 73, of Harlingen, TX on Thursday March 23rd in Marblehead, OH.

Sally was born in Cleveland, OH to Margot Anne Krueger Stueber and Dr. Paul Jacob Stueber Jr., MD. She is predeceased by her parents and her first ex-husband John Keith Bishop. She is survived by sons Justin Aaron Bishop of Albany, NY and Noah Merrill of Putney, VT; grandson Jonathon E Bishop-Heshmat of Albany, NY; brothers Frederick George Stueber of Cleveland Heights, OH (Elizabeth) and David Stewart Stueber of London, England;

sister Cynthia Heath Herndon of Kelleys Island, OH (Charles); nieces Blair Herndon Hayes of Columbus, OH (Seth) and Katherine Anne Stueber of Denver, CO; nephews Christopher James Stueber of Boston, MA, David Fitzgerald Stueber of Cleveland, OH, Philip Herbert Stueber of Stamford, CT, and Andrew Williamson Stueber of Wrentham, MA; second ex-husband Gary Lane Smith Merrill of Valparaiso, IN; and longtime companion Volker Imschweiler of Harlingen, TX.

Sally graduated from Laurel School for Girls in 1967, Skidmore College in 1971 (B.A.), Georgetown University in 1973 (MS Linguistics), and SUNY Albany in 1987 (PhD Philosophy). She was a professor and educator of all grade levels and taught at numerous colleges and universities including

Kansas State University, Purdue University Calumet, and Texas State Technical College. She lectured for over four decades in Philosophy, Ethics, Religion, Feminist Theory, and the Humanities, authored the book, "Defining Personhood: Toward the Ethics of Quality in Clinical Care", and contributed to and edited numerous professional articles and textbook chapters. A significant project of many years, a casebook on construction ethics, remains unpublished.

Sally was active in support of social, political, and environmental causes throughout her life. She served on the boards of several academic and professional bodies, and was active in Quaker (and in later years, Presbyterian) churches and organizations. She loved to sing and play the piano, with a wide

ranging appreciation for music. She engaged passionately in efforts toward the protection of native ecosystems in the regions she called home-in the woodlands and mountains of New York, in the Flint Hills of Kansas, in the dunes of Northwest Indiana, and in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

She will be remembered as a teacher, scholar, ethicist, advocate, naturalist, friend, sister, and loving mother.

Memorial donations may be made to the following organizations:

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- Planned Parenthood
<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>
- or Quaker Earthcare Witness
<https://quakerearthcare.org/>

Emil Charles Hach



Age 90, of Aurora passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023. He was born April 22, 1933, in Farmington, Ohio, to the late Emil and Agnes (nee Busta) Hach. Emil was preceded in death by

his beloved wife of 60 years, Barbara L Hach (nee Bowen). He is survived by his loving children: Susan Genness (Shane) Carr, Alison Lara (Charles) Barresi, Lauren Nancy (Charles) Carmichael, Kimberly Ann (John) Braver, and Emil Jason (Martha) Hach. He is the cherished grandfather of

Jeffrey Carr, Zachary Kring, Connor and Isabelle Barresi, Zane Carmichael (deceased), Maxwell Carmichael, Lauren, David, Madelaine and Grace Braver, and Konstantine Hach; dear great grandfather of Noelle, Lillian, Maximus and Ezekiel. He is the brother of the late Louise Porter and dear cherished friend of Tanie White.

Emil was a civil engineer and worked on many projects both locally and abroad. He was never far from a pen and a small notepad where he would thoughtfully work through calculations or take notes on his projects until he finally retired in 2020. Emil was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed

hunting for rabbits. He was particularly fond of fishing and never tired of pursuing perch and walleye off Kelleys Island on Lake Erie. Emil was an avid gardener and delighted in cultivating his crop each year. Not a maple tree was safe from his spigot and bucket, as he eagerly collected sap each winter for maple syrup to share with his family and friends. Emil loved his family and cherished his grand and great grandchildren.

Family will visit with friends FROM 4 to 7 PM TUESDAY MAY 2, 2023 at Johnson-Romito Funeral Home, 19 E. Main Street, Hudson, Ohio. Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday

May 3, beginning at 10AM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 2113 Ravenna Street, Hudson with funeral service at 11AM. Procession to Crown Hill Cemetery, Twinsburg will follow.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or The City Mission of Cleveland (www.thecitymission.org). A special thank you to Emil's care-givers and friends, Caleb Rhoads of Cherished Companions and Jodi Sedivy, for their friendship, care and compassion that enabled him to live his very best life with joy, peace and dignity right up to his very last moment. www.johnsonromito.com



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Decoration Day (Now Memorial Day) - 1870 & Today

by Leslie Korenko, KelleysIslandstory.com

“Decoration Day was appropriately observed by the people of Kelley’s Island, who at 4 o’clock assembled at Kelley’s Hall, where a very interesting address was delivered by Rev. M. K. Holbrook. During his remarks, he gave a short sketch of the lives of the six soldiers who are buried in the cemetery, three of whom died in the service, one – Mr. Simon Huntington – of wounds. After the address a procession of carriages was formed, which proceeded to the cemetery. The ladies of the Island had brought their choicest flowers, forming beautiful wreaths and bouquets, and the graves of the unforgotten brave were profusely and beautifully decorated. The grave of one soldier is unmarked by any tombstone, and a committee was appointed, consisting of John T. Woodford and Mrs. George C. Huntington to procure funds for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument over his grave. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the funds will soon be forthcoming from the large hearted people of the Island.

The ceremonies concluded by singing ‘America,’ and a benediction by Mr. Holbreck [Holbrook]. The whole proceedings were characterized by a deep solemnity, and at times were truly affecting.”

Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 and was first observed on May 30 of that year when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Now known as Memorial Day, it is a day of remembrance of those who have died in our nation’s service. This day of honor has diminished in scope over the years. Once an island-wide observance with parades, dinners, dancing, boat trips, and speeches, the celebration often started in the morning and ended with fireworks well into the night. Now the honored dead are remembered in quiet but well attended ceremonies at the cemetery organized by VFW Post 9908. The more entertaining festivities have been shifted to the annual Islandfest and Homecoming celebrations.



Hundreds of people attend the Memorial Day ceremonies on the Island.

In 2020, it was discovered that Simon Huntington, the first Island soldier to die during the Civil War (the Battle of Stones River), did not have a GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) star or flag. Leslie secured one and had it installed. Now Simon’s death is remembered along with others who gave their lives. Simon Huntington was the Island’s first, but not last, casualty of the War.



Huntingtons star

From the book – *Kelleys Island 1866-1871 – the Lodge, Suffrage & Baseball*

Erie County Community Foundation Executive Director Beth Maiden Named Leadership Ohio Class Of 2023 Fellow

Sandusky, Ohio, March 21, 2023 — Erie County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Executive Director Elizabeth P. Maiden has been named a 2023 Fellow in Leadership Ohio, the state’s premier leadership development program that connects diverse leaders from across Ohio to promote positive change. Maiden was selected along with 34 other statewide fellows,

selected from over 120 statewide nominations.



Leadership Ohio cultivates experiences that elevate leaders’ knowledge, perspective, and connections from a community to a state-wide level, creating a unifying movement of diverse, connected leaders who make Ohio a better state to live and work in. The Leadership Ohio experience is typically comprised of eight, 1½ day sessions. Spring through fall, Fellows traverse the state—engaging with some of the most influential business, community, and elected officials in Ohio. Fellows’ experiences are in-depth and often unexpected interactions and

explorations of critical questions, challenges, and opportunities facing Ohio and its people. Leadership Ohio’s approach produces a class of leaders with statewide knowledge, perspective, and connections, who are inspired to a higher level of service.

The 2023 Leadership Ohio class is one of the most dynamic in the organization’s history. Each Fellow was nominated and completed a competitive application process to be considered for the class.

“This is a distinguished group of accomplished individuals from all across the state,” said James W. Murray, president of the board of trustees, Leadership Ohio. “Ohio needs effective and civil leadership in today’s polarized society, and we are excited to welcome this diverse cross-sector cohort to Leadership Ohio today.”

The Class of 2023 participants hail from every corner of the state, and represent a spectrum of ideological viewpoints, with leaders working in innovation and business, state reform, education, nonprofit, and more. They will engage in programming across the state from April through November, and the curriculum and experience will provide a thoughtful opportunity for different perspectives and backgrounds to come together to learn and grow. Fellows will engage

in a series of intensive sessions that cover topics such as the state judiciary, small town resurgence, and civil discourse while being exposed to an influential network of decision makers.

“I am humbled and excited to be included in this incredibly impressive group of 2023 Fellows,” said Maiden. “I am looking forward to growing, learning, and sharing my experience toward creating positive solutions where there is need in Ohio.”

Upon graduation, Fellows are inducted into the Leadership Ohio alumni network comprised of accomplished, diverse, talented Ohioans. Leadership Ohio’s alumni reside in Ohio cities big and small, lead major companies and nonprofits, launch small businesses, and serve in government agencies, elected offices, commissions, and Ohio’s boardrooms.

For more information about Leadership Ohio, visit www.leadershipohio.org.

About Erie County Community Foundation

Erie County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building a thriving and vibrant Erie County, Ohio by addressing community needs, providing leadership, and cultivating resources for a lasting impact. The organization’s primary purpose is to provide a means for people to make permanent gifts of assets to enhance the quality of life in Erie County and Sandusky, Ohio—today, tomorrow, and forever.

An independent Board of Directors and Officers governs Erie County Community Foundation, comprised of Erie County business, civic, and non-profit leaders. The Board of Directors employs Foundation staff, establishes policies and priorities, and directs final grantmaking decisions. The Board’s strength lies in the diverse range of knowledge and expertise of its members, and in their shared commitment to improving the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

Since the Erie County Community Foundation’s founding in 1995, the Foundation has grown from assets totaling \$1.8 million to more than \$36.6 million in 2022. During this time, the Foundation has distributed over \$20.5 million to area non-profits for local projects, programs, scholarships, services, and initiatives to improve the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

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**137 Lincoln Rd.,
Kelleys Island
\$ 439,000**

This 1 1/2 story 3 bedroom home has approximately 1600 sq ft of living space plus a 3 season room, ready for your renovations to make it your own. Includes 21 x 48 original barn and 23 x 30 pole barn all on 3 acres of land.



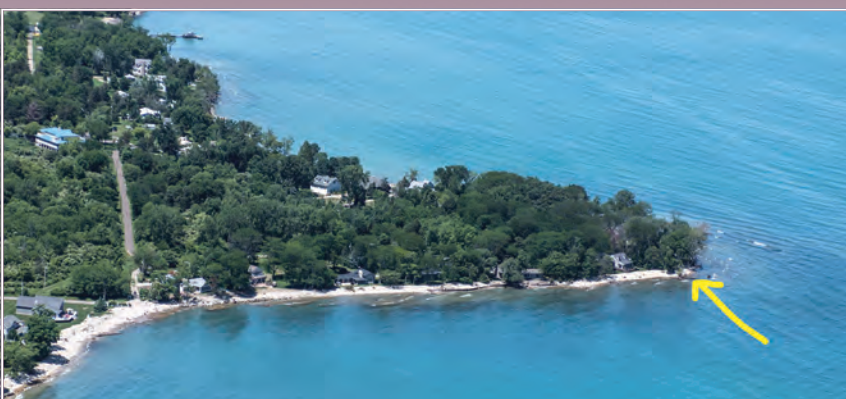
**812 Woodford Rd.,
Kelleys Island
\$649,000**

Built in 1867 as the McGettigan Winery, now a 2,886 sq ft home atop of the 1,400 sq ft wine cellar. Island history and craftsmanship, beautiful surroundings, approximately 3 acres of land, house has city water.



**Monaghan Rd.,
Kelleys Island
Lakefront Land
\$524,900**

13.46 acres of wooded land just south of the airport. Approximately 440 feet on Monaghan Rd plus a 28 foot wide strip stretching south all the way to Woodford Rd.



**Lot 9 East Point,
Kelleys Island
\$269,000**

Enjoy spectacular sunrise views. 0.63 acres w/approx. 80 ft of lakefront.

*City water & electricity available.
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