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THE EMERALD ISLE NEWS

50th Golden Anniversary Homecoming August 9 & 10, 2024 @ KI Community Park



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Summer's in full swing. A little drought, some rain, a heat wave, July 4th Fireworks, Island fest; welcome to Kelleys Island. KILA is in full swing for the Golden 50th annual Homecoming celebration. This event is open to ALL past, present, and future KI residents, guests, and visitors. The festivities again will be held at the KI Community Park Pavilion on Addison St.

The Homecoming fun begins on Friday August 9th with our 4th annual FISH FRY.

Joel 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. The proceeds, as always, go to worthy

projects to benefit the landowners and visitors of Kelleys Island. Ticket price is \$30 each, as last year and is a deal with the price of fresh perch these days. 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 will add to the festivities.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now until 200 are sold. Contact Kris Truthan by phone or text at 614-946-9589, email truthank@gmail.com or stop by her house, 137 Lincoln Rd, we're around most of the time. Payment: cash, check made out to KILA, Venmo (@Kristina-Truthan), PayPal (@KristinaTruthan).

Saturday August 10th is our traditional
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From the Mayor's Desk

Summer continues to fly by, here it is already August and soon the children will be headed back to school. Now with 2024 Islandfest now completed, we know fall can't be far behind. Speaking of Islandfest, what a great weekend. The weather was fantastic, the parade was very impressive, and finally, the fireworks put the icing on the cake. I would like to thank all the contributors because without them there would be no festival. There is one person that works very hard behind the scenes, to make it all come together, that would be Lisa Klonaris. If you see her, make sure you thank her and let her know your appreciation.

There are a lot of things happening with the village. The council is about to approve Transient Rental licensing and Building Inspections here on Kelleys Island. These will be two huge changes on Kelleys Island, and with the growth on the Island, I believe they are much needed. The rental business has caused the home values to double in value which leads to higher taxes. There is nothing protecting the longtime retired homeowner from these taxes and will eventually be forced from their homes that they worked all their lives for. Business inspections are also needed with all the new building happening here on the island, not only to protect the new owner, but to protect their neighbors from for example, fires from poor electrical wiring done by a non-licensed electrician, because someone wanted to cut cost and would be able to do this without inspections. This is a big change for the long-time islander who used to do much of the work by themselves or with friends. We will all have to conform again for the betterment of the island. There are not many places that do not have these regulations in place.
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30 Years - Making A Difference Help make Wishes Come True, August 2nd - 4th

Meet This Year's Local Wish Kids:



I wish to go on a train trip to Colorado through the Rocky Mountains
Harrison. 9 • respiratory disorder

Thru rain, wind and waves we will endure. Why? Because we all want to make a difference. Our adventure started in 1995 and thru the years we have accumulated approximately 173 miles and 118.25 hours in the water. Similar to swimming from Kelleys Island to Buffalo, NY.

This year we will be repeating our first swim from Marblehead to Kelleys. And to celebrate we are adding a new event!



I wish to have a room makeover
Kinsley. 15 • leukemia

• **Friday, August 2nd ~**
Kick off the weekend with a comedy show! Kelleys Make-A-Wish Comedy Show hosted by Kerry McCullough at West Bay Inn featuring Jeff Blanchard from Hilarities. Time is TBD, Entry is free. but donations are encouraged

• **Saturday, August 3rd ~**
Golf Cart Poker Run starting at 9:00 A.M.
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KILA's 50th HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

August 9 & 10, 2024 ♦ KI Community Park
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Friday 6-8 PM 4th 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
gift market, 50-50 Raffle

Saturday 11am-5 PM

9:00: AM Pie Contest
Sign in & deliver Pies 8:30am
11:00 AM Parade on Lakeshore
Lineup 10:30 at West Dock,
11:30 AM Opening Ceremony at Pavilion
Island Singers, Parade & Pie
Contest winners announced
11:45 AM Marching Bands encore
12:30-2:30 PM Fat City Band
12 -1:00 PM Tour of Fire Trucks/Ambulance
1:00 PM Estes School Alumni Picture
at basketball court
1:30 PM 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament
1:30 PM Marshmallow Golf
2:30 PM Twinkie Eating Contest
2:30 PM 50-50 Raffle
2:45 - 5 PM Fat City Band
5:00 PM Drawing for KILA Raffle 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
Until 5:00 Bounce Castle

Community Park Playground is OPEN

There are still some finishing components to be completed, but the playground equipment is available for use. The playground equipment was created to be used for toddlers through age 12. The equipment and surrounding area were designed to provide an inclusive play area that is ADA handicapped accessible.

The Park District and Recreation Board is extremely thankful for the generous financial support of the many foundations and individuals that have gotten us this far in the project.

The following list of foundations, associations and private donors have been extremely instrumental in getting us this far.

Lake Erie Shores and Islands
Kelleys Island Landowners Association
The Mylander Association

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Erie County Community Foundation
Erie MetroParks
Kelleys Island Wine Co
Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

Kelleys Island Community Chest
The Park District and Recreation Board is also very grateful for the many individual donations received from members of the Kelleys Island community.

The remaining components, fencing, benches and landscaping are anticipated to be completed by mid-August.

When visiting and enjoying the playground please be responsible and children should always be supervised. We also ask that pets not be brought into the playground area and please do not park in or near the designated fire lane.



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From the Mayor's Desk

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Finally, I would like to talk about a little respect for the people that care about our island. Some of my pet peeves are the people who throw their garbage into not only village containers, but also those businesses that put out containers for garbage for their customers. The village transfer station has regular hours, there is also a private trash hauler on the island, so it should not be a problem to take

care of your own garbage by taking your garbage to the transfer station, have it hauled away privately or just take it back to the mainland with you. Why should our village workers, or business owners have to deal with your garbage. Please be respectful! The other peeve of mine are the dog owners that still don't pick up after their pets. Especially in our parks, other people come to use these parks

and must deal with this. Also, the dog owner who picks up after their pet then places that bag or container next to a utility pole or whatever for someone else to pick up. REALLY

Remember, this is our home, so respect it like you would do your home.

Ron

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AUGUST

- 3 Science Saturdays (Butterflies) 10-Noon KI Field Station
- 9-10 50th Annual Homecoming-KI Landowners
- 10 Homecoming Booth-KI Audubon
- 10 Science Saturdays at Homecoming
- 13-16 Rubber Ducky Race-Island Mining Co
- 17 Science Saturdays (Geology) 10-Noon KI Field Station
- 24 Science Saturdays (Pollinators & Pancakes) 10-Noon KI Field Station
- 24 An Afternoon with Janis, A Janis Joplin Party-Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden
- 24 Science Saturdays (Monarch Butterflies) 10-Noon KI Field Station
- 30-31 Labor Day Weekend

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Glacial Glimpses-KI Audubon
- 1-2 Labor Day Weekend
- 2 Cardboard Regatta-Casino
- 7 Treasure Island Days* 9-3 Island Wide Garage Sale
- 9 Perch Tournament-Casino
- 9 VFW Cruise Around the Island 7-9
- 14 Wine & Art Faire-Kelleys Island Wine Co, Monarch Winery, Crooked Tree & Charles Herndon Gallery and Sculpture Garden

OCTOBER

- 4-6 Oktoberfest-West Bay
- 5 Harvest Fest/KIPD Pig Roast 11-4 Memorial Park
- 6 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 12 Clambake-Casino
- 12 Kids Halloween-Island Wide
- 13 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 19 Adult Halloween-Island Wide
- 19 Landowners Halloween-4-H Camp
- 20 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 27 VFW Turkey Shoot

NOVEMBER

- 1 Owl Banding Early NOV-KI Audubon
- 1 Owl Fest-KI Audubon
- 1 Run the Rock Half-Marathon /5K Race 10-1 Memorial Park
- 29 Thanksgiving Potluck-Village Pump
- 29 Christmas Park Lighting-Memorial Park 6pm
- 30 Sights Scents and Sounds - Kelleys Island Wine Co
- 30 OSU/M Tailgate Party Village Pump

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HOMECOMING PARADE at 11:00AM featuring two (2) High School marching bands; Edison and Crestline high schools. The theme for this year's Homecoming parade is "Spirit of 1974, 50 years of KILA Homecomings". Please join the parade with your floats/carts/cars/etc. decorated to reflect your view of the 1974 era and/or KI homecomings. Line up at the West Dock across from Venture resort at 10:30am. Prizes will be awarded for the most spirited entries.

Speaking of prizes, the traditional Pie Contest always has prize winning entries. Patti Johnson and her committee will be receiving your pies Saturday morning from 8:30-9:00 AM at the Kelleys Island Pavilion. All the pies will be sliced and sold at the Food Table, except for the one that the judges will taste and choose for the winning Prizes. Winners will be announced at 11:30 after opening ceremony. We welcome all you bakers to please submit one or multiple entries.

E-mail Patti: islandpj419@gmail.com.

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 the 2nd annual Corn Hole tournament (2-person team entry is \$25. First prize is 50% of the total entry fees. Second prize is KILA shirts). 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 this golden anniversary Homecoming.



**K.I.L.A. RAFFLE TICKETS
FOR SALE**



Raffle tickets help support the projects to improve and enhance Kelleys Island.

KILA has donated a total of \$40,000 for the Playground project. 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 \$20 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. This year, ticket sales are in memory of Tom Beck, KILA Board member and "Master Ticket Seller"

Recent KILA projects and contributions:

Year	Recipient	Amount
2016	Pavilion - Outside restoration	\$8,462
2017	Light the Park (Memorial Park)	\$6,500
2018	Flowers, Picnic Table and Bench	\$1,705
2019	sign for KI Community Park	\$2,100
2020	"COVID" safety masks & signs	\$4,128
2021	Trash Containers for village	\$8,964
2021 & 22	Flag project by VFW	\$1,000
2022	Community Park Playground	\$16,000
2022	Trash receptacles for Trailheads	\$771
2023	Community Park Playground	\$15,000
2024	Community Park Playground	\$9,000
2024	4H Camp new tables	\$4,150

In addition to raffle ticket sales, our fund raising events and your annual dues to KILA go a long way to

help us add continue donations to improve & enhance Kelleys Island.

Thanks to all donors & sponsors like **SHORES&ISLANDS** for their support.

Future KILA Events:

September 21, 2024 10:00 am- Annual Members meeting. Hear about this year's activities and next year's plans. Also, the election of directors will be held. At 1 PM, a Village Candidates' Forum will be held for residents to hear from those running for elected offices and village issues and levies. These will be at Estes School.

October 19, 2024 3:00-5:00 pm - the Annual family hayride at the 4H camp.

We look forward to welcoming current & past members to renew their KILA memberships. And, all new property owners are welcome to join KILA. One membership is allowed for each residence/property and dues are only \$25 for new members or \$20 for renewals. There are 3 ways to pay for

dues or make donations.

1). You can pay by check or cash by sending it to:

Kelleys Island Landowners Association
PO Box 22, Kelleys Island Ohio 43438.

2). You can also pay using the PayPal link at our website (www.kila.rocks). Click the "Join KILA" link at the top, scroll down and select New or Renew Membership and follow the instructions.

3). New for this year, we can take payments using Zelle®. If you want to pay through this option, send to drew@kila.rocks

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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.

50th Golden Anniversary

Kelleys Island **KILA** Landowners

Homecoming Celebration

Friday & Saturday August 9 & 10 2024 Kelleys Island Community Park Pavilion
121 Addison Road

Theme: SPIRIT OF '74, 50 YEARS OF KILA HOMECOMING

Parade Marshal: Chris Ashley, Director, KI State Park.

GRAND PRIZE \$2500

2nd Prize \$1000
3rd Prize \$ 500
4th Prize \$ 250
5th Prize \$ 100

Raffle To Benefit Ki Projects

Drawing Saturday 4:30pm at the Pavilion.

Winner need not be present. Only 600 tickets sold at \$20 each and can be purchased before Saturday from any KILA Board Member.

FRIDAY
4th 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
2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament
Photo - 1pm at the basketball court:
For Estes School Alumni & Ki Summer Kids Alumni


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Island fest

ISLAND FEST
 PARADE WINNERS:

Float:

- Fat Little Buddies -
Parade Winner - Best of Show
- Captains Corner -
Parade Winner - Most Original
- The Village Pump -
Parade Winner - Best Use of Theme

Golf Cart:

- Peepers -
Parade Winner - Best of Show
- Army -
Parade Winner - Most Original
- Parrots in Paradise -
Crowley Family - Best Use of Theme

Patti Johnson

Island fest is a wrap and so many people have commented that they don't remember a better parade or firework show.

Our regular vendors were happy with the crowds, especially on Sunday and our new vendors are promising to come back.

With the help of our volunteers and Lisa, the event coordinator, and Matt, we were able to have concessions, hotdogs, kids games and a beautiful place to gather for the afternoon.

Thank you to the sponsors and volunteers - We appreciate all the donors and all the workers that make this island event so special.

The Islandfest T-shirt is always a hit and we sold out by 4 PM on Saturday. Stay tuned for an announcement for an online store to open up.

30 Years - Making A Difference

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Golf Cart Poker Run registration at Dockers Restaurant. \$10 per hand. no limit.

Golf cart to each location and collect cards to win great prizes! Final check-in will gather all participants for FUN and crown the winners. You can also join us at 3:00 P.M. at the K. I. Winery and check out the raffle items and Poker Run gift baskets to bid!

• Sunday, August 4th ~

11:30 A.M. be ready at The Casino Restaurant.

Join the fun and help us cheer on the awesome Jeni Hammond and Cindra Mielke as they finish the swim from Marblehead to The Casino Restaurant! This dynamic duo swims to raise money to grant local wishes. Enjoy food from local restaurants and congratulate and celebrate the swimmers in person!

Please make checks to:

Make-A-Wish
 Send to: US Bank
 205 W. Perkins Ave,
 Sandusky, Ohio 44870
 or P. O. Box 517,
 Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

30 year "T" Shirts and all raffle tickets will be sold by Cindra & Jeni, plus through Chicklets Closet on Kelleys Island.

Last year we raised and donated \$35,000.00 to grant wishes, thanks to everyone who made donations and volunteered. We hope to see you again this year.

Thank you and may you be Blessed.

Jeni & Cindra



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Parade Winner - Best Use of Theme (Golf Cart)
Parrots in Paradise - Crowley Family



Parade Winner - Best Use of Theme (Float)
The Village Pump

Parade Winner - Best of Show (Float)
Fat Little Buddies



Parade Winner - Most Original (Float) - Captains Corner



Parade Winner - Most Original (Golf Cart) - Army

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August Programs at the Kelleys Island Schools Field Station

Jackie Taylor, Field Station Director



Kelleys Island School Historic and Educational Tours

The Kelleys Island School, a beacon of dynamic education in Ohio and possibly North America, is a treasure trove of history and beauty. We are excited to share this unique opportunity with the public. We are offering a historic and educational tour of the school. Participants will be guided through the school, field station, and gardens and will have the privilege of a short history talk, a chance to explore under microscopes, and experience up-close and hands-on interactions with our native animal ambassadors.

Time: 1 pm
Dates: August 3rd
Location: 528 Division St

Science Saturdays

Science Saturdays are every Saturday from 10 am to 12pm, from Memorial Day through Labor Day! Unless stated otherwise, we meet at Kelleys Island State Park each week.

2024 Schedule:
August 3- Butterflies
August 10- KI Homecoming
August 17- Geology
August 24- Pollinators & Pancakes- Meet at the Kelleys Island School
August 31- Monarch Butterflies- Meet at the Kelleys Island School



Nature Story Hour

Discover the magic of nature through stories, hands-on activities, and art with unique themes related to Kelleys Island and Lake Erie. Children and adults are invited to play and connect during this guided program. Weather permitting, the time will be spent outdoors. The program is FREE for children starting at three years old.

We will meet outside the Kelleys Island School at the picnic tables near the playground.

Time: 1pm
Dates: August 31st



Bugle Call Post 9908 of the VFW

Paul Burns, Quartermaster

We will be cruising on the Goodtime I on Monday September 9th tickets on sale for \$30 for a two-hour cruise with music and pizza and their fabulous cash bar. Depart downtown Kelleys Island at 7pm for a trip around the island to arrive back downtown at 9pm

Also, the day before our post will be hosting VFW District 9 meeting, this is a testament to the well-being of the VFW here on Kelleys Island. To be included in the rotation a post has to be in good standing, all the paperwork is up-to-date, attending the district meetings. There are twenty-three posts in the district and four district meetings a year. We last hosted two years ago, and to be included so quickly is indeed an honor. The Department of Ohio Commander is slated to be in attendance also. Kudos to our post and our district.

Turkey Shoots, almost time for turkey shoots,

always an annual favorite this time of the year. Sundays in October shooting starts at 1pm. We shoot at paper targets on our range behind the Post building. Sixteen contestants will one at a time try to hit the bullseye with the closest to the center being declared the winner of the round.

Please think of our Pavilion and Canteen for any of your events. Our canteen manager Ann has all the details.

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 us VFW9908@gmail.com for more details.

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Chicago's Walleye Special

Twila Joyce

This is an island favorite dish, graciously shared by the creator of it, our very own Chicago. Thank you sir!

1. Saute peppers (I like colors) and mushrooms.
2. Bake walleye with butter @ 350 degrees until they start to flake (20 min.) approx. Make sure the dish is solid walleye for the first layer. Don't be afraid to use too many fillets! Cover with tin foil.
3. When walleye are starting to flake, take out and drain.
4. Take your veggies and put on top of fish.
5. Now take out a bottle of ranch dressing and cover the fish and veggies.
6. Now, let's get some cheese, I use mild cheddar (shredded) or whatever you would like. Cover completely. You can put bacon bits or real bacon crumbled on top of that.
7. Put back in oven for 10-15 minutes until cheese has melted.
8. ENJOY!!

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Kelleys Island Wide 2024 Event Calendar

AUGUST

- 3 Science Saturdays (Butterflies)
10-Noon KI Field Station
- 9-10 50th Annual Homecoming-KI Landowners
- 10 Homecoming Booth-KI Audubon
- 10 Science Saturdays at Homecoming
- 13-16 Rubber Ducky Race-Island Mining Co
- 17 Science Saturdays (Geology)
10-Noon KI Field Station
- 24 Science Saturdays (Pollinators & Pancakes)
10-Noon KI Field Station
- 24 An Afternoon with Janis, A Janis Joplin Party
Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden
- 24 Science Saturdays (Monarch Butterflies)
10-Noon KI Field Station
- 30-31 Labor Day Weekend

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Glacial Glimpses - KI Audubon
- 1-2 Labor Day Weekend
- 2 Cardboard Regatta-Casino
- 7 Treasure Island Days' 9-3
Island Wide Garage Sale
- 9 Perch Tournament-Casino
- 9 VFW Cruise Around the Island 7-9
- 14 Wine & Art Faire - Kelleys Island Wine Co,
Monarch Winery, Crooked Tree & Charles Herndon
Gallery and Sculpture Garden
- 22 Feathers and Foliage-KI Audubon

OCTOBER

- 4-6 Oktoberfest-West Bay
- 5 Harvest Fest/KIPD Pig Roast 11-4
Memorial Park
- 6 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 12 Clambake-Casino
- 12 Kids Halloween -Island Wide
- 13 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 19 Adult Halloween -Island Wide
- 19 Landowners Halloween-4-H Camp
- 20 VFW Turkey Shoot
- 27 VFW Turkey Shoot

NOVEMBER

- 1 Owl Banding Early NOV-KI Audubon
- 1 Owl Fest -KI Audubon
- 2 Run the Rock Half-Marathon /5K Race
10-1 Memorial Park
- 29 Thanksgiving Potluck-Village Pump
- 29 Christmas Park Lighting Memorial Park 6pm
- 30 Sights, Scents and Sounds - Kelleys Island Wine Co
- 30 OSU/M Tailgate Party Village Pump



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Janet Killam

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If you haven't visited our newest addition we named Sis's Cottage, then treat yourself to our charming building named after Florence Betzenheimer McKillips who was raised, along with 4 other siblings in the house, with lots of love but no running water or central heat! (note the hand pump at the kitchen sink!)

To celebrate we are offering ½ OFF on everything in the Sis's Cottage. With this expansion we now accommodate even more furniture.

Should any item you purchase need a bit of TLC or repair, let us introduce you to our longtime faithful resident fix-it man, Mr. Tom Taylor – affectionately known as “Coach.” He’s been restoring every item we’ve ever brought him to its former glory since the day we opened in the Fall of 2017!

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as they are ON the island! We take great pride in offering this free service to ensure your treasures are transported safely and efficiently.

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Alternatively you can reach out to Jodie 419-350-1082, Janet 419-304-3095, Sonia 419-202-8083

ALL PROCEEDS benefit the Historic Old Stone German Reformed Church, it's Parsonage and the good deeds continually fulfilled by the Kelleys Island Historical Association

Don't forget the Pavers!

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Call Justina or visit the museum to purchase these reasonably priced memorial gems. Museum 419-746-2399

So come on over the Parsonage Resale Shop and the History Museum this August and allow us to bring a lot sunshine into your day!

Jeff and Shelley Morgan reopen historic Victorian Inn B&B

Sheri Trusty, THE BEACON

In March, Jeff and Shelley Morgan' reopened the doors at The Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast that have welcomed families and customers for decades'. The expansive home was built as the residence of Henry Schwegel in 1860 and most recently served as a bed and breakfast under the hospitable care of Ann Duez. Now, the Morgans are bringing an iconic Marblehead home into the next generation.

The Victorian Inn offers individual rooms and suites, each comfortably decorated in its own unique theme with distinctive features. Some are perfect for a couple's getaway and others make a fun escape for families or friends. Among the options is the Commodore Perry Suite which features a queen bed and twin trundle beds. "Fishermen love this room," Shelley said.

The inn features two dog-friendly choices, and guests have the option of renting the entire home.

The Morgans invested a lot of effort into renovating the historic home before opening in the spring. They

fine-detailed the inn with the comforts guests look for, like makeup towels, coffee nooks and bright lighting in the bathrooms.

"We added a lot of little touches," Shelley said.

The Morgans fell in love with Ottawa County when they took their first boating venture here about 20 years ago. They eventually purchased a vacation home in the area and then decided to sell their Columbus home and move here fulltime. Shelley has 30 years of experience as a realtor, and Jeff is an IT executive at Civista Bank.

Before purchasing The Victorian Inn, the Morgans owned log cabin rentals in Gatlinburg. Now, they are bringing their passion for hospitality to Marblehead.

"We've been pretty much booked since opening in March," Shelley said.

Their guests are not the only ones who are happy. Duez is, as well. "She told me that it's just what it needed" Shelley said.

The Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting at



Jeff and Shelley Morgan owners of the The Victorian Inn Bed & Breakfast

The Victorian Inn on June 26. The event featured tours of the historic home, which has been updated to meet the needs of today's guests.

"I still wanted it to feel like grandma's house but with modern

conveniences" Shelley said.

The Victorian Inn is located at 5622 E. Harbor Rd. in Marblehead, 10 minutes from the ferry line. For more information, call 419-734-5611 or visit www.victorianinnbb.com



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Chamber Update - August 2024

Patti Johnson

Look for an invite to a Shores and Island Community chat for Tuesday Aug 13.

Be sure to join us on Saturday, September 7, 2024: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for Treasure Island Day.

Treasure Island Day is an exciting tradition held on Saturday, September 7th, 2024. The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event featuring sales hosted by the local community and businesses, Island Wide.

Preparing for the summer membership meeting and fall elections, there is always a lot of information and sometimes things that need to be voted on like bylaws and such things. Please mark your calendar for Sept 18 and Oct 16 @ 5:30 and look for a Google Meet invite in your email with an agenda. The Kelleys Island Chamber of

Commerce, our organization, based on your membership, is very important to the foundation of the island businesses and to the local economy, community and entire infrastructure of the future of our island home. We will look for your nominations for Board positions before this meeting and will email you with details in August.

Our July Events: Kelleys Island's Got Talent, Islandfest, and Filmfest are turning out to be some of the finest events in the state of Ohio.

Kelleys Island's Got Talent The kids and the adults in the Talent Show bring such unique ideas and entertainment to the Veterans Memorial Park. The generosity of the sponsors and the willingness of so many people to be positive "judges" and supporters is something Kelleys Island can be proud of. We are so grateful for Tina Callari from Chicklets

Closet who spends so much time finding and managing the acts that go into these live performances.

Stay tuned for 2025 dates. Island Fest is where the vendors and parade highlight the themed event and park festivities This has been an integral part of island tradition for over 35 years.

The 2024 fireworks show has promised to be the biggest and best yet. With Light Up the Lake setting a goal of \$20,000. When you are enjoying the fireworks this year, after supporting the businesses and vendors that work so hard, please know the effort and hard work that has been put into the big moments. They are made with lots of hands and hard work, and we appreciate each donation and each person that helps to make this such an area favorite.



Council Notes

Leslie Korenko

It was a quick 45 min. meeting with 30 people attending. The Police Dept. reported receiving 18 information reports, fielded 306 phone calls, made 11 arrests, issued 3 traffic tickets (speed, DUS, Open container), issued 6 tickets (disorderly conducts & open container), and issued 4 warnings. EMS reports 16 runs and 19 clinic calls. The number

one reason for them to be called out is for dehydration! Business fire inspections continue and new radio equipment installation should begin this month. A proposal has been submitted to add additional antennas to the tower at the Transfer Station; however, the height would have to be increased an additional 300+ feet. The Cemetery Committee will be contracting with a firm to locate

unmarked graves as part of a project to determine if expansion is necessary.

Transient Rental Ordinance – A Special Council meeting on June 21 included the position of Transient Rental Administrative Position. No vote was taken at the meeting, but the position was posted. The Transient Rental ordinance was 'taken off the table' with no explanation. It had an October 1 registration date, which is also on hold. They are testing the registration website. It is likely that that the tabling is connected to a new ordinance which had its first reading entitled Residential Code for one, two and three family dwellings, which adopts Ohio Revised Code 731.231, 3781.06 and 3781.10, and established energy standards for

these dwellings under 3781.181. The Ohio Revised Code is available online at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code>. Adoption of the Ohio Basic Building Code had its second reading.

Runway Safety Improvements - A Public Scoping Workshop will be held to allow the public to discuss the Proposed Project and provide early input into the issues to be discussed in the Environmental Assessment The Public Scoping Workshop will be held at the following time and place:

August 14, 2024
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Notice of Public Scoping Workshop
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Environmental Assessment
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Kelleys Island, Ohio

RS&H, Inc., on behalf of the Village of Kelleys Island and in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), intends to undertake an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Runway Safety Improvements at Kelleys Island Airport (Airport) located in Kelleys Island, Ohio which includes the following:

- Acquire approximately 6.3 acres of Kelleys Island State Park (an ODNR Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) resource) to be converted to Airport property,
- Clear approximately 1.7 acres of Kelleys Island State Park (of the total 6.3 acres proposed for acquisition) for obstructions (vegetation) and to accommodate the construction of relocating Monaghan Road,
- Relocate 2,413 feet of Monaghan Road outside the Runway Safety Area (RSA), Runway Object Free Area (ROFA), and Runway Object Free Zone (ROFZ) beyond the traverse way (15-foot height limit) to clear the runway's 14 CFR, Part 77 Approach Surface to meet FAA Airport design standards,
- Remove an approximate 500-foot-long segment of Monaghan Road pavement from the RSA, ROFA, and ROFZ.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FAA Order 1050.1F requirements, a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) will be prepared for the Proposed Project. The Draft EA will describe the Proposed Project and the impacts associated with its implementation. A Public Scoping Workshop will be held to allow the public to discuss the Proposed Project and provide early input into the issues to be discussed in the EA. The Public Scoping Workshop will be held at the following time and place:

August 14, 2024 • 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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Comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm Eastern Time on August 21, 2024. Comments can be emailed to david.alberts@rsandh.com or mailed to:

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Kelleys Island Got Talent Show

Tina Callari

The Fifth Annual Kelleys Island Got Talent Show was a spectacular success! Congratulations to Vanessa Kwiatkowski for winning the Grand Prize of \$2000 with her incredible performance! The songs she chose highlighted her passion for playing piano and her act that was heartfelt and very professional.

Kudos to Seth Werner, who took home Second Place and \$1000 for his amazing talent! He wooed the audience with his choices of songs and was supportive of all the other performers.

A special shoutout to our fantastic kids section participants:

- Reagan Bentkowski
- Lily Corrigan
- Ava Svihlik
- Jose Gaither
- and first place winner Breckelle Miller

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who came out—we couldn't do it without you. A special thanks to our EMS and Police dept for helping serve refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our local talent. We can't wait to see what next year's show will bring!

- #KelleysIslandGotTalent
- #SupportLocalTalent
- #KelleysIslandCommunity

Breckelle Miller, 1st place winner of the Kids Competition and Vanessa Kwiatkowski, 1st Place Winner of Adult Division



Winners-Adult: Anna Stenger, Dana Gore (3rd place), Brigitte Austin, Seth Werner (2nd place), Vanessa Kwiatkowski (Winner)



Breckelle Miller, 1st place winner of the Kids Competition and Vanessa Kwiatkowski, 1st Place Winner of Adult Division



Vanessa Kwiatkowski - 1st Place Winner of Adult Division



Seth Werner - 2nd Place Winner of Adult Division



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Kelleys Island Schools Field Station's Nature Camp



The Kelleys Island Schools Field Station's Nature Camp completed its seventh camp year for youth ages 4-12, with eighty-plus campers attending! The camp's mission is to "Encourage Children's Natural Curiosity of the Outdoors by Engaging Them in Fun and Educational Activities." Our camps provide experiential, educational outdoor sessions in a fun, positive, and safe environment. Held amongst award-winning preserves and varied native habitats, the camp was filled with intrigue, exploration, and adventures.

This begins with the community leaders, camp alumni, families, colleagues, and supporters who made our programming possible. We would not be successful without the support of the Kelleys Island School's Administration: Ben Ohlemacher, Betty Schwiefert, and the school board. I want to thank the Nature Camp Crew, Jodie Smith, Carolyn Willinger, and Katie Schuler, for being dedicated great leaders who helped make the camp fun and run smoothly. The Nature Camp program was filled with various experts who brought adventure and expertise to the camp program, including the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Old Women Creek, the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Hurndon's Gallery- Carmen Smith, Erie Metro Parks, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. All this help has allowed us to create successful programs we can be proud of.

The Nature Camp Sponsorship Program raised additional funds to satisfy the increased demand for children to attend camp. We want to thank the 2024 sponsors with a BIG heartfelt thank you.

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- Kelleys Island, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9908
- Cari and Guinness
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- The Wildlife Conservation Club

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Jackie Taylor, Director, Kelleys Island Schools Field Station



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Audubon Happenings

Pat Hayes

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The Kelleys Island Audubon and Kelleys Island Park Board worked together to preserve these precious parcels. The Western Reserve Land Conservancy did the heavy lifting by funding the projects and closing the deals. We couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to the Village of Kelleys Island for their support. Our island community has always played a huge role in funding and donating the monies needed for the pollinator plantings. Along with the State Park and Cleveland Museum of Natural History we now have helped create a huge campus that can be enjoyed by all. During the last 30 years, our village has taken the direction we all have envisioned for Kelleys Island. Business and nature have complimented each other. Throughout the year, the island now attracts visitors and welcomes new residents that seek to keep Kelleys in a perfect balance with our natural beauty. When you're out enjoying the island, remember that it is because of you that many properties will always

be protected. These are where memories will be made for your families and visitors that also make our island's businesses vibrant and successful. As always, keep your eyes on the sky. Our eagles love it here, as does a certain white pelican that washed up last summer to a place that cared: Kelleys Island.



Hoot-Owl-2024

Songbird Banding Project

Jones Preserve

Spring and fall songbird banding activities take place at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve located at the end of Monaghan Road (past Camp Patmos). The banding station is behind the gate to Long Point. This is a restricted preserve, so visitors must stay with a banding staff member at all times. Since there is limited area behind the gate, parking is for staff only. Also, there is private property beyond the preserve, so please be respectful of vehicles driving through and keep the drive clear. Parking is available about 100 yards before the gate and marked. Please park there and walk to the station. No pets around the nets, please.

Coordinates: 41.6167 N 082.6800 W

Location: Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Jones Preserve (at the end of Monaghan Road behind gate)

Owl banding begins around the middle of October and continues



Glacial Grooves

nightly until the end of November (weather permitting). There are three banding locations for owl capture but all owl banding is done at the Scheele Preserve on Monaghan Road just north of Airline Road. Please do not park directly across the road as this is private property. There is marked parking to the south of the Scheele Preserve on both sides of the road.

More information on fall banding coming soon.

Glacial Glimpses

Sunday, Sept 1, 1:00-2:00

State Park Manager, Chris Ashley, and Kelleys Island Audubon President, Pat Hayes.

Where does every new tourist go? Why the Glacial Grooves, of course!

Pat Hayes and Chris Ashley will be leading a guided walk around the Glacial Grooves. Learn the latest theories surrounding their formation. Also, there are new plaques around the Grooves you may have not seen yet.

Meet at the Glacial Grooves parking lot to participate in this free activity. No need to register. Just show up!

Feathers and Foliage

Sunday, Sept 22 Enjoy fall's splendor at the Jones Preserve on Long Point. View a variety of migrating birds with our bi-annual Bird Banding. Join us in a guided beginning bird walk geared to all ages.

2024 Kelleys Island Audubon Club Annual Membership Form



- Northern Saw-whet Owl \$30.00 Annual Membership (Individual or Family) _____
- Monarch Butterfly- \$100.00 Annual Business Membership \$ _____
- Lakeside Daisy \$500.00 Lifetime Membership \$ _____

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

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2024 EVENTS & MEETINGS

AUG 10: Homecoming Booth
SEPT. 1: Glacial Glimpses
SEPT. 22: Feathers and Foliage

Mid OCT.-Late NOV:
Owl Banding, nightly
NOV. 1-3: Owl Fest

MONTHLY MEETINGS: August 15 ♦ September 19

Potluck at 6 p.m. followed by meeting and nature program at 7 p.m.
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Happenings at St. Michael the Archangel Parish

In July we had a very fun Vacation Bible School with nine children attending. We discovered that God is a friend that is always with you and can be trusted. Here is a picture of the group with two missing.

First Sunday of the August and September we have Fellowship/hospitality in the church hall after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Holy hour is on the first Friday of every month at 11 a.m. in the church.

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Serving Our Seniors Calendar of Events

August 12th, 2024,
Increasing Real Estate Tax & Later Life: Understanding the Cause and the Impact,

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the 3rd floor of the County Building, 247 Columbus Ave, Sandusky. Speakers include Rick Jeffrey, Erie County Auditor, and two staff members. RSVP required, contact Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 or Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org

August 14, 2024,
Blue Zone Lifestyle

Doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Videos to begin during dinner with discussion to follow. Program ending at 8:00 p.m. Ten Fifty-Eight Event Center, 1058 Cleveland Rd., Sandusky. The speaker is Dr. Ken Koncilja. RSVP required. Send a check or bring your refundable \$10.00 deposit to Serving Our Seniors, 310 Boalt St., Sandusky by

July 31, 2024.

August 14, 2024,
New to Medicare

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Serving Our Seniors 310 East Boalt Street. OSHIIP-certified instructors will discuss Medicare enrollment and coverage options, Parts A, B, C and D, and Medicare financial Assistance Programs. Registration is required one week in advance by calling 419-624-1856.

August 15, 2024,
Affordable Housing.

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Local 913 Union Hall, 3114 Hayes Ave., Sandusky. The speakers include Eric Wobser, CEO, Greater Sandusky Partnership, former City Manager, City of Sandusky; Joe Recchie, CEO, Praxia Partners, Developer of Affordable Housing and Solar Energy; Colleen Gilson, Director of Community Development, City of Sandusky; Matt Lasko, City Manager of Huron; former Development Officer for the City of Sandusky; Ralph Chamberlain, CEO of Erie County Metropolitan Housing Administration and Sandusky County Metropolitan Housing Administration; and, Peter Schade Erie County Health Commissioner. RSVP required, contact Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 or Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org

August 29, 2024,
What is a Last Will and Testament

and How is it Different from a Trust?

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, 620 East Water St., Sandusky. The speakers include Attorneys John Ball, John R. Ball Co., L.P.A., Brandon Leal, Wickens, Herzer and Panza Law, Avon.; Michael Brumbaugh, Brumbaugh Law Firm, Sandusky; and Ryan Garman, Sandusky. RSVP required, contact Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 or Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org

September 12, 2024,
The Power of Attorney and How to Revoke it.

from 1:30 pm – 3pm at the Senior Center 620 East Water Street, Sandusky. The speakers include Attorneys John Ball, John R. Ball Co., L.P.A., Michael Brumbaugh, Brumbaugh Law Firm, Brandon Leal, Wickens, Herzer and Panza Law, Avon, and Ryan Garman, Sandusky. RSVP required, contact Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856 or Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org

An audience of 30 or more people is required to justify the time of the speakers. RSVPs are due no later than 2 days before the forum is scheduled. Advanced registration is required. Call 419-624-1856 or e-mail Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org to reserve your seat. Leave your name, phone number and the name of the event you wish to attend. If the forum is cancelled, you will be notified by phone.

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Senior Fest 2024, Friday, August 9, 2024

Doors Open 9 am Festivities begin at 10 am – 1 pm at the Erie County Fairgrounds

Free admission into the Erie County Fair! Enjoy a day filled with memories, fun, laughter, comedy and a classic rock concert, while we create a positive attitude toward aging. Seating and a Berardi's Family Kitchen lunch is limited to the first 250 adults ages 60+. Seating is on a first-come, first – served basis.

10:00 – 10:05 Jim Nabors – MC Welcome! Color Guard provided by the American Legion, Sandusky, Ohio

Entertainment will be from 10am until 1pm including:

10:20 – 10:30 Ballet Dance Team
10:30 – 10:35 I Got You Babe (Skit) starring Tom Whaley and special guest.

10:35 – 10:40 Beat The Clock - Gumball Shaker / Relay Race.

11:25 – 11:35 Grease (Skit) starring Samantha Stack singing "You're the One That I Want." Dancers - Joe Ann Bonner, Debbie Ray, Joe Hayberger, Diane Bradley, Kaeley Schonhardt, Sean Davis, Chris Aldrich, Liz Murray, and others.

11:35 – 11:40 Beachball Race
11:40 – 11:50 American Graffiti (Skit) starring Joe Ann Bonner, Diane Bradley, Debbie Ray, Lynda Atkinson, Paul Atkinson, Paul Carr,

Marj Kobylski, Kaeley Schonhardt, Sean Davis, Chris Aldrich, Liz Murray and others.

11:55 – 12:00 Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight (Skit) Samantha Stack and special guests.

12:00 – 1:00 Classic Rock Concert – JLT Singers - Jim Jackson, Lolita Hayes and Pam Tillar; and Dennis & Mary Rowe. GREAT PRIZE GIVE AWAYS at 1pm!

OBITUARY

Rita Brdicka



94, of Machesney Park, passed away July 5 in her apartment at TLC Living Community. Her family, friends and caregivers will miss the spunk that she exuded right until the end of her life.

Rita was born April 19, 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio, the second daughter of Ed and Anne (Urban) Sennish, and spent her childhood summers on Kelleys Island, Ohio. She graduated high school from St. Joseph Academy and received her nursing degree from St. Vincent Charity Hospital School of Nursing. She married George Brdicka in 1954, settled into their home in Parma Heights, Ohio, and began their family. With their first four children, Rita and George moved to Fremont, Ohio, and then Lima, Ohio, where their fifth child was born. Then they were on to Rockford, Illinois, and back to the Cleveland area before retiring in Ferrington, NC, and returning a final time to Illinois to be closer to family. In all these communities, Rita fostered lifelong friendships.

Rita is survived by her five children and their spouses: Jim and Cathy Brdicka, Linda and Jeff Carlson, Lee and Craig Lueck, Ed and Barb Brdicka, and Mary Chandler; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by George, her husband of 59 years, and one grandson,

Michael Brdicka, as well as her parents and sister.

Rita had more nursing job variety than most people would even know existed. Her first love was hospital emergency and operating rooms, but she also cared for patients in doctors' offices and nursing homes and was a school nurse, factory nurse and department store nurse. She even served as the director of the nursing lab at Rock Valley Community College in Rockford and welcomed her aging mother, mother-in-law and uncle into her home when they needed care.

Service was her operative word, always accompanied by her gregarious spirit, and most often accompanied by great food. Rita was known for her generous hospitality – one friend recently called her The Rock of the Block. Countless friendships began and were nurtured at her kitchen table. If you lived alone, Rita invited you to dinner. When her grandchildren were born, she came for the week to cook and clean and change diapers. In retirement, she directed the food pantry purchasing for Chatham County, NC. At Christmastime, she filled the dining room table with cookies and then passed them to neighbors and work colleagues. And every gathering required that she bring her signature pastry, the flaky, nut- or fruit-filled crescents the family called kolache. She was rolling out, cutting and filling rounds of dough into her 90s. Christmas also meant shopping –

in truth, every day to Rita was a good day for shopping – and her family gifts were numerous and often legendary.

Rita's other great passion was quilting. She took her first quilting class from Betty Balestri in 1972 after moving to Rockford. Although she didn't finish that first quilt until four years ago, in the nearly 50 years in between, Rita estimated that she made 60 full-sized quilts and numerous baby quilts. She sewed personalized quilts for each grandchild for their high-school graduation, anniversary quilts for her children, and cooperative quilts in classes to donate to charities.

Rita consistently spoke with candor and conviction. You always knew where she stood. She also had an uncanny knack to spot "problems"

and promptly provide her solutions. Her ideas were often – but not always – welcome!

A visitation for Rita was at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 600 Clifford Ave. in Loves Park, Illinois. Mass will follow at 10 a.m. Burial was at Monday, July 29, at 1:30 p.m. on Kelleys Island, Ohio.

Rita's family thanks the caregivers at TLC and Northern Illinois Hospice for the tender comfort they provided their mom in her final weeks and days and the friends who stopped by during this time. After years of serving, she rested and received. In her memory, she asks only that you do an act of service or that you show kindness to someone.

Ken's Corner

"Never underestimate what children can do. Little steps, taken over the years, on a daily basis, show the power of children."

- Theresa Kielberger, Craig's Mother



Power of Children

In 1995, a headline in the Toronto Star caught the attention of 12-year-old Craig Kielberger.

The story told about another 12-year-old boy who lived in Pakistan and who had been sold into child labor at age four. The boy had been murdered in Pakistan, after publicly speaking out about child labor.

Craig didn't know what "child labor" meant. He wasn't even sure where Pakistan was. But he knew about being 12 years old ... and he couldn't imagine living a life of forced labor and danger. And he wanted to help. Craig might not have money but he did have family and friends. He soon enlisted them to join his fight against child labor.

Today, Kielberger's international program "Feed the Children" focuses on educational opportunities for kids around the world. It has built more than 450 schools, delivered more than 202,500 school and health kits to children, and provided health care centers and community funding to help more than 505,000 people worldwide.

His work with Feed the Children has given Kielberger "a gift," he says. "When I was in Thailand, I saw a street girl with an orange. She automatically took it and split it with her friend no question about the matter."

What did that teach him? "God works through us."

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Checkers On The Brain

The first mention of Checkers occurred in 1869. The games took place at The Lodge, "At the present Lodge room, no rent has to be paid, wood bills and lights furnished gratis, saying nothing of tobacco and other things too numerous to mention" This led to complaints about the ongoing games of checkers and the impact on sales at the store, and the nuisance it generated. One lady wrote: "Already the checker board has been partially banished. And having occasion to visit the Lodge room the past week, I was gratified to see that not more than 3/4 of the space on the counters were occupied as seats and beds for the weary Lodgers. And, incredible as it may appear, one member has been seen at home splitting wood to cook his dinner, and reports say another was seen going to the lake for a bucket of water. But whether he ever got farther than the Lodge with his bucket is not known.

"The Lodge has checkers on the brain, though customers can be waited on between games. It is reported that one game was actually broken up at the most interesting point by the late fire, but this needs confirmation, as it is taxing the credibility of the public too much to expect any reliance to be placed in such improbable sensations yarns."

"Among the recourses of amusement this winter [December 1873], we notice that Erastus has procured a new checker board at the Store. We understand some of the old habitants are having the pants half soled in order to stand the wear and tear of the nail kegs and salt barrels as they watch the fascinating game."

Checkers is not usually an overly

exciting game, but in this case, the checker players were certainly put at risk. "A very mean trick was tolerated there this day, by their firing their supuratum and salivary excrement at the red hot stove, which would glance off and strike the pantaloons legs of the checker players, which not only took the starch out of their pantaloons, but created a smell that would knock the buttons off from a livery stable door. An unusual number of school children were knocked down at the store today by being struck in the head with tobacco quids."

Another risky game was played. "This afternoon, all in the twinkling of an eye, there was a scene at the store arising from the potato throwing nuisance. Oscar Dean and Charley Quinn were the 'head toads' in the fracas. Titus and Alonzo lent a helping hand for the sake of peace, but were battered more or less, especially the brave Lon! It is high time that throwing potatoes, etc. at the checker players, putting eggs, etc. in others pockets, and many other rough and rowdyish tricks that are indulged in at the Lodge come to a dead halt. The Capt. of the Chief Justice Waite for instance was hit with a potato the first time he ever entered E. Huntington's store."

"Monday was a day of vexations and disappointments... It being washing day, started for the Lodge at an unusually early hour to play checkers, but was disappointed to see a full attendance and more so in finding Mike [Hughes] and Oscar [Dean] at the Board. After suggesting several brilliant moves, none of which were adopted, filled the stove full of coal and then suggested a



Checkers were played at the Lodge, from left to right: Standing: Charles Martin and Charles Erne. Sitting: Erastus [Ras] Huntington, Charles Carpenter, J. Woodford, Oscar Dean and Titus Hamilton.

move to Mike (who was next to the stove) that was adopted but not until the buttons on the back of his coat began to get red hot. After waiting a hour or two in vane hopes of getting a chance to play just one game, concluded to go and see the Director of the Dramatic Society and try to get a 'Complimentary' to the command performance... At noon, returned to the Lodge and found Mike still at the board. On asking him if he was not going home for dinner, he replied; guess it would be worthwhile as his wife was working."

Jacob Rush occasionally took up the pen to compose a poem and the

checker players did not escape. The poem begins: Checkers on the Brain

Oh no, it is not with checkers that I while away the day,

It is only to the Lodge I go, to see the others play.

They come from all directions; North, South, East and West.

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Then two sit down to play this most familiar game,

With a crowd of lookers on who have - checkers on the brain....

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