

LIFE ON KELLEYS

THE EMERALD ISLE NEWS



The children of Dennis and Rachael Svihik had a lemonade stand on Friday, June 20th, 2025 on Kelleys Island in front of their home. They made a profit of over \$125. The children donated their money to the Make-a-Wish Foundation to be used to help children make their wishes come true. Hats off to these generous kids and to their proud parents!

PHCR:Twila Joyce

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.

We are off to a great start this year with a donation from Kelleys Island resident Ed Kuchar for \$20,000. This guarantees our first two wishes. He's hoping people will up or match his donation. Each wish is aprox. \$10,000.

To donate: make out 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:

Help Us Mark Our Milestone Anniversary on August 16th

Beth Allie, Director Erie County 4-H Camp

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.

The symbol for an 80-year celebration is Oak. It symbolizes strength, endurance and steadfastness, as well as deep roots and a solid foundation. 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. as well as three state 4-H camps, who 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.



We would love to hear your memories! Please share on our Facebook page. [Kelleys Island 4H Camp](#)

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

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Wall of Fame

Kulka, Hannah

Please join us on Sunday, August 10th at 11:00 a.m. as we host a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the history of Kelleys Island Local School. Refreshments will be provided. Our newly constructed Wall of Fame is a digital kiosk which features more than a century of KI School historical documents, yearbooks, photos, and more! The Wall of Fame is currently on display in the main lobby of Kelleys Island School. We would like to thank all community members that submitted content for this project as well as the Kelleys Island Historical Association for access to digitized records of the school history. We hope to see you all on the 10th!



KILA 51ST HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

August 8 & 9, 2024 • KI Community Park
EVERYBODY WELCOME

Friday 5PM - 9PM

6-8 PM 4th Annual Fish Fry:
Tickets by pre-sale only (\$30)
5:30-8 PM Music by Frank & Dean
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 Multi Sports Court
1:30 PM 3rd 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: "Kilbasa Kid Special",
Dogs, Hamburgs & picnic sides
(until we run out)
Until 5:00 Craft Booths and gift market
Until 5:00 Beer and Beverages
and Beer Slide
Until 5:00 Bounce Castle,
Snickers Balloon Sculptures

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Island Singers Show

Laura Von Benken

How about a night of music celebrating favorite songs from Broadway to Hollywood without traveling to New York City or Los Angeles? Take just a short trip to the Kelleys Island Town Hall on Saturday, August 30 at 7:00pm to enjoy the Island Singers performing their annual show. The performance will include songs from The Sound of Music, Lion King, Wicked, James Bond, Rocky, and Barbie! Admission is free. Hope you to see you there!

ERIE COUNTY 4-H CAMP

Celebrating 80 Years

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH
 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
 403 Ward Road, Kelleys Island



PANCAKE BREAKFAST By Donation	8:00 to 11:00
TREE DEDICATION & COMMENTS	NOON
HOT DOGS, POPCORN, CANTEEN, CRAFTS	1:00 to 5:30
REC HALL DANCING	3:30 to 5:30
CLOSING CEREMONY / FLAG LOWERING	6:30

- Raffles and 50/50 Drawing – Winners drawn at 6:00
- Camp will be open for tours from 9:00 to 6:00
- Photos and memorabilia will be on display



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Kelleys Island 4H Camp

Ferry schedule and rates to the island can be found at kelleysislandferry.com.

Shuttle service to and from the Camp and the boat dock will be provided hourly from 9am to 7pm.

Homecoming Pie Contest

Patti Johnson

This year's pie contest is already in everyone's mind

It is open to the public and your home baked pie can be delivered to the pavilion between 8:30 and 9 AM.

Past winners have been for a variety of fruit pies, classic cream pies, and combinations of delicacies made by Islanders for all of us to enjoy.

Candy VOLTZ and Debbie Duirk are wonderful facilitators and keep everything moving right along.

The judges take their job seriously and the top three accumulated points win baskets of wonderful prizes donated by our island businesses.

All the pies will be available during the food line until we run out, which happens quite early.

We look forward to having new entries and traditional entries, and for all the new people on the island to come and enjoy such a wonderful island tradition.

See you at homecoming and if you have a pie come by 9 AM.

Winners will be announced right after the parade during opening events.

Celebrating 80 Years of Tradition:

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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

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Starts at Dusk at KI Ball Field

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80s THROWBACK WEEKEND

FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF
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Footloose
Sponsored by Seaway Marina

Dirty Dancing
Sponsored by Crooked Tree Vineyard

Concession Stand will be Open

FAMILY FUN EVENT!
PARKING BEGINS AT 8:00 PM
PUBLIC RESTROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE. In Case of Inclement Weather Movies will be at the KI Town Hall

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For more information or to sponsor this event please email the office at info@kelleysislandchamber.com

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Chamber Sponsored Events
August 2-3
FilmFest
September 6
Treasure Island Days
Islandwide Chamber Member Events

<p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) 	<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/PA 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)
<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Kelleys 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) 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)

For more information about these Island events please scan the QR Code or visit our website at www.kelleysislandchamber.com.

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

August Events



in Shores & Islands, Ohio

Jill Bauer, **SHORES&ISLANDS**.OHIO

Summer is in full swing in Shores & Islands Ohio, and the calendar is packed with exciting events to make the most of the sunny season! From lively festivals and waterfront concerts to family-friendly fairs, August offers endless ways to celebrate summer along Lake Erie's scenic shores. Check out 15 can't-miss events happening across the region this month. Visit SHORESandISLANDS.com for more information.

Berlin Heights Basket Festival

Aug 1-2 Berlin Heights

A celebration honoring the local history of basket-making. Contests, kiddie tractor pull, flower show, the Charger Marching Band, Grand Parade, youth activities, open market, food and craft vendors, and fireworks.

Vermilion Beach Market

Aug 1-2 Sherod Park, Vermilion

Shop by the beach from over 100 vendors for vintage and handmade decor including furniture, architectural salvage, handcrafted home decor, jewelry, clothing, and art.

26th Annual All Classics Festival

Aug 2 Huron Boat Basin Marina, Huron

Come spend the day walking the docks looking at classic boats and over 100 vintage cars. Live DJ, food trucks & vendors.

Super Trouper's - ABBA Tribute Band

Aug 2 George's Waterfront Bar, Middle Bass Island

Northeast Ohio's premier ABBA tribute band, paying homage to their entire catalog. The vocals, the feel, the look, the vibe!

ARTS in the Park

Aug 2-3 Lakeview Park, Port Clinton

Join talented artists for a celebration of creativity. Stroll through a vibrant collection of fine and decorative art, meet the makers, and find something special to take home.

Film Fest

Aug 2-3 Ball Field, Kelleys Island

Watch popular box office movies, drive-in style, in front of a large inflatable screen beginning at dusk. Snacks and drinks available.

Island Green Week 2025

Aug 2-9 Lake Erie Islands

A celebration of natural beauty, ecology, and history. The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, OSU's Stone Laboratory, and Put-in-Bay Township Park District produce an array of events throughout the week.

Tommy Boy Fest

Aug 7-9 Jackson Street Pier, Sandusky

The classic Sandusky-based comedy "Tommy Boy" marks 30 years and the city of Sandusky will honor the film with a multi-day festival. Movie screenings, concerts, contests, tours, and more!

Kelleys Island Homecoming

Aug 8-9 Kelleys Island Pavilion, Kelleys Island

A weekend for those who love this island to enjoy fun, food, and entertainment. Enjoy a fish fry, parade, entertainment, craft and vendor market, food and beverages!

Arts & Crafts Fair

Aug 9 Kelleys Island Historical Association, Kelleys Island

This show features music, jewelry, pottery, writing, painting, knitting, sewing, or that category that just defies description. Visit the museum, Parsonage Resale Shop, and Old Stone Church next door!

Bash on the Bay

Aug 13-14 Put-in-Bay Airport, Put-in-Bay

Bash on the Bay 8 is a music festival featuring headliners Luke Bryan and Sam Hunt, with support from Ashley McBride, Russel Dickerson, Bret Michaels, and others.

Halupki Festival

Aug 17 Holy Assumption Church, Marblehead

A day of fun, food, and polka! Tasty homemade halupki, peroghi, halushki and more. Amazing desserts, cold beer, polka music, and craft vendors, plus children's activities.

3rd Thursday Music, Flowers, and a Sunset

Aug 21 Downtown Vermilion

An exciting array of entertainment with over 30 bands scattered throughout town. Do some shopping, grab something to eat, or enjoy some great ice cream.

An Afternoon of Rambling Troubadours

Aug 23 Charles Herndon Galleries and Sculpture Gardens, Kelleys Island

Spend an afternoon with musical poets. Putting a spotlight on artists who could really weave words, such as Tom Waits, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Patti Smith, and more!

Milan Melon Festival

Aug 29-Sept 1 Village Square, Milan

Delicious melon and cantaloupe ice cream, fun rides, and unique vendors! The Melon Festival provides unique entertainment and fun. Plus, plenty of melons in all shapes, sizes, and forms!

KILA Korner August 2025

Drew Algase

If it's August, it's time for KILA's annual Homecoming celebration!

Now that a successful Island Fest is in the books, it's time to look at KILA's 51st annual Homecoming celebration on Friday and Saturday, August 8 & 9 th



castle, the 3rd annual Corn hole tournament, the "beer" slide, a silent auction, the craft & vendors market, Estes school alumni photo, and fun for the whole family. And, don't forget to stop by the KILA booth for your "Big Chuck" shirts.



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 of 600 will be sold. Tickets are available from KILA board members. The drawing will be at 5 PM Saturday August 9. Winner does not have to be present.



Big Chuck shirt modeled by KILA treasurer, Melanie

SHORES&ISLANDS^{OHIO} again is a sponsor for Homecoming for the KI community and all visitors & guests.

SAVE the Dates:

KILA's annual business meeting will be Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:00 am in Estes School. This important meeting is for all KILA members and interested residents. It will consist of election of directors to the board, the annual President's report, and a discussion of future KILA activities. The board of directors meeting will follow immediately.

Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 1 PM will be the KILA sponsored Candidates' Forum. This will be in the Estes school Gym. Candidates running for local elected positions on village council and school board will be invited to participate.

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The theme for this year is "Remembering Big Chuck", honoring the memory of Charles "Big Chuck" Schodowski. Chuck was a legendary TV Personality in NE Ohio, KILA member, neighbor and friend.

Homecoming begins on Friday August 8th with the 5th annual Fish Fry. Same place, the Pavilion; same time-serving starts at 6:00pm; same great fresh perch fried by Joel Byer; same great music by Frank and Dean; and same great price \$30. 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. Buy in advance as tickets will not be sold "at the door". Limited carryout service will be available after all seated guests are served.

Saturday kicks-off with the Homecoming parade featuring the Schodowski family as the parade marshals in memory of Big Chuck. The Crestline Bulldogs and Milan Edison Chargers marching bands will again participate. Line up at west ferry dock across from Venture Resort and the Villa by 10:30 am. The Parade starts at 11:00 am marching down West Lakeshore, through downtown and ending at Community Park on Addison. Please join the parade by decorating your vehicle/cart/bike with your favorite Big Chuck character or memory. Prizes will be awarded for the best "Big Chuck" entries.

Speaking of prizes, the Pie Contest encourages the bakers to submit their best pies for judging. Please submit your entry at 8:30 am Saturday at the Pavilion. Prize winners will be announced after the parade. And, all pies will be sold by the slice for desert.

Lunch will be served by KILA volunteers including hamburgers, hot dogs, and picnic sides. And, in keeping with Big Chuck, we'll also have a "Kielbasa Kid special" of kielbasa & kraut. There will be soft drinks and cold beer available.

The day includes family entertainment by the lively Fat City Band, Kid's games and contests, Snickers the Balloon Artist, a bounce

51st 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

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

*Raffle To Benefit
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**Drawing Saturday
5:00pm 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
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"**
Music by Fat City Band
3rd Annual Corn Hole Tournament
Photo - 1pm at the basketball court:
For Estes School Alumni & Ki Summer Kids Alumni

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Ballot issues/levies will also be explained. A “must attend” for all KI residents and especially registered voters.

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:

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KILA Booth at Islandfest, L to R: Drew, Larry, Chris, Christina

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Janet Killam

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We end each class with a short relaxation period leaving you feeling refreshed and centered.

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Kelleys Island Film Festival Brings Back the 80s for a Totally Tubular Weekend

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

KELLEYS ISLAND — Movie lovers, mark your calendars: the 19th Annual Kelleys Island Film Festival is set to bring a wave of retro fun to the island on August 2 and 3, 2025. This year's theme, "80s Throwback Weekend," promises a nostalgic celebration of one of film's most iconic decades, with a lineup of beloved classics playing under the stars.

Hosted by the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce, this free, family-friendly event will take place at the KI Ball Field each evening at dusk. Parking begins at 8:00 PM, and in the event of inclement weather, all screenings will move to the Kelleys Island Town Hall.

Saturday, August 2

- **Double Feature:**

Ferris Bueller's Day Off (*Sponsored by Kelleys Island General Store*)

Footloose (*Sponsored by Seaway Marina*)

Sunday, August 3:

Dirty Dancing (*Sponsored by Crooked Tree Vineyard*)

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and their best

80s outfits as they enjoy a weekend full of dancing, laughter, and iconic movie moments. A concession stand will be open throughout the event, and public restrooms will be available on-site.

The Film Festival is a beloved Kelleys Island tradition that brings together residents, tourists, and families for a relaxing and memorable summer evening. This year's event adds a fun twist with its 80s theme—expect lots of bright colors, big hair, and classic hits to set the mood.

The Kelleys Island Film Festival is made possible by the generous support of many local businesses and organizations, including:

- Shores & Islands Ohio
- Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative
- Kelleys Island General Store
- Seaway Marina
- Crooked Tree Vineyard

The Chamber of Commerce extends its sincere thanks to all sponsors, volunteers, and community members who help keep this cherished summer event alive year after year.

For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce at info@kelleysislandchamber.com.

VFW Post 9908 – Bugle Call

Paul Burns, Quartermaster

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

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

Our annual Veteran's Day ceremony will be held on Saturday November 11th.

We are planning on an event to celebrate our seventy-five years of being part of this wonderful community later in November. I am told that our community had about 500 souls living here during World War II, and that 123 of our citizens served in the military during that conflict. That's an amazing statistic. We, the current members of Post 9908 are proud



Post 9908 Members at the Island Fest Parade

and honored to carry on for those who came before. Thank you again for the support this community has given us for three quarters of a century.

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



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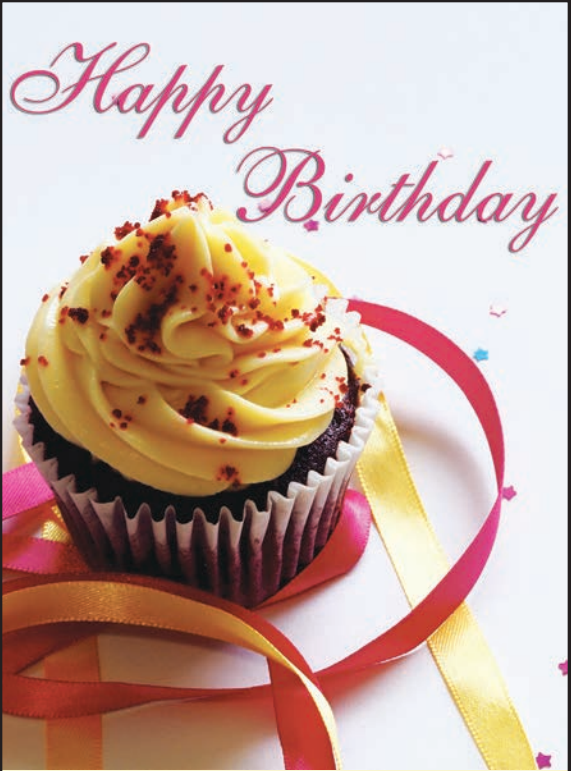


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Isabella Zettler Rubeck and Justin Rubeck got married on June 7, 2025 on the family property, The Kelley's Island Wine Company. Isabella is the daughter of Kirt and Robby Zettler. Justin is the son of Joyce and Bob Rubeck.

The Bridal party... Maid of Honor, her sister, Abbey Rosado. Bridesmaids, friends Hannah Kulka(future SIL), Mallory Eide, Brandy Kludig, Amanda Wilson, Ashton Rubeck, sister of the groom and her daughter Isabella Petkovski
Groomsmen...Eric Aites, best man, Rostislav Zettler(brides brother), Nate Rubeck(grooms brother)., David Foulk, Robert Concepcion, Owen Taylor and the grooms nephew Alex Petkovski.

2025 Science Saturdays

Science Saturdays is a partnership between Kelleys Island State Park, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island Field Station. This weekly series of events features interactive exploration of a particular wildlife topic. Families and learners of all ages are invited to explore hands-on science fun during this free drop-in event, which runs from 10 am to 12pm on Saturdays through Labor Day.

- August 2 TBA
- August 9 KI Homecoming Community Park
- August 16 Ohio Geological Society - Geology Glacial Grooves
- August 23 Pollinators & Pancakes
- August 30 Kelleys Island School Monarch Butterflies Kelleys Island School



Spotlight On Abu

Lori Hayes

The island is very privileged to have an outstanding group of International Worker Students this summer. They can be found at the gift shops, Restaurants, and lodging. One of them is Abu from Uzbekistan. If you are wondering where Uzbekistan is it is to the East of Russia in Central Asia.

Abu is studying Business Administration in Rome and is here

for the summer.

His host is The General Store. He likes working at the General Store because his manager is funny. He also works a few hours a week at The Inn for Pat Hayes.

Lori and Pat Hayes enjoy meeting people from different cultures.

I asked him what he likes about America and he said "the people because they are polite". And what does Abu like about Kelleys Island?

That it is peaceful.

After working on the island this summer, he plans to travel to New York and California.

His favorite hobby is reading books. Dostoevsky is one of his favorite authors.

So, if you happen to meet up with him at the General Store make sure to be polite!

Airport News

Leslie Korenko

On June 26, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09) announced a \$361,400 grant to Kelleys Island to pay for the second phase of an environmental assessment for planned runway safety improvements, including relocating Monaghan Road. Funded through the FY25 Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) program, the awards will boost the region's aviation economy and workforce while

enhancing long-term safety and service capacity in Erie and Ottawa Counties. "These awards represent smart, targeted investment in transportation infrastructure: the backbone of our northwest Ohio region," Kaptur said, "These facilities are lifelines for emergency access, business development and future aviation growth. From snow removal equipment in Fremont, to major runway and taxiway improvements in Port Clinton and Defiance, to

long-overdue safety enhancements on Kelleys Island, these projects support the skilled labor and small businesses that keep our airports running and our communities connected." Ironically, the next day, June 27, around 11:30 in the morning, a single engine plane crashed on the runway of the KI airport. There were two occupants who suffered minor injuries.

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The Parsonage Perspective

Janet Killam

Hello August! Teach me how to slow down without falling behind!"

As summer all to swiftly transitions into August, there's no need to feel blue. Come brighten your spirits up by visiting your Parsonage Resale Shop where oodles of fantastic deals await you and a warm welcome, turns into a lively afternoon chat with friends.

Jodie has proclaimed bargain and barter Wednesdays which is the order of the day. Name your price and you will inevitably come to an agreement with her. Just like that!

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See you there soon!



Kelleys Island Historical Association

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The KIHA is looking for volunteers for the Museum and the Parsonage House Resale Shop. **Paid Managerial Staff** needed. Do you like to have Fun, share history, look through old stuff and create eye appealing displays? You will love the Resale Shop!



The Sewer Project

Leslie Korenko

Significant progress has been made on the sewer project. KEM has submitted the Preliminary Engineering Report to the OEPA for review and approval. Upon approval, the project will transition into the detailed design phase while the Village identifies and secures funding to facilitate construction. No public meetings have been held yet to explain this project, its scope, or the impact it will have on the community, however; bids for the work will go out in the Fall with construction starting in the spring. A public meeting is planned for the Fall.

Council Notes

Leslie Korenko

EMS had 26 runs and 18 clinic calls. Dehydration tops the list of runs with non-alcoholic liquids as the solution. The Fire Dept. had 3 runs. There are now two 500 gpm pumps that can be put into the lake to pump water. The Police Dept. received 10 reports, fielded 210 phone calls. There were 17 arrests/citations, 5 warnings and 4 accidents. The Water Dept. is still locating and repairing leaks from last winter. The Airport Committee has been meeting with the FAA, ODNR, and consulting firms about the relocation of Monaghan Road. The Design Review Board would like to expand its authority to the Village as a whole and not just in the Historic District. Streets & Sidewalks is conducting repairs and maintenance on our roads. Verizon will be putting a 30 ft. extension on the antenna tower. Only three ordinances passed, all budget related. The Park Board has been busy. A ribbon cutting donor appreciation ceremony will be held Aug. 25 at 11. New mulch has been installed in the Memorial Park. The water situation in that park is still a problem and the Park Board will be replacing the water fountains in there, at the ball diamond, and at the restroom building.

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Transient Rental Program

Sue Taylor, Clerk of the Transient Rental Program.

I am happy to report the rental owners have come thru and as of July 11, 2025 we have 107 compliant rentals with certificates! There are 16 pending rentals, mostly waiting for their Septic Inspections. We sent out 69 letters to those who have not responded to our initial mailing. 45 people responded that they are not renting. We are still waiting to hear from the other 34 home owners.

Many of the Transient Rentals were found to have problems with their Septic systems and much work has been done to correct these problems. I

believe that shows the need for the Transient Rental Program! This is an awesome win for our Island. Faulty septic systems can pollute the water and flow into adjoining properties. The Erie County Health department has been very interested in our findings.

Another mandatory compliance item is registering with Erie County to pay the Lodging tax. The Village receives 2% of this tax. Another plus for the program.

ALL compliant Transient Rental locations should have a yellow certificate in a front window. If you are questioning if a house is complaint... look for the yellow certificate!!!!

It has been quite a year getting this program up and running. We still have areas where there is room for improvement. Any suggestions are welcome. Email Sue Taylor, Clerk of the Transient Rental Program: trpclerk@kelleysisland.us or call me at 419-746-2535 option *.

Rob Quinn, Zoning Inspector

While there were some first-year hurdles, I want to commend Sue Taylor for her hard work in assembling all of the data necessary to make the program a success. Additional commendations should go out to the various contractors who assisted in the inspection process to get these units approved. Franklin Sanitation will likely have a record year on the Island as they have been here daily since the start of the program getting all of the systems inspected and repaired. Mr. Franklin indicated the program took an extraordinary amount of time due to the large number of repairs that were needed to make the systems work correctly in an effort to protect the wells and drinking water of properties and of neighboring properties.

We have some unfinished components that are essentially consequences of the program that we need to address. The largest of which is properties that are set up as multifamily properties in the rental program. If a home is in a single-family residential district, and the home is part of a short-term rental program, and the home has a second dwelling set up as either a rental, or an owner's unit, it is in violation of the current zoning code on the Island and it is not permitted to be in the rental program. An exception to this rule would be a duplex or property

that was set up as a multifamily property prior to our adoption of the zoning code in the 1980s, and if that property has been used in that fashion since before we had a zoning Code. While we expect there are a number of these properties that have accessory structures that morphed into living quarters in the last 35 years, they will likely not be eligible for short term rentals and are subject to being responsible for getting Change of use permits into living quarters per our code.

I will be making a recommendation to Council that the TRP program be capped at or near the present number of rentals, much like many communities do in an effort to preserve the integrity of the Island and prevent all of the residential neighborhoods from being overburdened with commercial rentals.

Our initial data scrub found that there are nearly 200 rentals on the Island, As Sue mentioned, we sent letters to the remaining properties and asked that they immediately return the letter signing the affidavit that they are no longer rentals. We have received over half of them back so far. Our next phase will be to follow up with the properties that haven't responded and then start the enforcement and compliance component of the program.

We appreciate everyone's participation and willingness to work with us in the first year of this program. I expect council will have discussions this fall to discuss tweaks to the program for next year based on our first-year experiences.

Any questions or comments that are directed toward the zoning department should be sent to zoning@kelleysisland.us

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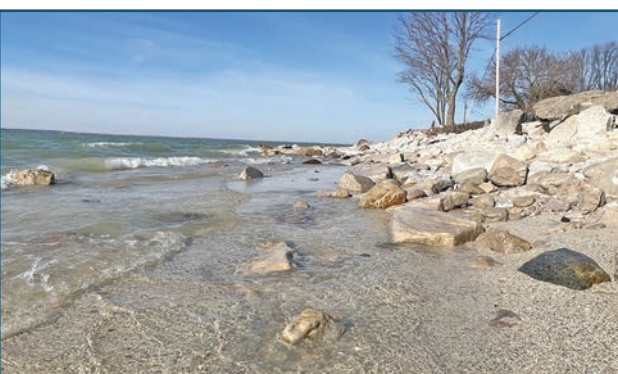
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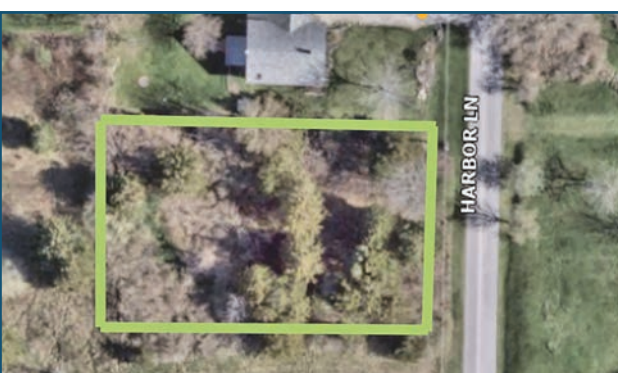
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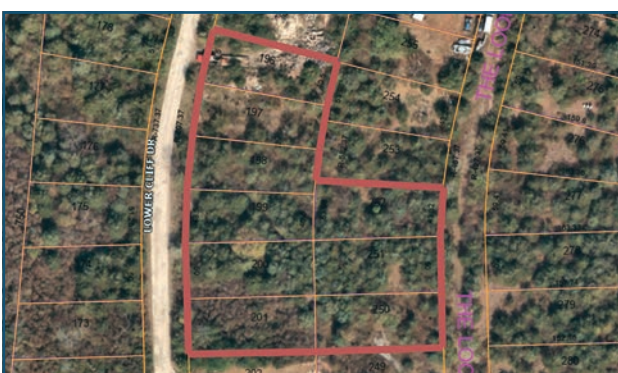
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Kelleys Island Real Estate – A Shift in Summer Pace

Steve Mack

As the summer season rolls on, the Kelleys Island real estate market shows signs of softening, with fewer new listings and a steadier, more cautious tone from both buyers and sellers. That said, deals are still getting done, particularly when price and timing line up just right.

Looking at the most recent 30-day stretch from June 16 to July 15, 2025, the residential side of the market was quiet when it came to new listings. There weren't any. However, three properties did go pending during that time, with asking prices ranging from just under \$480,000 to nearly \$1 million. Days on market for those pending homes ranged from just over a month to nearly three months, showing that while buyers are still out there, they're moving with care. One home sale did close, a to-be-built home that transferred for just under \$500,000, a figure that included a construction package with a designated builder.

The land and lot market showed slightly more visible activity. One new listing appeared, priced at \$89,500, and two parcels closed. One was part of a previously planned sale with a late May contract date. The second, a property in Southaven, closed in late June at \$180,000. A few listings also saw price reductions, including a lakefront property that reduced its asking price by \$28,000.

Zooming out a bit, the prior 30-day

window from May 15 to June 15, 2025, showed a bit more energy. One new high-end home hit the market in late May, and while no traditional home sales closed during that time, one to-be-built home did transfer for just under \$500,000, a figure that included a design and construction package with a designated builder. There were also a handful of price reductions, including both mid-range and upper-end listings. One home went contingent just after the start of June. On the land side, there was one new listing, one price reduction, and two closings. Sale prices for those parcels ranged from \$80,000 to just under \$170,000, with relatively short marketing times for both.

By comparison, during the same time last year, from June 15 to July 15, 2024, the market felt a little more active. One home sold during that stretch, and two land parcels closed, including one that had been on the market for nearly a year. The numbers weren't all that different from this year, but the market seemed to be moving with a bit more confidence.

Altogether, the story this summer is one of moderation. Buyers haven't disappeared, but they are taking their time. Sellers are beginning to respond with price adjustments, and in some cases, that's what's making deals happen. With fewer listings hitting the market and longer timelines before closing, patience and pricing are proving more important than ever.



The Village of Kelleys now has a full-service Building Department

As of July 25th, of this year, we have received our certificate from the State of Ohio approving the Building Department. The Village started this process early last year following the advice of the State Fire Marshalls office and following the direction of surrounding villages and cities.

While the process will add time, and expense to property owners who are engaging in building, addition, remodel, and other projects on the island, the purpose of the program is to ensure projects are completed to the standards set forth in the Ohio Basic Building Code and that Inspections are done to ensure the compliance with the code and life safety concerns are met or exceeded.

The Village has hired the City of Sandusky to manage the entire process including permit applications for the various projects, collection of building permit fees, Inspections, and final occupancy.

Beginning immediately, any new construction that has not already been completed is required to apply for the appropriate permit through the city of Sandusky. You can find the permits on their website and fill them out and submit them to the City of Sandusky Building department. Do not pay attention to the Sandusky fee structure on their site. For now, the building

official will calculate the fees and submit a bill for them to the applicant.

For projects that have started, but are not completed, you are required to make application for the portions of the projects that are not completed. For example, If you built a building and the structure is up, but the heating and air conditioning, electric, and interior walls are not covered, you are responsible for obtaining those permits immediately in order to maintain compliance with the Village Code. Plumbing permits will continue to be obtained from the Erie County Health Department. Final occupancy permits will not be issued until such time that all of the inspections for the various trades have been completed.

The early stages of this program will undoubtedly have a few hurdles, so bear with the new building department, and consider reaching out to them for questions on compliance and process. We recommend you use the City's website for communicating. Also for specific questions related to how this may apply to your specific project. Please feel free to email me at zoning@kelleysisland.us , I'll do what I can to get you the necessary information.

Regards,
 Rob Quinn
 Zoning Inspector

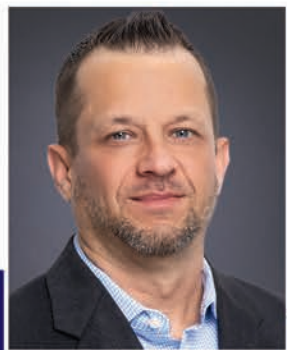
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IslandFest 2025 Draws Huge Crowds & Big Smiles

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

Another IslandFest is in the books, and this year's celebration was one for the ages! With sunshine, smiling faces, and creativity at every turn, the annual IslandFest Parade wowed hundreds of visitors and locals who lined the streets to take part in this much-anticipated summer tradition.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who participated and helped make this year's parade an unforgettable highlight of the festival. From decked-out golf carts to elaborate floats, this year's entries brought the spirit of the island to life in fun, fresh, and fantastic ways.

IslandFest is more than just a parade—it's a weekend-long celebration of Kelleys Island's vibrant community, rich traditions, and welcoming spirit. With food, music, vendors, and fun for all ages, 2025 proved once again why IslandFest remains a beloved highlight of the summer season.

An event of this scale wouldn't be possible without the dedication, time, and support from so many incredible partners. We extend our deepest gratitude to the KI EMS, Fire, & Police Departments for keeping everyone safe and secure throughout the weekend. Erie County Sheriff's Department for their presence and assistance during the parade and festivities. ODNR Officers for their continued partnership and support.

Metro Health for providing medical services and peace of mind to our guests. Sugar Ridge Towing for helping guide our parade entries smoothly through town. Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line for generously providing parade volunteers and keeping the island connected. Franklin Sanitation for keeping our festival clean and comfortable with restroom facilities. The Casino for managing trash cleanup behind the scenes. The Mayor & Village of Kelleys Island for their unwavering support, coordination, and leadership in making IslandFest a success.

Until next year—thanks for the memories, Kelleys Island



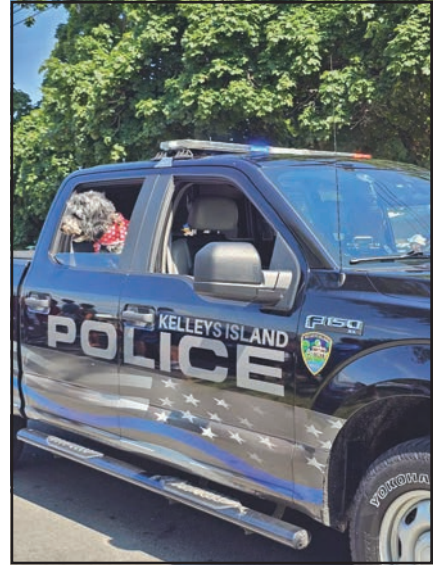
Congratulations to all the 2025 IslandFest Parade Winners!

Golf Cart Winners

- Best of Show - The Breakfast Club (#6)
- Most Original - Rita & Pam's "Paddle Boat"
- Best of Theme - Boats "n" Hoez (#11)

Float Winners

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- Best of Theme - Kelleys Island Ferry Boat Line (#2)
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Enhancing Dental Care Services

New Dentist Joins Erie County Community Health Centers

Sandusky, OH, July 22, 2025 - The Erie County Health Department (ECHD) and Erie County Community Health Center (ECCHC) are pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Sabrina Case, DDS, to their dedicated dental care team. With the addition of Dr. Case, the practice now has five full-time dentists, along with 14 support staff including dental assistants, expanded function dental assistants, and dental hygienists to serve the community.

A native of Lorain County, Dr. Case has deep roots in Northern Ohio and developed a strong passion for serving others early in her career. She earned her undergraduate degree from Cleveland State University before obtaining her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from The Ohio State University.

During her time at Ohio State, Dr. Case was recognized for her outstanding clinical abilities, receiving the prestigious Award for Dental Excellence in Prosthodontics and the U.S. Public Health Service Dental Award of Excellence.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Sabrina Case to our team," said Peter T. Schade, Health Commissioner, Erie County Health Department. "Her dedication to patient well-being, combined with her exceptional skills and gentle approach, make Dr. Case a tremendous asset to our patients and the community."

Dr. Case believes that trust, education, and compassion are the foundations of excellent dental care. Her warm, patient-centered philosophy ensures that every individual receives personalized and comfortable treatment. Outside of her professional life, Dr. Case enjoys cooking, painting, and exploring the outdoors with her husband, Ethan, and their beloved dog,

Ravioli.

Dr. Case is accepting patients at the ECHD main campus, located at 420 Superior Street in Sandusky. To schedule an appointment, please call 419-626-5623, Ext. 5174.

ECCHC Now Offers Dental Crowns

The Erie County Health Department and Erie County Health Center are expanding dental services with the addition of dental crowns, made possible by a recent grant from Delta Dental. This significant advancement in technology will enhance patient care and streamline the process of receiving high-quality dental restorations.

With grant funding, ECHD/ECCHC were able to purchase the PrimeScan digital impression system. This cutting-edge technology allows our dental professionals to create precise digital impressions of patients' teeth, eliminating the need for traditional,

often uncomfortable, physical molds. This digital data is then used to create custom-made dental crowns, offering patients a convenient, single-visit solution. Staff also completed additional training in the use of the system as well as the need for this type of dental restoration.

About the Erie County Health Department

The Erie County Health Department's mission is to promote and improve the health and safety of the communities and environment within Erie County while preventing disease through essential public health services. ECHD operates the Erie County Community Health Center, the Erie County Detox, Kaptur Rogowski House, and Compass Point, providing adult day services for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients.

For more information about Health Department or Health Center services, visit www.ErieCoHealthOhio.com.

ECHD/ECCHC's Accessible Entry

The Erie County Health Department (ECHD) has opened its new Accessible Entry at the Main Campus location, 420 Superior Street in Sandusky. This significant enhancement is a key component of the health department's "Age Well" initiative, designed to ensure all residents, particularly older adults and those with mobility challenges, can access healthcare with greater ease and dignity.

More than just a ramp or covered entry, the Accessible Entry leads to an all-inclusive exam room where the patient remains while all necessary medical and administrative staff come

to them. This innovative approach eliminates the need for patients to navigate multiple rooms, from check-in and waiting areas to the final examination space.

"Our goal with the Age Well initiative is to create a healthcare environment where every patient feels supported and can take the time they need to truly understand their health," said Peter T. Schade, Health Commissioner, ECHD. "This Accessible Entry and integrated exam room is a major step forward in reducing the physical and logistical barriers many face when seeking care."

As part of the ongoing Age Well initiative, the ECHD is also excited to announce the future opening of the Community Pharmacy at the Main Campus this fall. The pharmacy will offer patients the convenience of filling prescriptions and purchasing over-the-counter medications at the time of their appointment.

Community Pharmacy
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Opening: Fall 2025



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Sandusky Aquatics Center Opens!



The Sandusky Aquatic Center is thrilled to announce upcoming opportunities for community access, inviting community members to enjoy the state-of-the-art facility regularly.

The Sandusky Aquatic Center aims to foster community well-being, promote active lifestyles, and provide a welcoming environment for all ages to engage in aquatic activities. Beginning Friday, June 13th, 2025, the Sandusky Aquatic Center will open its doors for dedicated public lap swimming, with a full schedule of activities being introduced throughout the summer. This schedule includes lap swimming from 5:45 am - 7:30 am and 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Lap swimming and pool visits will cost \$5 per visit, and classes will cost \$10 per class, with multi-visit punch cards available for purchase at various prices. The full schedule for June can be found on the Sandusky Aquatic Center Google Calendar on ECHD's website, www.ErieCoHealthOhio.c

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens Acquires Toledo Federation of Art Societies Collection

Rodney Noble, Executive Director Schedel Arboretum & Gardens
 Elmore, OH - The Schedel Arboretum & Gardens is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Toledo Federation of Art Societies (TFAS) Permanent Private Collection of fine artwork, consisting of more than 180 pieces created by esteemed Toledo-area artists. This historic transfer ensures the collection remains intact and accessible to the public, reinforcing Schedel's commitment to fostering appreciation for both nature and the arts.

Following more than a century of uniting area arts organizations and promoting local artists, TFAS voted to dissolve at the end of 2024, recognizing the fulfillment of its mission. As part of the dissolution process, TFAS President Condessa Croninger worked for several months with Schedel's Executive Director, Rod Noble, to establish an agreement that would secure the collection's preservation under the nonprofit Schedel Foundation.

Schedel Gardens will incorporate the TFAS collection into rotating exhibits across its galleries, including the McAlear Gallery in the Brown Welcome Center, which will feature an annual month-long exhibition during the regular season, and a winter-long exhibit in the offseason. Three dimensional pieces from the collection will periodically be on display in the Schedel Trellis Gallery located on the grounds. Additionally, a leasing program will be introduced, enabling local organizations and corporations to display pieces from the collection at their venues.

Our mission at Schedel has always

been to highlight the harmony between nature and the arts. This acquisition solidifies that commitment, ensuring that these incredible works remain available for public enjoyment.

The foundation's dedication to art is



Bazaar, Joe Ann Cousino

further evidenced by its stewardship of the Blair Museum of Lithophanes, which houses the world's largest collection of 19th-century lithophanes. Like the TFAS permanent private collection, the Blair Museum, housed in the 1880's Schedel manor house, was entrusted to the foundation with the stipulation that it remains intact and accessible to the public.

TFAS has a long-standing tradition of organizing celebrated juried exhibitions throughout the Toledo area, including TFAS 2023 JMEE, TFAS

100+5, and In the Gardens, a 2021 exhibition hosted at Schedel Gardens. Croninger noted that determining the fate of the private collection was one of the most challenging aspects of the federation's dissolution. "Finding the right home for these incredible works was paramount. We're grateful to have partnered with Schedel to preserve the legacy of Toledo's artistic community," she said.



The Foot Bridge, Walter H. Chapman

The Schedel Arboretum & Gardens is made up of 17 acres of nature, "lovingly sculpted by human hands." The grounds are home to a variety of rare and unusual trees and shrubs alongside more than ten thousand annual flowering plants displayed in numerous themed beds. Some 25 pieces of large-scale sculpture is displayed throughout the landscape. The newly built Marilyn Bandfield Pavilion plays host to a variety of events. Visitors will also find among the many features two lakes, a thirty-foot waterfall, world class bonsai display, a Japanese garden, rose garden and working vegetable garden. The Brown Welcome Center is home to the McAlear Gallery and Veh Conference Center. The 19th Century manor house is home to the Blair Museum and a gift shop.

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens is located at 19255 W. Portage River Road South, Elmore, OH 43416

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Jim O'Donnell

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Pictured left to right are our Camp Firelight campers Charlie, William, Eliana and Cora.

Serving Our Seniors' Upcoming Forums and Events

Unless otherwise noted, RSVPs are required. Failure to attract 30 or more reservations 2 business days before the forum will result in a cancellation of that specific forum.

Call 419-504-0585 to register, or send an email to Mail@ServingOurSeniors.org to reserve your seat. If the forum is cancelled, you will be notified by phone.

MEDICARE, August 13, 2025, and September 10, 2025

Noon to 1:00 p.m., Medicare Lunch & Learn. Serving Our Seniors 310 East Boalt Street, Sandusky. Bring your lunch and ask your questions with no appointment needed.

MEDICARE, August 13, 2025, and September 10, 2025

6:00 to 8:00 p.m., New to Medicare. Serving Our Seniors, 310 East Boalt Street, Sandusky. 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.

What you Ought to Know to Prepare for Medicare Open Enrollment.

August 21, 2025, 1:30 to 3:00p.m., Huron Public Library, 333 Williams Street, Huron Speakers may include Patricia Stineman, Medicare Education Specialist, OSHIIP Certified Medicare Counselor, Serving Our Seniors; Jo Seiler, OSHIIP Certified, Medicare Counselor, Serving Our Seniors; and Bill Radjewski, OSHIIP Certified, Medicare Counselor, Serving Our Seniors.

Mismarketing Medicare Advantage Plans, and Fraud

August 28, 2025, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Erie County Office Bldg., 247 Columbus Ave., 3rd Floor, (downtown) Sandusky, The speakers will be Jodi Roberts, Outreach Specialist Ohio Senior Medicare Patrol, and David Painter, Community Liaison, Ohio Department of Insurance, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP)

Ageism, What You Need to Know

September 9, 2025, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Erie County Office Bldg., 247 Columbus Ave., 3rd Floor, (downtown) Sandusky, Speakers include Cynthia Spitler, Ph.D., Gerontology Professor, BGSU, and Heidi L Barham, Manager of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Hospice of Western Reserve.

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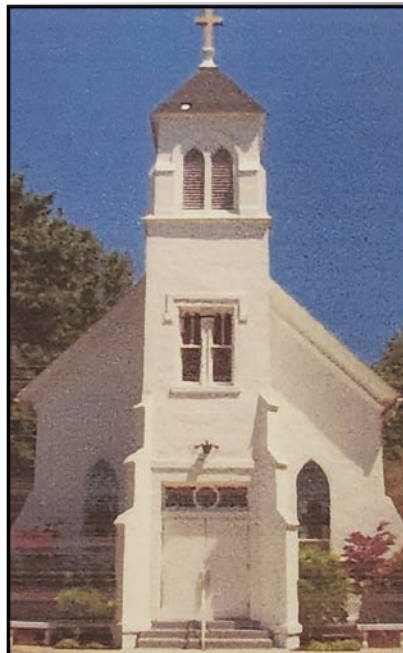
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How do you value your life?

According to the Pew Research Center, the U.S. has the second-highest number of centenarians, 108,000. Japan has the most, 146,000.

As time passes, the projections are that the population of those who are age 100 and older will continue to get larger.

If you are an older American who is motivated by the number of years you get to remain on this Earth, this is good news for you.

If you are motivated by the quality of your life while you remain on this Earth, then you ought to become more knowledgeable about advanced directives and palliative care.

The longer we live, the more likely it is that we will experience a health problem. The health problem that would not have incapacitated us as a young or middle-aged adult is more likely to have debilitating effects as an older person.

As you ponder, do you want quality of life or quantity of life?

This will help you decide the extent to which you want heroic measures to sustain your life when terminal or in a vegetative state.

Do you want hospice care? Or do you want everything possible to sustain your life?

What about palliative care: Do you know what this means?

These are heavy issues that deserve time, thought and attention to truly understand, well enough to make an informed decision.

What are advanced directives?

Advanced directives are legal documents that all adults should understand.

Advanced directives are living wills and health care power of attorney documents.

Such documents give a person the power to make their wishes known in advance.

It also gives instructions for the degree to which heroic measures to be used to keep one alive should a person become terminally ill or permanently unconscious.

Some people think that their last will and testament will handle this matter for them. It will not.

What is palliative care?

Palliative care is defined by the Ohio Revised Code as "specialized care for a patient of any age diagnosed with a serious or life-threatening illness provided at any stage of the illness by an interdisciplinary team in consultation with creative-treatment providers and intended to:

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Palliative care is different from hospice care in that palliative care can begin and still give the patient curative treatments.

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The Telephone 1877

Leslie Korenko

It's August 1877, and Islanders are excited about that new technology – The Telephone – “This instrument is soon destined to supersede the natural tongue as it will sing, play any instrument, or talk. Those who wish to escape a woman’s everlasting jaw will have to move to some other sphere, as a hundred miles or so is nothing now to prevent her scolding you.

Ye heavens forbid! What next on the program? The telephone works satisfactorily from Boston to Wooster and more recently from Chicago to Milwaukee. Talking was indulged in until all present were perfectly satisfied that the machine was a success. There will be no more use to go to theaters, church, or concerts hereafter. Henry Ward Beecher can attach telephones to his church in Brooklyn and send his sermons all over the world as if we can talk 100 miles. We will be able to talk to more distant parts of the world soon. When the diagrams of the great international rifle match in Ireland were sent over the Atlantic Cable with every bullet hole correctly placed, everybody held up their hands in astonishment but when it comes to talking by wire, it beats all.

Pres. Orton of the Western Union Telegraph Co. says he has received applications from several female operators who will do all the talking for any office no matter what the size. He says while he does not doubt their ability to do it, he can see no way to take the conversation down at the other



The first telephone on the Island was installed at the Store on the Corner – The Lodge – in January 1883

end of the wire. Now we think his head is loose. As no machine has yet been invented which can successfully keep pace with a woman’s tongue. Whenever you hear of any device which pretends to do it, just test the machine by hooking on one or two sewing societies and if it works successfully under that pressure, it will transmit the language of lightning intelligibly. It may safely be interested with the contract of reporting the doings of the Lodge.”

A little later the above comments came under fire. “I understand some of our ladies objected to my comparison of a woman’s tongue to a telephone as they did not wish to admit that any human invention could rival a woman’s

jaw. Well I am awful sorry of course. On the other hand the Lodge unanimously condemned the machine (the Telephone of course) because the proprietor of the Lodge talked of putting a machine in the store to connect with all the important houses on the Island. This of course, would put such houses in direct communication with the Lodge and we should expect to hear, ‘John. Come home quick and split some wood or I’ll split your head.’ Or ‘Ben, didn’t I tell you not to go to that miserable store today?’ Or perhaps, ‘Jack, are you coming home with that

meat or will I have to come after you?’ Such remarks as these would, of course, appear very embarrassing to the recipients and would be a very strong argument against the introduction of the machine. But this is a Republic and its motto is ‘the greatest good to the greatest number.’ The inventor of the telephone says it will revolutionize the present customs of society...”

From the book Kelleys Island 1877-1884 - The fire, the Great Grooves, & a mysterious disappearance by Leslie Korenko

Kelleys Island Bird Watching Guide

Kelleys Island State Park

920 Division St., 419.746.2546, 866.644.6727, parks.ohiodnr.gov

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- Sale-to-list ratio: 90%

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- 3 under contract
- Under contract average days on market: 78

Currently Available:

- 5 Active home listings: from \$479,900 to \$1,475,000
- 6 Active lot listings: from \$84,950 to \$469,900

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