

# LIFE ON KELLEYS

THE EMERALD ISLE NEWS

## “Watching Over Our Kids”



Make a Wish 2024 group photo

## Kelleys Island Make-A-Wish Swim and Golf Cart Poker Run

Jeni Hammond

**Saturday, August 2nd** - Golf Cart Poker Run 9:00-11:00am registration at CADDY SHACK. New this year, So please take note. \$10 per hand with no limit of hands. Final check in at the Kelleys Island Wine Co & Cantina. 3:00pm for all hands. While you enjoy a chance for raffles, baskets, 50/50 & more.

**Sunday, August 3rd** - Cindra Mielke & I (Jeni Hammond) will swim from Carpenter Point to The Casino Dock between 11:30-12 noon. Come greet Wish Kids & families and join the fun. Party to follow at the pavillion by the ball park.

Vanessa, 16yrs old. She has bone cancer & would like to go to Hawaii.

Lila, 12yrs old. She has a seizure disorder & wishes to go to Disney World.

Eagles fly over Kelleys daily, watching everything with their keen vision. This year Eagles are gracing our "T" Shirts, they are at

Chicklets Closet. \$20 donation cash or check only. Raffle tickets go on sale soon.

After 31 years of doing these swims, I can say it is one of the most rewarding things we do. We love seeing the faces of our Wish Children both now and past. Knowing they had the vacation of their dreams with their families. Why did they have that? Because of people like you who care! And love to have fun here on Kelleys. We are the Make-A-Wish family. Last year we donated over \$51,000 granting 5 wishes here in Northwest Ohio, to local children.

To donate all checks to Make-A-Wish and send to: Make-A-Wish  
PO Box 517 Kelleys Island Ohio 43438 or  
US Bank 205 W. Perkins Ave Sandusky,  
Ohio 44870

See you in August!!!  
Jeni & Cindra



## Celebrating 80 Years of Tradition:

### Erie County 4-H Camp Marks Milestone Anniversary!

This summer marks a remarkable milestone for one of the cherished youth programs on the island. The Erie County 4-H Camp, nestled along the scenic shores of Lake Erie on the North Bay of Kelleys Island, is celebrating its 80th anniversary, decades of fostering growth, leadership, and lifelong memories for generations of campers.

Since its founding in 1945, the camp has grown from a simple summer camp into a beloved tradition. It brings together youth from eight different counties across Northern Ohio. Erie County, Seneca County, Crawford County, Ottawa County, Sandusky County, Medina County, Lorain County, Wyandot County, as well as three state 4-H camps come to experience the outdoors, develop life skills, and build lasting friendships. For many families, the Erie County 4-H Camp is a rite of passage where children become leaders and traditions live on.



In 80 years, the camp has undergone several exciting updates to enhance the camper experience while preserving the charm and spirit of the original site. Since the camp started in 1945, there have been several exciting updates, especially in recent years. The cabins have been updated, and there has been an expansion of new recreational equipment. The dining hall and kitchen have been recently renovated to provide campers and our guests with a more enjoyable dining experience. Come see for yourself on August 16th and help us celebrate at Erie County 4-H Camp's 80th birthday!

- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser from 8:00- 11:00
- The Tree Dedication will be held at noon
- Hotdogs and popcorn from 1:00- 3:00
- Rec Hall Dancing and the Canteen will be open from 3:30- 5:30
- Closing Ceremony at the Flag Pole at 6:30

## IslandFest Returns with a “Boats ‘n Boots” Twist on Kelleys Island

Zoey Vargo (Leonard)  
Executive Director, Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

Dust off your cowboy boots and polish up your boat shoes—IslandFest is back on July 18-20, and this year's theme, “Boats ‘n Boots,” is bringing a nautical-meets-country vibe that's sure to make waves on Kelleys Island!

This beloved summer tradition kicks off with live music throughout the weekend, featuring an exciting lineup of our Islandfest classics. The energy won't stop at the stage—vendors will fill Memorial Park, offering everything from handcrafted goods and island-inspired gifts to delicious food and drinks.

The IslandFest Parade is always a highlight, and this year's is set to be better than ever. Participants will start lining up Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the old ferry dock near the Venture Island Resort, with the parade rolling through the island streets shortly after. Locals and visitors are

encouraged to get creative with floats that match the “Boats ‘n Boots” theme. Sign-ups are available in the Chamber office, online, or on the morning of the parade. See page 6 for application.

As the sun sets, the fun heats up with street dances under the stars and the ever-popular fireworks display lighting up the lakefront. Whether you're two-stepping or just soaking in the sights, the evening celebration promises to be unforgettable.

IslandFest is proudly organized by the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce and continues to be one of the island's most anticipated annual events. Don't miss the chance to celebrate summer with small-town charm, lakefront views, and a whole lot of island spirit—cowboy hats welcome!

**Weekend Schedule!**

**Friday, July 18**  
10am-10pm Vendors open in the park, including food vendors  
7pm-11pm Street Dance featuring Live DJ -Marky Mark

**Saturday, July 19**  
10am-10pm Vendors open in the park, including food vendors  
10:30am Parade Line-Up  
11am - Parade  
12pm - Opening Ceremony & Island Singers  
1pm-4pm Live Entertainment - Stan G  
7pm-11pm Street Dance featuring Live DJ -Marky Mark  
9:30pm Dusk FIREWORKS  
10pm 50/50 Raffle Drawing

**Sunday, July 20**  
10am-4pm Vendors open in the park, including food vendors

**IslandFest 2025**  
Boats 'n Boots  
Kelleys Island  
Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

# Kelleys Island Kicks Off Summer with a Record-Breaking 5/10K Walk/Run and Memorable Kid's Fun Run

**Zoey Vargo (Leonard)**  
Executive Director, Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

The island was buzzing with energy and excitement on June 1st as over 600 participants gathered for the annual Kelleys Island 5K and 10K Walk/Run. With sunny skies and unbeatable island views, the event brought together locals and visitors alike for a memorable day of community spirit, athleticism, and family fun.

This year's race shattered participation records, drawing runners and walkers from across the region to experience one of Kelleys Island's most beloved traditions. Organized by the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce,

the event served as the perfect kickoff to the summer season and showcased the island's warm hospitality and vibrant community.

Big congratulations go out to the top finishers in each category:

- 5K Overall Female Runner: Becky Angeles
- 5K Overall Male Runner: Zac Dresch
- 10K Overall Female Runner: Katie Schuler
- 10K Overall Male Runner: Isiah Johnson
- 5K Overall Female Walker: Amanda Roesch
- 5K Overall Male Walker: David Feighner



Kelleys Island Police Chief Bartus crossing the finish line hand-in-hand with some of the youngest runners.

A standout moment of the day was the Kid's Fun Run, which brought endless smiles and cheers. Children dashed across the course with joy and determination, cheered on by friends, family, and fellow racers. One of the most heartwarming highlights was seeing Kelleys Island Police Chief Bartus join in the fun — crossing the finish line hand-in-hand with some of the youngest runners. "These kids run this island," one spectator noted with a smile, capturing the spirit of the moment perfectly.

Visitors praised the day as "unforgettable" and "the best way to

start the summer." Positive feedback flooded in about the race's organization, welcoming atmosphere, and the inclusive nature of events like the Kids' Fun Run, which brought generations together.

The Kelleys Island Chamber extends heartfelt thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, safety crews, and every participant who made the day a huge success. With the season officially in motion,

islanders and guests alike are looking forward to a summer full of celebration, connection, and community pride.



## Chamber Sponsored Events

July 18-20

IslandFest "Boats 'n Boots"

August 2-3

FilmFest

September 6

Treasure Island Days

## Islandwide Chamber Member Events

### JULY

- 4 - Community Firework, West Bay (Dark)
- 5 - Science Saturday: TBD (10am-12pm)
- 12 - Science Saturday: Turtles, Kelleys Island School (10am-12pm)
- 12 - School Tours, Kelleys Island School (1pm)
- 21-25 - STELLAR: Zion United Vacation Bible School, Zion Church (9:00am)
- 26 - Science Saturday: Butterflies, KI Field Station (11am-1pm)
- 27 - STELLAR: VBS Children's Presentation, Zion Church (10:30am)
- 28 - Project WET Workshop OSU Stone Lab w/ Ohio EPA, KI Field Station

### AUGUST

- 2 - Science Saturday: TBA (10am-12pm)
- 2 - School Tours, Kelleys Island School (1pm)
- 8-9 - KI Homecoming, KILA (Fri-5pm/Sat All Day)
- 9 - The Kelleys Island Historical Association Art Show, KIHA (10am)
- 9 - Science Saturday: KI Homecoming, KI Ball Park
- 16 - Science Saturday: Ohio Geological Society-Geology, Glacial Grooves (10am-12pm)
- 23 - A Dreamy Afternoon with Tom Waits, Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Garden (1pm)
- 23 - Pollinators & Pancakes, KI School (9am)
- 29-SEP 1 - Labor Day Weekend, Island-Wide
- 30 - Science Saturday: Monarch Butterflies, Kelleys Island School (10am-12pm)
- 31 - Glacial Glimpses, KI Audubon, (1pm-2pm)

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 - Monarch Tagging (all month long)
- 6 - Monarch Tagging, KI Field Station/KI School
- 8 - Perch Tournament, The Casino (8am)
- 13 - Wine and Art Faire, The Kelley's Island Wine Co, Crooked Tree Vineyard, Monarch Winery (12:30pm)
- 14 - KI Field Station Day & Celebration, KI Field Station (1pm)
- 21 - Feathers and Foliage, KI Audubon (TBA)

### OCTOBER

- 4 - Oktoberfest, West Bay (11am)
- 10-12 - Family Halloween, Island Wide (10am-7pm)
- 11 - Kid's Trick or Treat! (3pm), Kids Crafts & Music (2pm-4pm), The Kelleys Island Wine Co
- 11 - Casino Clam Bake, The Casino (4pm)
- 11 - FD/PPD Harvest Festival & Pig Roast
- 15 - Owl Banding, KI Audubon (Nightly, Mid-Oct thru Late Nov)
- 17-20 - Adult Halloween, Island-Wide (Noon-11pm)
- 18 - KILA Family Hayride, KILA (3pm-5pm)
- 31-NOV 3 - Owl Fest, KI Audubon (7pm-9pm)

### NOVEMBER

- 28 - VP Thanksgiving Potluck, The Village Pump (6pm-9pm)
- 29 - VP OSU vs. Michigan Tailgate Party, The Village Pump (10am-5pm)
- 30 - Sights, Scents, and Sounds, The Kelleys Island Wine Co (4pm-8pm)

## Memorial Day 2025 Ceremony



Left to right the VFW Post 9908 members.

Paul Burns at the podium, Greg Yoscovits (Post Commander), Jeff Koenigseker holding the National Colors, Frank Primisch, Todd Neu holding the post flag, Knut Lahrs, Barbara Christy, Wallace Christy, Mike Feyedelem, Paul Finnegan, Jana Feyedelem, John Carrig, Tim Kilko, George Anders, John Kilko. We ask for any veterans to join our ranks for the ceremony.

PHCR: Deborah Anders

### Paul Burns

We are always humbled by the support of our community for our veteran community. We think that there were around three hundred island citizens in attendance for our ceremony. If it wasn't for that support we could not do what we do for veterans. As always a huge heartfelt thank you.



For more information about these island events please scan the QR Code or visit our website at [www.kelleysislandchamber.com](http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com).



events are subject to change. please check social media for most updated information

# KILA Korner July 2025

## Drew Algase

It's summer all right; I see the Mayflies and begin to feel the Ohio heat and humidity.

## Homecoming 2025:

KILA's 51st annual Homecoming celebration will be Friday and Saturday, August 8 & 9th. The theme for this year is "Remembering Big Chuck", honoring the memory of Charles "Big Chuck" Schodowski.

## BIG CHUCK



Legendary TV Personality, KI Resident, Good Neighbor and Friend

Homecoming begins on Friday August 8th with the 5th annual Fish Fry on August 8. Same place, the Pavilion; same time 6:00; same great fresh perch fried by Joel Byer; same great music by Frank and Dean; and same great price \$30. Tickets will be available to KILA members on July 6 and to the general public July 13. For tickets, please contact Kris at 614-946-9589, Drew at 734-748-6839, or Jennifer at 740-606-2900. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Limited carryout service will be available after all seated guests are served.

Saturday will begin with the Homecoming parade including the Crestline Bulldogs and Milan Edison Chargers marching bands. Please think about joining in the parade by decorating your vehicle/cart/bike with your favorite Big Chuck character or memory.

The day continues with live entertainment by Fat City Band, delicious food including a "Kielbasa Kid" Special,



a vendor's market place, kid's games, the annual pie contest, 3rd annual Corn Hole tournament,



silent auction, and much more family entertainment. Circle those dates on your calendar!

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again is a sponsor for Homecoming for the KI community and all visitors & guests.

KILA will again have the annual Raffle to help fund projects to enhance and improve Kelleys Island. There are five cash prizes. Tickets are \$20 each and a maximum will be sold. Tickets are available from KILA board members.



**Reminder: The Family Hay Ride** at the 4H camp is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th from 3-5 PM. While this is during the "Adult Halloween" weekend, this event is intended for families of children & adults.

Please remember, it's never too late to sign up for your KILA membership. One membership is allowed for each residence and dues are only \$25 for new members or \$20 for renewals. Joining KILA is a good way for new landowners to become involved in the KI community.

There are 3 ways to pay dues.

1). You can pay by check 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](http://www.kila.rocks)). Click the "Join KILA" link at the top, scroll down and select New or Renew Membership and follow the instructions.

3). We can take payments using Zelle®. If you want to pay through this option, send to [drew@kila.rocks](mailto: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. We're available via email to [info@kila.rocks](mailto:info@kila.rocks), our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/kelleysislandlandowners](http://www.facebook.com/kelleysislandlandowners), and our website [www.KILA.rocks](http://www.KILA.rocks).

# 51<sup>st</sup> Annual

Kelleys Island Landowners

## Homecoming Celebration

Friday & Saturday August 8 & 9 2025 Kelleys Island Community Park Pavilion  
121 Addison Road

**Theme: Remembering "Big Chuck" Schodowski**

**Parade Marshal: The Schodowski Family**

**GRAND PRIZE \$2500**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1000  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$ 500  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 250  
5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$ 100

*Raffle To Benefit Kelleys Island Projects*

**Drawing Saturday 5:00pm at the Pavilion.**

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

**FRIDAY**  
5th 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 "Big Chuck" float or golf cart (prizes)*

Food - 12noon-4pm • Kielbasa Kid Special  
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For More Information Or Tickets E-Mail: [Info@Kila.Rocks](mailto:Info@Kila.Rocks)



**Kelleys Island Historical Association**

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224-226 Division Street  
Kelleys Island, Ohio 43438

Remember someone with a brick in our Memorial Walk. Bricks are 8"x8" & can be ordered at [kelleyslandhistorical.org](http://kelleyslandhistorical.org)



You can rent the Historic Old Stone Church for special events, like speaker presentations, intimate weddings and small group gatherings. Go to [Kelleyslandhistorical.org](http://Kelleyslandhistorical.org)

## Resale Shop Etiquette and Sales

Jodie Smith

The Parsonage House and Sis's Cottage Resale Shop have been opened for almost 8 years. Originally the Parsonage House was opened by some industrious Women of the Kelleys Island and members of the Kelleys Island Historical Association. They wanted others to be able to see the historic Home. Selling a few donated items from the front room has grown into a proper business and service to the Kelleys Island community. Along the way, the managers and the KIHA Board have tried to establish guidelines to keep the business manageable. One of those guidelines is "How To Donate." I believe every organization who accepts donations has a challenge with this. We are asking that NO ITEMS are dropped off without the acceptance of a manager or qualified staff. This year we have had several large items placed outside of the home without the staff accepting them. We would not have accepted these items if we were asked. Now we are burdened with getting rid of the items and this costs us money. With respect for this organization, please ASK before leaving your very generous donations. All of your donations that we can sell, benefit the Kelleys Island Historical Association. Without your generosity we could not continue with our mission of financial support to the KIHA, and our service to the community of KI, providing needed household items and of course giving tourists a charming opportunity to take home a treasure from Kelleys Island.

Because we want to give you the best deals possible, please look for upcoming discounts on many items in the shop. Don't forget that you can always ask for a different price!! Our Christmas in July Sale starts, you guessed it, July 1! You will find all Christmas related items at 50% off! We will participate in the Ohio Department of Taxation Sales Tax Holiday from



Christmas in July Sale starts July 1

August 1 through August 14, 2025. You will not be charged Ohio Sales tax on any item that you buy from the Resale shop.



Our organization, Kelleys Island Historical Association, is in need of Board Members who can contribute actively to the organization. Many opportunities for using your skills are available in the Historical Association. Volunteer positions are in abundance from gardening, to greeting customers and staging shop items, to cleaning. Please contact our Volunteer managers (Justiina Loveless 330-205-2285, or Janet Killam 419-304-3095).

Finally, we respect what our current volunteers and clients are doing for the KIHA. We look forward to meeting new customers and welcoming new volunteers!

## Bygone Hotel

Carmen Smith

Sometimes, even a bad situation turns out beautifully

Recently, The Charles Herndon Gallery sent their gallery manager, Carmen Smith, to beautiful Wimberly, Tx, to scout the property of The Bygone Hotel for sculpture placements

The Bygone Hotel is nestled in the Texas Hill Country, a gorgeous area to relax and enjoy nature in. They have a pool, sauna, multiple fire pits, catered dinner once a week, beautiful common areas and a hike through nature, culminating in a dinosaur fossil footprint! The background of cactuses, flowers, brush and sky creates an amazing space to host Charles Herndon artwork.

Once Carmen returned from the scouting trip, Brian Fook started down in a van with all of the artwork packed in the back. He started out on a cold, but not freezing, morning. Not too far away from his starting point, the van hit black ice and flipped, twice, down into a ravine. Miraculously, there were already firemen there helping another crash, and Brian, upside down and still strapped in, was helped very quickly. We are still thanking the universe that he made it through unscathed.

Most of the artwork was also in one piece! We moved it to our insurance appraisers to decide the next step. Eventually, we determined 3 pieces that were broken, but only one beyond repair.

Brian was still ready and excited to continue on his journey, so after a few days of rest and talking about the best next move, he was off again in a rented



Finished installed artwork  
PHCR: BrianFook

van, with the artwork packed safely in back. Needless to say, we checked in with him often!

Brian arrived in Texas after a long drive, and installed the work. We sent red steel pieces that sit along the walking trail, accentuating the surrounding flora and fauna, and bright enough that you can see them from the hotel! Stone and bronze pieces were placed in the lovely reading room, one of the common areas at The Bygone.

Brian's drive back was uneventful. We are so thankful that he is ok!

So if you are in Texas, head to Wimberly to see Charles Herndon's work in a new light. Book a stay at The Bygone Hotel while you are at it; you will not regret it!



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# Kelleys Island Homecoming Weekend to Be Dedicated To “Big Chuck” Schodowski

KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO, JUNE 17, 2025 --- Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA) is proud to announce that long time Kelleys Island landowner and Cleveland TV legend, Chuck Schodowski, will be posthumously honored, and Homecoming Weekend, August 8-9, 2025, will celebrate his career. Mr. Schodowski is well known for his “Ghoulardi,” “Hoolihan and Big Chuck Show,” and “The Big Chuck and Lil’ John Show” that spanned on the air from 1963 through 2007. These shows were the precursor to “Saturday Night Live” with B rated movies and thousands of comedy skits, including the infamous “Kielbasy Kid.” Mr. Schodowski was awarded 28 Emmys during his illustrious career.

To celebrate KILA’s 51st annual Homecoming festival there are great activities planned. This year’s Homecoming will be held at the Kelleys Island Community Park on Addison

Street. Landowners and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join the fun, and this event is family friendly.

Friday evening there will be a Perch Fry dinner and “Frank and Dean” for musical entertainment.

Saturday morning festivities begin at 11:00 am with a parade. The parade will feature the Edison High School and Crestline High School Marching Bands, along with historical vehicles and floats. Big Chuck’s family will be represented in the Grand Marshall’s car.

At the festival venue on Saturday from noon to 6:00 pm there will be games, vendor tents, wildlife demonstrations from “Back to the Wild,” a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a barbeque and refreshments. “Fat City Band” will provide entertainment.

In addition, KILA has been awarded an Event Grant to sponsor KILA’s Homecoming Weekend festival and parade by the Erie County Visitors &

Convention Bureau, Inc., part of Shores & Islands Ohio, the destination marketing organization for Erie and Ottawa counties, this grant is to help with the promotion KILA’s biggest event, which has been held annually since 1974.

In memory of Big Chuck, let’s share his credo that was on his old piano with a wooden sign adorned with white socks, a beer stein, and the words “BREW-SKIS and “WHIS-SKIS, and “MAY THE POLISH SPIRITS MOVE YOU.”

Na zdrowie to all!

For more information on Homecoming, please go to our website at [www.kila.rocks.com](http://www.kila.rocks.com).



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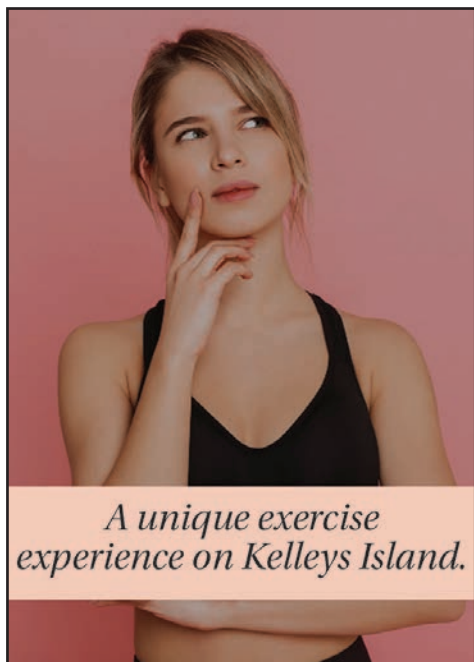
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# Parade Application

2025 Theme: Boats 'n Boots

Line up 10:30 am, Kelleys Island West Dock (Old Newman Dock)

## Category

Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Float: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marching Band: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Name or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop off at the KICC Office located by the Jet Express  
 Thank you in advance and GOOD LUCK!!

## Kelleys Island Gears Up for Summer Fun: Boats, Boots & Big Screen Nights

**Zoey Vargo (Leonard)**  
 Executive Director, Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

Summer on Kelleys Island is shaping up to be packed with exciting events for locals and visitors alike. From mid-July through early September, the island will host a series of celebrations, festivals, and community gatherings designed to showcase the island's unique charm and vibrant culture.

### Island Fest: Boats n Boots — July 18-20

The highlight of the summer calendar, Island Fest, returns July 18 through 20 with a lively "Boats n Boots" theme. Held at Memorial Park, this three-day festival pays homage to the island's nautical heritage and rustic spirit. Attendees can expect live music, local food and artisan vendors, family-friendly activities, and plenty of opportunities to kick up their boots and dance. Join the parade on July 19, just fill in the form on the left and drop it off at the KICC Office located by the Jet Express.

### Film Fest — August 2-3

Come August, the island will transform into an open-air movie theater for the annual Film Fest. Scheduled for August 2 and 3 at dusk,

this outdoor cinema event invites film lovers to enjoy curated screenings under the stars. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and snacks to make the most of the magical movie nights.

### Treasure Island Day Garage Sale — September 6

As summer winds down, the island-wide Treasure Island Day Garage Sale offers a treasure trove of bargains and curiosities. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 6, residents open their yards for one of the season's most anticipated shopping events — perfect for those seeking unique finds and island memorabilia.

### More to See and Do

Beyond these marquee events, Kelleys Island continues to host a range of activities, including monthly Audubon meetings, school tours, science programs, and seasonal celebrations such as the Community Fireworks on July 4 and the KI Homecoming Festival in early August.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to visit the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce website at [www.kelleysislandchamber.com](http://www.kelleysislandchamber.com) for the latest updates and details.

Plan Your Visit

## Ohio Bike Week Roars Through Kelleys Island with Dice Run

**Zoey Vargo (Leonard)**  
 Executive Director, Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

The roar of engines filled the air on June 4th as over 700 motorcycles and their riders descended upon Kelleys Island for the much-anticipated Dice Run, part of this year's Ohio Bike Week festivities.

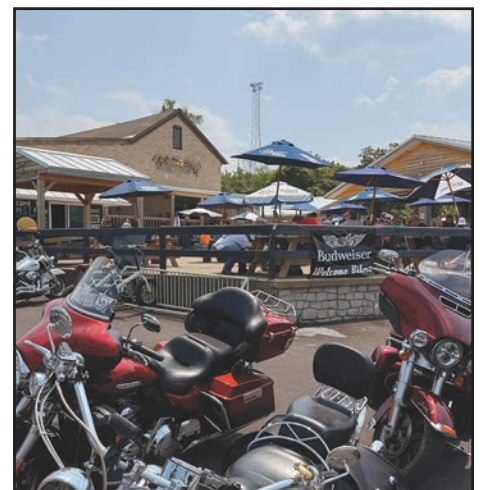
bringing the Dice Run to life.

"We're incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this happen," said board members from the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce.



"The energy, cooperation, and hospitality from our volunteers and business owners truly made the day special."

The Kelleys Island Dice Run continues to be a cornerstone event of Ohio Bike Week, combining the thrill of the open road with the charm of a close-knit community. With such a successful turnout this year, excitement is already building for the 2026 ride.







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The Dice Run, a highlight event of the annual motorcycle rally, took participants on a scenic journey around the island, stopping at various local businesses to roll the dice and collect points. The event culminated in a lively gathering at The Casino, where prizes were awarded and the beautiful weather kept spirits high.

Organizers praised the incredible turnout, noting the enthusiasm from riders across Ohio and beyond. "It's amazing to see so many bikers come together in one place," said one event coordinator. "Kelleys Island offers the perfect backdrop for a fun and engaging ride."

This year's event wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of countless volunteers and the strong support of island businesses. From coordinating ferry transport to managing checkpoints, the local community played a vital role in

# Pickleball: Kind of A Big Dill on Kelleys Island

*A Leisure Sport that Unites the Community*

**Janet Killam**

Nestled amidst the gentle waves of Lake Erie, Kelleys Island has long been celebrated for its natural beauty, outdoor adventures, and vibrant community. In recent years, an unexpected phenomenon has emerged on the island—pickleball. This quirky yet highly engaging sport has captured the hearts of locals and visitors alike, becoming, quite literally, a "big dill" on Kelleys Island.

**What is Pickleball?**

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Played on a smaller court than tennis, it involves players using paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a low net. The game can be played as singles or doubles and appeals to all ages, thanks to its accessible rules and moderate pace.

Invented in the mid-1960s, pickleball has seen a meteoric rise in popularity over the past decade. Its charm lies in the balance it strikes between skill and fun, making it a sport that people of varying abilities can enjoy together.

**The Rise of Pickleball on Kelleys Island**

Kelleys Island has always been a haven for outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, and water sports. However, pickleball has quickly

become a defining feature of the island's recreational landscape. What began as casual games among friends has evolved into organized play, possible vibrant tournaments, and a shared enthusiasm that transcends generations.

**A Community Affair**

Our Pickleball courts are at the basketball/tennis area at the Community Park on Addison Rd. becoming a hotspot of social interaction. Residents and tourists gather to play, watch, and cheer, forging bonds that strengthen the spirit of the community. The simplicity of the game invites newcomers, while its subtle strategic depth keeps seasoned players engaged.

For Kelleys Island, pickleball is more than a sport—it's a way of life. We've fit it into our schedules on a first come first serve basis on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM. It is OPEN play which means anyone can join in. It's friendly morning matches under the sun, and the courts buzz with energy and laughter.

**Why Pickleball is a "Big Dill"**

The playful pun—pickleball being a "big dill"—captures the lighthearted essence of this sport on Kelleys Island. But the sentiment goes deeper than wordplay. The game has positively

impacted physical health, mental well-being, and community cohesion on the island.

**Physical Fitness**

Pickleball provides an excellent workout, improving cardiovascular health, hand-eye coordination, and agility. Its moderate pace and low-impact nature make it especially appealing to older adults who want to stay active without overexerting themselves.

**Mental and Emotional Benefits**

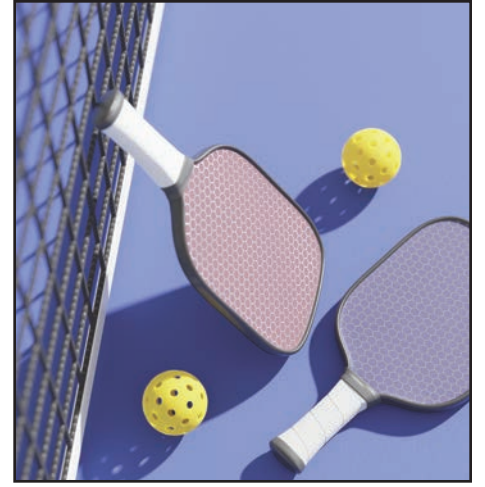
Beyond the physical benefits, pickleball fosters mental and emotional wellness. The camaraderie developed on the court, the thrill of competition, and the sheer fun of the game contribute to a sense of happiness and fulfillment among players.

**A Tourist Attraction**

Pickleball has also contributed to Kelleys Island's appeal as a tourist destination. Visitors often plan trips around the chance to play on the island's courts. Local businesses, from restaurants to lodging benefit too by their visits.

**The Future of Pickleball on Kelleys Island**

With its growing popularity, pickleball shows no signs of slowing down on Kelleys Island. We would love to improve our courts conditions to play but finances always get in the way.



I believe the community envisions pickleball becoming an enduring symbol of the island's charm and hospitality.

Pickleball has transformed from a casual pastime into a defining feature of Kelleys Island's identity. Its ability to unite people, improve well-being, and add vibrancy to the community makes it more than just a sport—it's a cultural phenomenon. For locals and visitors alike, pickleball truly is relished as kind of a "big dill" on Kelleys Island, and its impact will surely ripple across the shores for years to come.

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July 12	Turtles
July 19	Island Fest
July 26	Butterflies
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August 23	Pollinators & Pancakes
August 30	Monarch Butterflies



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## Transient Rental Program

**Leslie Korenko**  
As of June 10, 74 rentals are fully compliant with certificates and 41 other rental properties are waiting to become compliant. Several of these rentals are waiting for Septic Inspections. Franklin is very backed up due to several people waiting until the last minute to call for appointments. They are working

very hard at getting everyone's septic inspected and their trucks can be seen on the Island every day. As long as those waiting were on Franklin's list by May 30th and have completed all the other requirements, they have until June 30, 2025 to become compliant. So how much will the Village benefit from this program? In 2024 a

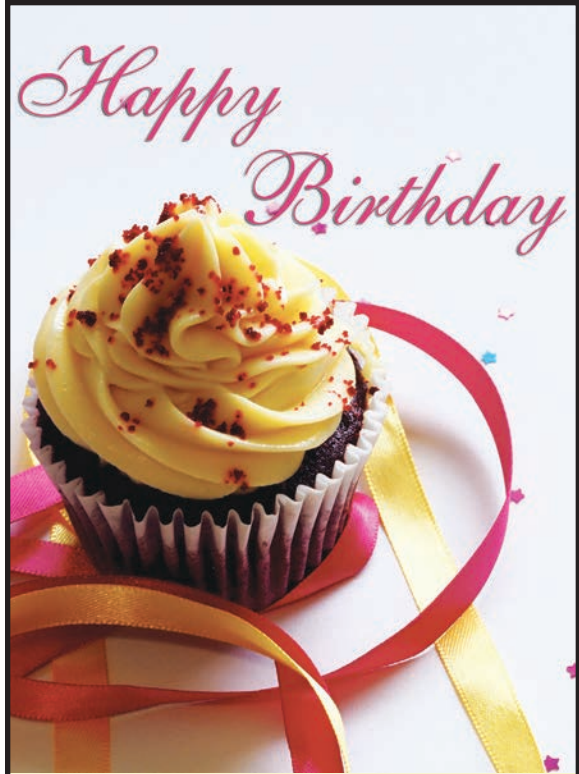
TRP clerk was hired and a contract awarded to a company to build a list of transient rentals and provide software for tracking and billing. This year the Zoning Inspector got an \$11,000 raise for the TRP. The TRP fund started the year with \$19,920, received \$66,600 (111 properties x \$600) and spent \$26,009 in the first 5 months of 2025.

## Council Notes

**Leslie Korenko**  
Another quick meeting, just 30 minutes long. Two Resolutions were passed: (1) A renewal levy for Medical Emergency Services of 1.75 mills and (2) A replacement levy for current operating expenses of 1.75 mills Each will cost propriety owners of \$16 per each \$100,000 of tax valuation. Police Dept.: One ordinance passed to hire seasonal Police Officers Jamie Givins, Erik Melendez, Edwin Rodriguez, Michael Rodriguez, Abigail Steinmetz, Dustin Vowell and Jack Wade. Sgt. Carmen Messina is hired as a full-time police officer. It was a rough start for our Safety Services with three fatalities and multiple injuries. The Highway Dept., Liquor

Control, and the Sheriff's office will be assisting this year. Some planning will be focusing improving street lights, pedestrian traffic and signage. For the month of May there were 16 reports, 261 phone calls, 5 arrests, 8 warnings, 4 accidents, and 4 citations issued. Seven out of 10 court cases were closed and there are nine open cases pending. EMS reported 9 runs and 16 clinic calls. This month's training was a Run Review course with our Medical Director, which involved discussing and reviewing the recent traumatic runs that occurred. The Fire Dept. had 3 runs and expect 6-8 new members this fall. The new radio system is up and running and working well. Maintenance has

been busy sealing cracks and filling pot holes and road striping should be underway soon. Remember to check job postings on the Village website. The Park Board received a \$9802 grant from Erie MetroParks for the purchase and delivery of wheelchair accessible convertible picnic tables/benches for the Park pavilion. A donor paver walkway should be completed next month. They are working on grants for improvements on the multi-purpose court (estimated at \$55,000). And yes, the Park board should be credited with the installation of all those flowers and mulch in the downtown park which everyone enjoys.



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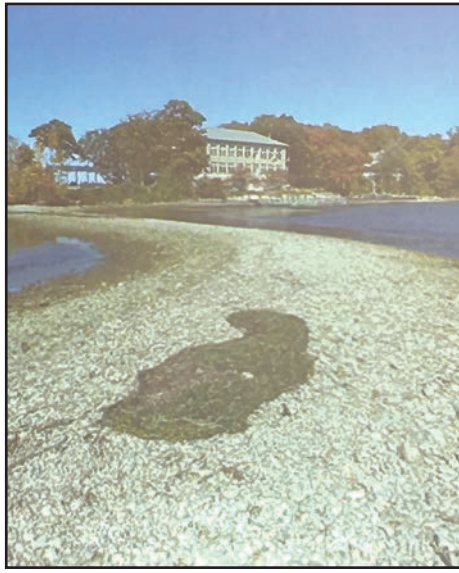
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# KIHA First Speaker Series: Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf

**Jodie Smith**

The Kelleys Island Historical Association's Old Stone Church was the site for a presentation by Charles E. Herdendorf, PhD, Academy Professor of Geological Sciences and Zoology, The Ohio State University. The church was overflowing with interested guests, and the Professor did not disappoint. Speaking to the crowd and referring to his publication *Lake Erie Islands, Reefs, & Shoals: Geology, Natural History, & Cultural Development United States and Canada*, Dr. Herdendorf captured the interest of all who attended. Using a slide projector, he illustrated his verbal stories of how Lake Erie and the rocky islands were formed.



An example of a Tombolo

to the mainland. How Lake Erie came to be was an interesting part of the talk. An amazing explanation was given on the ancient periods of time that produced the rocks and fossils that exist today! Did you know that Ohio was once located south of the equator? That accounts for our fossils that lived in warm coral seas.

Other things that can be found today are Oscillation symmetric ripple marks on the grounds at KI East quarry. Glacial Erratic (rock differing from the type of native rock) floated to the islands by "ice rafting." Imagine rocks floating along on pieces of ice, then arriving on a distant shore. The term "Isostatic Rebound" was used to describe how Lake Erie filled up with water. Near South Bass Island is an area called Starve Island Deep. It is 62 feet in depth. The Dr. explained his adventures in diving at this location.

During the presentation, you could hear a pin drop as everyone hung on to

each word and projected illustration. After the presentation the KIHA Gift Shop and Museum were open, and Dr. Herdendorf's fully illustrated 570 page book was available for purchase. More copies of the book are available at the KIHA Museum Gift Shop for \$55.00 plus tax.

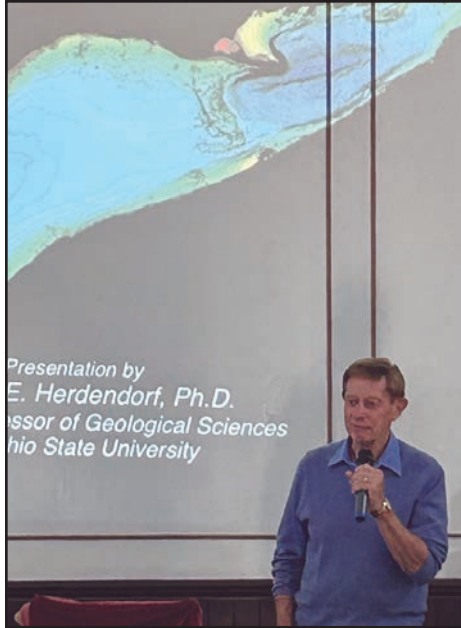
The Kelleys Island Historical Association thanks Board Member, Chad Waffan, for organizing this wonderful event and the community looks forward to more interesting speakers in the future!

Right: Guests at the presentation in the old stone church



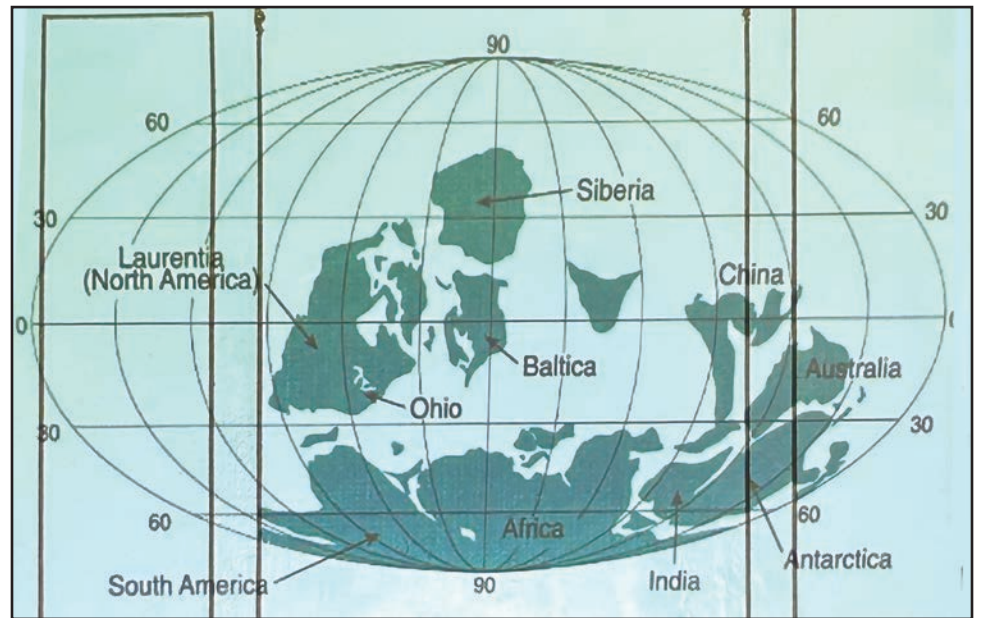
Below: Map from an ancient period showing Ohio located below the equator.

PHCR: Jodie Smith



Dr. Herdendorf presenting

Dr. Herdendorf has spent 60 years working on Lake Erie. Interestingly, he has dived on all of the reefs and shoals and mapped them. He explained the Tombolo's which tie islands together, or



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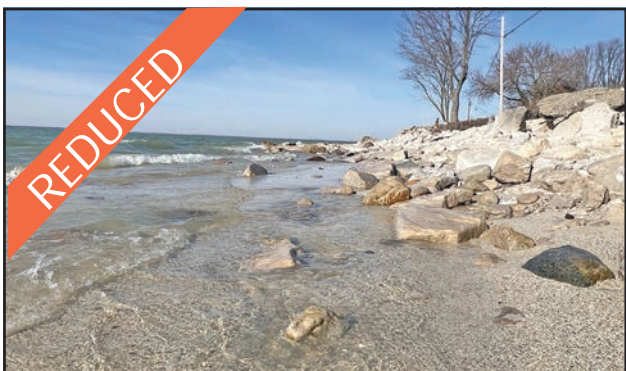
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## Sandusky's Brews Cruise III: A Spellbinding Success



**Zoey Vargo (Leonard)**  
 Executive Director, Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce

The third annual Brews Cruise, dubbed Witches Walk the Plank!, sailed smoothly on June 22, 2025, enchanting participants with a day of nautical fun, pirate-themed revelry, and magical scavenger hunts. Hosted by the Sandusky Witches Walk organization, the event set sail from the Jackson Street Pier aboard the Goodtime I, whisking more than 95 spirited guests to Kelleys Island for an unforgettable adventure.

Attendees were greeted with a treasure map on the back of their tickets, guiding them on a potion scavenger hunt across Kelleys Island. Each participating business stamped tickets with unique potion ingredients, and those who collected all stamps were entered into a cauldron drawing. The grand prize? Five Supreme Witch tickets to the 2025 Witches Walk and a private dinner at Arriba, hosted by

Barra Restaurant Sandusky.

The cruise featured a lively atmosphere with a DJ and cash bar, setting the tone for a day filled with pirate and witch-themed festivities. The Modern Day Pirates added to the merriment, ensuring that guests were thoroughly entertained throughout the journey.

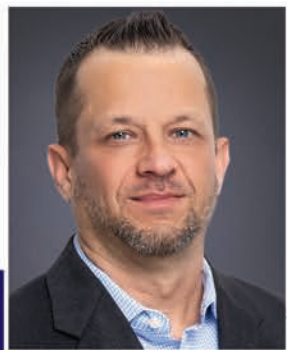
A heartfelt thank you goes out to the wonderful businesses on Kelleys Island that participated with their witchy cocktails and to-go snacks, adding a magical touch to the experience and making the scavenger hunt all the more enjoyable.

Beyond the fun and games, the event underscored the Sandusky Witches Walk's commitment to community support. Proceeds from the Brews Cruise III contribute to local charities benefiting youth and senior citizens, including the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky, Erie County Senior Center -

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# Kelleys Island Real Estate – A Mid-Year Check-In

Steve Mack

This analysis of the 2025 real estate market includes comparisons to the spring of 2024. As we settle into this summer, the real estate market on Kelleys Island is showing some changes. This year's strong start has cooled a bit heading into June.

- **Single-Family Homes 2025 – From a Busy Spring to a Slower Start to Summer**

From January through May 23, five homes sold, with prices ranging from \$300,000 to \$1.25 million. On average, they sold for about 92 percent of list price. Days on market varied, with some homes moving quickly while others at the higher end took longer.

Things have quieted down since late May, with no home sales closing between May 23 and June 19. There are currently seven homes actively listed, with two more under contract. Most have been on the market for 60 to 80 days, with a few already having price reductions to attract buyer interest.

- **Condos 2025 – Currently Quiet, yet Still Attractive to Potential Buyers**

Only one condo has sold so far this year. It was a two-bedroom unit that had been on the market since last fall and sold for nearly full price. This shows that well-positioned condos still sell, even if a little patience is necessary.

There have been no new condo sales or listings since late May. However, during the same time last year, two condos sold quickly and at strong prices. This suggests that the recent quiet stretch may be seasonal rather than a sign of lower demand.

- **Housing Analysis: Late Spring 2024 Compared to Late Spring 2025**

This time last year, the market was busy. Between late May and mid-June 2024, five homes and condos sold. They spent an average of just 42 days on the market and sold for about 99 percent of the asking price. Some even sold for more than asking.

The strong 2024 activity may have influenced this year's higher list prices. In May and June 2025, there are more homes on the market, but activity has slowed. No homes sold between May 23 and June 19, and average days on market have increased to around 66. Several sellers have already adjusted their prices to better match current buyer expectations.

- **Land – More Listings, Longer Waits**

Last spring, lots were selling quickly, especially those priced well. This year, things have slowed down. As of mid-June, there are six active land listings plus one under contract, and only one sale has closed recently. That sale shows that well-priced land can still attract buyers, but it may take more time than it did last year.

With more options available, the average time on market for land is now around 140 days. Prices range from under \$90,000 to nearly \$500,000, and a few listings have been adjusted as sellers respond to a slower pace.

There's still steady interest in land, especially from buyers planning future builds. But just like with homes, buyers are taking more time and carefully comparing what's available.

- **Overall Analysis: What Has Changed and What Has Not**

Compared to last year's fast-paced spring market, today's pace is slower and more thoughtful. Prices are higher while homes and land are sitting longer with more room for negotiation.

The upside? The market is still moving. With the right strategy and a little patience, there are still great opportunities on both sides.

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## Walleye with Wine Sauce Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 good sized walleye fillets
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- flour, for dredging
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 ounces chopped garlic
- ½ cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 small diced tomato

### Wine Sauce:

- 1 cup chicken bouillon, heated
- ¼ cup white wine
- lemon pepper
- about ½ pound linguini, cooked
- lemon wedges, for garnish

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Season both sides of the walleye

with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Coat both sides of the walleye fillet with flour. Heat the butter in a medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat and cook the walleye on one side for 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden. Turn the fillets over and cook until fish is opaque and cooked through. Remove to a plate and keep warm. Add the garlic,

sliced mushrooms and diced tomatoes to the fish pan and cook until mushrooms are golden and most of the liquid has evaporated. Add the bouillon, wine and lemon pepper and simmer until thickened and reduced. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve over linguini and top with the pan sauce. Makes 2 servings.

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# Smallmouth Bass on Lake Erie: Sedentary or Migratory?

Scientists are taking big steps to better understand the population of one of Lake Erie's most important sportfish: the smallmouth bass.

In an ongoing study funded by Ohio Sea Grant, researchers led by Zak Slagle, fisheries biologist for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife, are tracking movements of the fish in Lake Erie using a technique called acoustic telemetry. Two years into the project, the team has already yielded significant findings that will help ensure the fishery is sustainable.

Each year, anglers spend hundreds of thousands of hours fishing for smallmouth bass on Lake Erie, contributing to the lake's \$1 billion fishing industry. Notably, anglers usually catch and release smallmouth bass, Slagle explained; during popular bass tournaments, anglers will move caught fish to boat launches so they can weigh them in.

"In order to best maintain the excellent fishery we have, we need to understand the population," he said. "However, we don't know a lot about how much they move in large lake environments."

Smallmouth bass are generally considered to be sedentary, spending their entire lives within a small area of less than five square miles, yet scientists have never confirmed this using modern technology. If this is true, then fish displaced by tournaments may never make it back to their capture locations, which could function as a form of harvest, Slagle said. Greater catch-and-release mortality at popular fishing sites and low gene flow could be concerns as well.

On the flip side, if some bass are making long-distance movements, they could help repopulate areas and mediate gene flow between different parts of the lake. These traveling fish may also be more vulnerable to angling.

"A better grasp of bass movements and possible migrations would also help management agencies like ODNR better design studies to capture these fish and collect important data to help us inform anglers of their seasonal movements," Slagle said.

To study bass movements, Slagle's team tagged smallmouth bass with electronic transmitters that emit unique, ultrasonic soundwaves into the water. These soundwaves are then picked up by an array of over 400 acoustic receivers, providing useful location data. Researchers work through the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System to share data across its network, allowing them to see where tagged fish go.

"We have had very successful tagging seasons," Slagle said. "We do have to physically retrieve the receivers, so the data do take a while to come in, but they allow us to learn a lot about fish behavior in the end."



ODNR fisheries biologist Matt Faust (left) and technician Etienne Pienaar handle an acoustic receiver they hauled up from Lake Erie. Each receiver must be manually downloaded and the battery refreshed to continue collecting data each year.

In 2023, the team tagged 60 smallmouth bass in the Bass Islands and in Fairport Harbor. In the spring of 2024, researchers tagged a total of 156 bass around the Bass Islands, Kelleys Island, Lorain Harbor, and Ashtabula Harbor across eight days of field work. They captured the fish using a combination of electrofishing and volunteer angling.

So far, preliminary results show that smallmouth bass don't move very far, with the majority of tagged fish sticking to the same small area near where they were captured. However, a handful of fish made surprising movements: one fish tagged in Fairport Harbor traveled to the north shore in Ontario, returning within a week, and another tagged near North Bass Island migrated up the Detroit River to Lake St. Clair and back — twice.

"This one fish has moved nearly 500 miles in the course of 18 months, which is way farther than any bass has been known to move," Slagle said. "What we're seeing is a phenomenon known as 'partial migration,' where some individuals make long-distance movements and others do not."

Initial findings also indicate that angling-tagged fish move nearly twice as far as electrofishing-tagged fish and

that smallmouth bass tend to avoid deeper water in the Central Basin. They are most active when moving to spawning grounds in April or overwintering grounds in September through October, but don't move much during the nesting season in May and June.

"Now that all the tags are out, we get to sit back and let the data roll in," Slagle said. "The transmitter batteries are good for about three years, so we will continue to get more data through around 2027."

The team will continue to annually download and refresh the batteries in their receivers, and partners around the lake will do the same with their receivers, Slagle said. Once the data is downloaded, Slagle can run it through scripts to generate maps, graphs, and even movement animation to better understand when, where, and why smallmouth bass move on Lake Erie.

"The project is going great, and I am very appreciative of the Sea Grant funding I received to get it going," Slagle said. The project is expected to wrap up in 2027.

For more information about this research, contact Slagle at zachary.slagle@dnr.ohio.gov, watch his recent Freshwater Science webinar, or read a prior Ohio Sea Grant article.

Ohio Sea Grant is supported by The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) School of Environment and Natural Resources, Ohio State University Extension, and NOAA Sea Grant, a network of 34 Sea Grant programs nation-wide dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of marine and Great Lakes resources. Stone Laboratory is Ohio State's island campus on Lake Erie and is the research, education, and outreach facility of Ohio Sea Grant and part of CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources.



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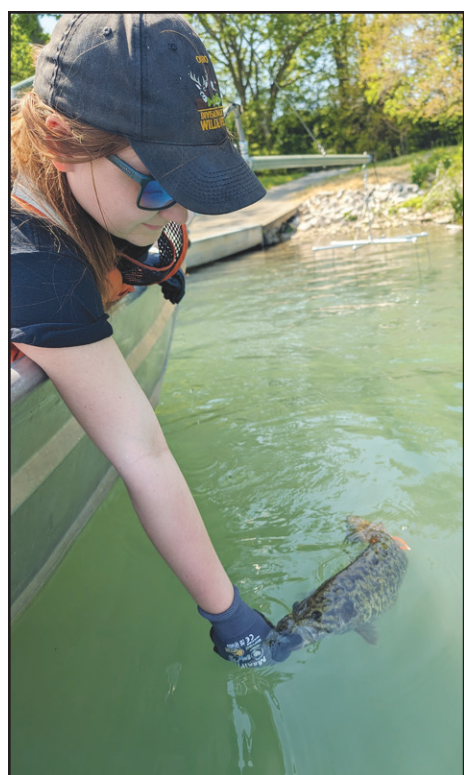
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OBITUARIES

**Todd S. Mack**  
December 30, 1951 – April 19, 2025



Todd Stimpson Mack, age 73, passed away peacefully at home in Clarkston, Michigan, on April 19, 2025, surrounded by love.

Todd was born on December 30, 1951, in Sandusky, Ohio, to John and Nadine Mack. He spent his early years in Toledo before moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and later graduating from Rochester High School (Michigan) in 1970. Todd was a member of his high school swim team and began his college education at St. Clair Community College before transferring to Central Michigan University. There, he joined the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and earned a Bachelor's degree in Teaching, with a focus on History and Anthropology. Though the teaching

jobs he dreamed of were hard to come by, Todd found his path in the insurance claims industry, where he built a successful and steady career.

While at Central Michigan, Todd met the love of his life, Cindy Valuet, during student teaching. The two married in July of 1980 and shared nearly 45 beautiful years together. They raised two children, Alex and Shannon, and later became devoted grandparents to Isaac.

A proud veteran, Todd served in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 24 years, retiring in 1996. He always replied, "It was my privilege" when thanked for his service—a reflection of his deep sense of duty and humility. His military career was marked by global travel and meaningful service, beginning as a combat rescue helicopter airman and later transitioning to anti-submarine warfare, tracking Soviet submarines during the Cold War. His service was part of a honored family tradition—his

father served as a Navy pilot, and his mother as an Army nurse in World War II.

Outside of work and service, Todd was deeply involved in his community. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Christ the Redeemer Church and was a constant presence at his children's Boy and Girl Scout events. He was a world traveler at heart, a passion sparked by his time in the Navy and carried on through family vacations. Some of his favorite places include Kelley's Island, Ohio; Venice, Florida, and cruises throughout the Caribbean.

Todd will be remembered for his warmth, his quick humor, and his unwavering devotion to family and friends. He was the one who showed up, lent a hand, shared a laugh, and quietly made life better for those around him.

Todd is survived by his beloved wife, Cindy Valuet-Mack; his children,

Alex Mack and Shannon Mack Ecker; his grandson, Isaac Mack; his brother, John Mack; his sister, Jeni Hammond; and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, John T. Mack II (2001) and Nadine O. Mack (2012).

A memorial service will be held June 16, 2025 to celebrate the life of a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who meant so much to so many.

Memorial Mass Monday, June 16th at 10:30am at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Orion with visiting at the church at 10:00am

Cemetery service with military honors Monday, June 16th at 2:00pm at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kelley's Island Make A Wish Swim, PO Box 517, Kelley's Island, OH 43438 ( checks to Make A Wish)

**Donna Cordaro**  
July 30, 1946 — May 18, 2025



DONNA J. CORDARO (nee Dipierro) age 79, beloved wife for 59 years of Joe; loving mother of twins Donna Marie Iosue (husband Michael) & Anna Marie Cordaro, and Carla Benvenuto

(husband Denny), and Joseph Edward Cordaro; devoted grandmother of Matthew and Andrew Bailey, and Avery and Brody Benvenuto; cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (nee Crossen) and treasured step-daughter of the late Howard Kendall; dearest sister of the late Edward Dipierro and adored sister in law of Carmella "Dolly" Santangelo and Paul & Toni Lee Cordaro; dear aunt,

great-aunt, and friend of many.

Donna Dipierro was born on July 30, 1946, to Joseph and Elizabeth Dipierro. She attended John Adams High School, and soon later married Joe, her high school sweetheart and love of her life. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising four beloved children in a home filled with love, laughter, and unwavering devotion.

A dedicated mother and homemaker, Donna poured her heart into nurturing her family. Her Catholic faith was a guiding light in her life. She lived her beliefs with grace and humility, actively participating in parish life as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Clare Catholic Church, renewing her faith through spiritual retreats, and playing a vital role in the church's prayer group. Her devotion touched many and

reflected the deep strength of her spirit.

Donna was also a passionate supporter of Cleveland sports and a proud Buckeye. Every fall Saturday, she could be found cheering on her favorite team, The Ohio State Buckeyes, with unmatched enthusiasm.

Of all her roles, none brought her more joy than being with her family. Affectionately known as "Nani" or "Ma," Donna was a deeply loving grandmother to Matthew, Andrew, Avery, and Brody. She treasured her time with them, creating memories filled with warmth, laughter, and love, memories that will live on in their hearts forever.

Donna faced her illness with

remarkable courage, strength, and grace. Though the disease was relentless, she met each day with determination and faith, inspiring everyone around her with her resilience.

Her legacy is one of unconditional love, quiet strength, and boundless generosity. Donna will be remembered always, for the way she loved, the way she lived, and the way she made everyone around her feel cherished.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Donna to Hospice of The Western Reserve at PO Box 72101 Cleveland 44192. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, May 23, at St. Clare Catholic Church.

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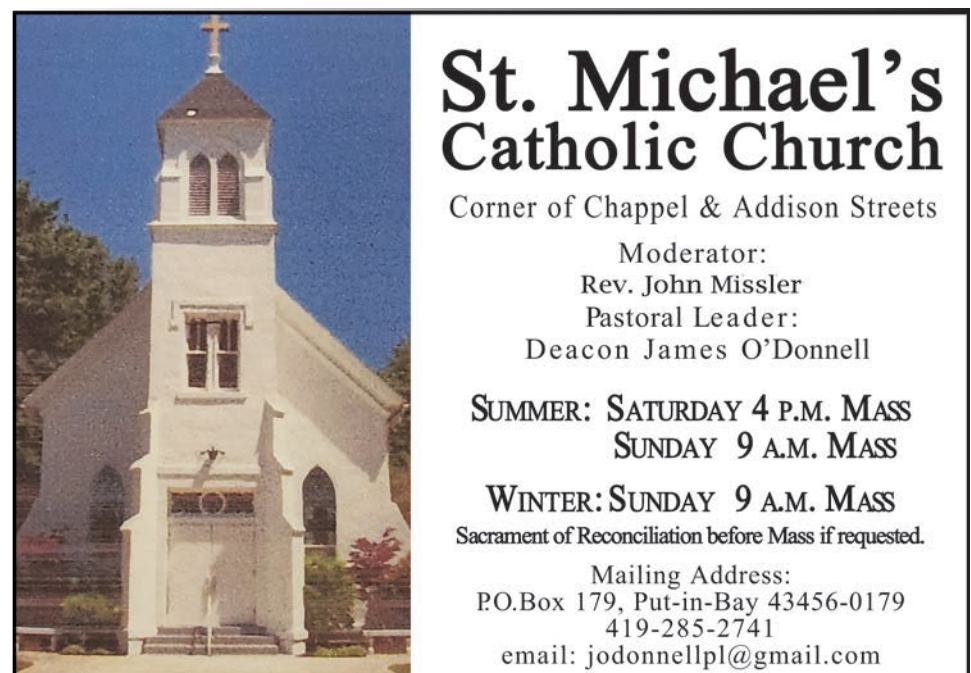
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OBITUARIES

**Frances Daley**  
March 16, 1947 - May 28, 2025



Frances Yeip Daley, 78, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on May 28th at First Health Hospice after a short illness surrounded by her loving family.

Fran was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Born on March 16, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio, she lived a life full of love, laughter, and adventure, leaving a legacy of warmth and kindness that will never be forgotten.

Fran was the loving wife of her soulmate, Jack Daley, whom she married in 1969. Together, they built a life filled with cherished memories, raising their family in Hudson, Ohio. Throughout their years together, they shared a deep love for each other, with weekends spent

at their Kelley's Island home among friends and family and creating some of the most treasured moments of their lives. Borderline raucous.

Fran's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her son, Matt Daley of Manhattan Beach, California, daughter Meghan Miller (husband Bruce Miller) of Pinehurst, North Carolina, and four adoring grandchildren: Brendan, Jack, Isla, and Stella, who affectionately called her Gigi. Her love for them was immeasurable, and she was an integral part of their lives, always providing guidance, warmth, and an infectious sense of humor.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Fran was known for her selflessness and service to others. For 20 years, she served as a volunteer paramedic, offering her skills and compassion to those in need. Her dedication to helping others was a

testament to the depth of her character.

Fran relocated to Southern Pines in 2016, where her sisters; Joann Hanley and Ursula Walsh also lived. She embraced the slower pace of life while being close to her sisters and extended family. In 2021, Fran moved into Penick Village, where she continued to form lasting friendships and brighten the lives of those around her.

An accomplished golfer (former CC of Hudson Club Champion), global traveler, and attendee of countless NYC Broadway Shows, Fran was always on the move. She reveled in experiencing new places and cultures, and her stories from her travels, coupled with her quick wit and charm, made her a world-class raconteur. She could captivate an audience with her tales, leaving all who listened with a smile on their face and a warm feeling in their heart. Fran was a social catalyst in every setting.

Fran's vibrant spirit, sharp intellect, and compassionate nature will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a life well-lived. Though she is no longer with us, her memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know her.

A celebration of Fran's life was held on Friday June 13th at Pinehurst Country Club with family and friends gathering to share stories, laughter, and honor the remarkable woman she was.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Fran's memory to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, a cause close to her heart.

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At age 26, married, facing the birth of his first child, and struggling to support his family as he tried to make it in show business, comedian Danny Thomas considered giving up his dream of being a performer in exchange for a regular paycheck at an uncle's grocery store.

A devout Catholic, he walked into SS. Peter and Paul Church in Detroit, Michigan, and knelt before a statue of St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes. "Help me find my place in life," he prayed, and then put his last \$7 in the poor box. The next morning, he received a job offer in Chicago, Illinois, and his entertainment career began to take off.

A few years later, at another turning point in his life, Thomas again asked St. Jude's help and promised, "I'll build you a shrine." St. Jude came through for him again.

Danny Thomas kept his promise. He founded the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, which opened February 4, 1962. Families of children at St. Jude Hospital receive no bills for treatment, travel, housing or food. The hospital notes that "it costs \$2.4 million per day to operate. St. Jude, and public contributions provide more than 75 percent of the funds necessary to operate the hospital."

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# The Big Saloon Discussion - 1895



**Leslie Korenko**

Last summer (1894) saw the opening of Coutcher's saloon. There were several saloons along the beautiful lakeshore drive which prompted one writer to note that "the hotels are so surrounded with the atmosphere of saloons they are not desirable resting places for the class of visitors coming here with families this season and are not crowded." Concerns about the influence of these saloons, the Village council began taking a long hard look at regulating their operation.

Inside Coutcher's Saloon you can see a pot belly stove, spittoons under the brass rail, and the lovely carved bar. The upside-down T hanging from the ceiling was gas lighting. This photo was dated 1901. The men pictured were: In front of stove: Clifford Seaton. At bar left to right: Nelson Dwelley (Dwelle), unknown, Fred Dischinger Sr., Bill Voight (Jumpsey), Dan Maag. Behind the bar left to right: January Coutcher and Fred Elming.

On January 3, 1895 an ordinance regulating the times that saloons could

be open was read the first time. However, at the third reading, it was referred back to committee for changes.

At the April 4, 1895 Regular Council meeting the final version was presented. "The following ordinance was again brought up after being recommitted and read the first time: Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Kelley's Island, Ohio that it shall be unlawful after the passage of this ordinance for the owner, proprietor or keeper of any saloon, Bar Room or any place where intoxicating drinks are sold, to keep said saloon, barroom or any other place open or to permit anyone to enter or to remain in said place...other than the proprietor or keeper, or to sell or dispose of any intoxicating drinks between the hours of 10:30 o'clock PM and 5 o'clock AM, Standard time.

And it is further ordained that after 9:30 PM, Standard time, every proprietor or keeper of saloon barroom or any other place where intoxicating drinks are sold, shall remove all blinds, screens or curtains or any article or

device that would obstruct the view into the room or rooms by the officer charged with the duty of enforcing the ordinance and said blinds shall not be replaced until the hour of 5 o'clock AM, Standard time.

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It is hereby ordained that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as

interfering with the necessary work in any wine cellar at any time. Mr. Koster moved that the rules be suspended and this ordinance read 2nd time."

On April 1 election results were certified and on April 11 the third reading of the Saloon ordinance was postponed by the new Council. The newly elected Council included George Bristol, Otto Brown, Herman Koster, Thomas McGurn, and Schaedler.

Just 30 days later, at the May 2 Regular Council meeting, "Mr. McGurn moved that the clause in the journal pertaining to the 3rd reading of the ordinance pertaining to the removing of screens and closing saloons at a certain hour, that was read the first regular meeting of the new Council, April 11, be stricken off the records as it was illegal for the new council to take up the same after being introduced by the old Council." An odd rule, but one that nonetheless, halted the restrictions on saloons on the Island. KelleysIslandStory.com



January Coutcher's Saloon burned December 19, 1915

## Sandusky's Brews Cruise III: A Spellbinding Success

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Meals On Wheels, and the Sandusky Recreation Department's youth programs.

With its blend of fun, philanthropy, and community spirit, Brews Cruise III has solidified its place as a cherished prelude to the main Witches Walk event in October. As the Sandusky Witches Walk continues to grow, it remains a testament to the power of community and the magic that happens when people come together for a common cause.

For those eager to join in the enchantment, tickets for the main event on October 19, 2025, are available online. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of this spellbinding tradition. Please visit the Sandusky Witches Website (<https://www.sanduskywitcheswalk.com/>) for more information on this event and their main event in October.



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- 2 under contract
- 1 home sold (Pre-Construction)
- Sold average days on market: 66

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- 7 Active home listings: from \$479,900 to \$1,475,000
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All data from Firelands MLS as of June 15, 2025. Figures reflect MLS-listed properties only.

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