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Heard it through the grapevine... Changes at the Kelleys Island Wine Co.

Carol Nelson-Burns

Vintner Kirt Zettler will now be devoting more time to doing what he really loves: making wine! The day-to-day operations of the Kelleys Island Wine Company wine bar and the winery restaurant are now being overseen by Bret and Lynn Maiers, currently in their fifth year of full-time island restaurant management.

KI Wine Company will continue to offer six varieties of wine this year--Inscription White, Indian Red, Glacial White, Sunset Pink, Coyote White and Long Sweet Red--with the anticipation of some new

varieties next season, says Kirt. As in the past, wine is purchasable on site by the glass or the bottle, as well as being sold in three-packs or even by the case, which can be mixed varieties. In addition, Kirt is offering splits this year. Sample trays are a continuing favorite for the KI Wine Company newcomer as well as those of us who favor certain wines but want to try others on occasion. Kelleys Island Wine can only be purchased at the winery or by the case online (check it out at kelleysislandwine.com); it is not available through other commercial distributors.

Winery favorites will continue--cheese plates, picnic and porch tables and chairs for leisurely summer sipping and sampling, a clothing line of t-shirt, sweat-shirts, and caps, as well as, at least for the foreseeable future, the children-oriented business venture established by young Zettler entrepreneurs Isabella, 12, and Rusty, 8. Named the "Brass Monkey" (after a popular song), this operation currently offers soft drinks and snacks in the adjacent no-smoking/non-alcoholic environment of the "old" winery building to younger Islanders, typically 8-15. A variety of musical entertainment is also featured with Milan, Michigan, native Larry Read as the Wine Company piano man, sometimes leading a sing-along and sometimes just providing mood music on weekend afternoons.

Bret and Lynn are "very excited" about their new venture, which Bret describes as a "marriage of fine wine and fine food." Lorain natives, Lynn and Bret have built a solid reputation for high quality food in a tasteful environment, qualities which Kirt and Robby have carefully crafted into the Kelleys Island Wine Company as it has evolved under their nurture. With a three-year management commitment, the Maiers plan to bring some of their signature features to the Winery. These include adding fresh seafood and garden-grown herbs to the menu offerings, rebuilding the kitchen, and upgrading the deck tables and chairs.

The Maiers bring with them committed servers, and have hired local food-industry personnel to complement their lunch and dinner service at the Winery.



Staff include Abby Zettler, Annie Coulon, Peg Holmes, Katie Joyce, Grant Grayson, Rex Higgins, as well as Debbie Herwick and Wayne Neumann--all experienced and equally committed to providing a high caliber dining experience. The Maiers' move to the Winery has had a "strong reception" as many former patrons are attracted to the quality of food and service that Lynn and Bret provide.

Preferring to grow their own foods whenever possible, the Maiers also like to incorporate locally-available food items, such as "ramps" (wild onions that grow seasonally on Kelleys), mushrooms, and apples specific to the Island. Lynn intends to provide a variety of fresh desserts. In addition to managing the Winery-site restaurant and wine bar, Lynn and Bret will provide catering both on site and off, for functions varied from special parties to formal affairs; arrangements can be made directly with them at bret-lynn@cros.net. The Kelleys Island School Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Winery on May 13. Planning to be open Thursday through Sunday during May, the Maiers anticipate expanded operations with daily service during June through August.

Lynn's business management skills were honed from running her father's insurance office for 15 years, while Bret's culinary expertise has developed from nearly twenty years of diverse food-service related tasks that started with cooking as a teenager. They credit "Chicago" with bringing them to Kelleys, where Bret began working at the Casino approximately 13 years ago. Now, Kelleys is home for Lynn, Bret and their Saturday-Night-Live-named kitten, "Toonces."

Welcome back, welcome back....

Carol Nelson-Burns

As we advance towards "the season," the KI events' calendar begins to fill with pronouncements of welcoming activities. A "welcome back" weekend, breakfasts available weekends at Bag the Moon, West Bay weekend specials, new "features" at the Winery, a Winking Lizard van arrives as work behind the scenes begins. And the annual Chamber of Commerce Welcome Back Fish Fry occurs....

"Tall man" (Don) Stein and son Andy are "haul'n," their golf cart making its latest "fast track" delivery to Town Hall, where runners bound up and down the steep old steps to transfer empty pans for the filled trays of perch and walleye prepared at the Village Pump by Gary and Jackie Finger et al. Hungry KI family and friends new and old line up patiently, eager to scoop up generous portions of the fish dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Lisa Klonaris. Husband Ted and son George serve as Team 2 of the relay sprinters, carting Bag-the-Moon-prepared French fries to the serving line. After Penny Kyle collects the pre-sold tickets (over a 100) or collects money from on-site sales (pushing for another 100 as the clock nears its 7:30 pm finish), diners follow the food line.

Chris Wise piles piping hot fish while Fred Wolcott scoops out fries, Kathy Wise and Barb Shadle offer baskets of rolls, butter, and cole slaw sides. Teresa Trumpower restocks dessert offerings--Key Lime Pie, carrot cake, ambrosia salad, grape kuchen, and other tasty sweets--donated by Island cooks Dot Simonds, Barb Shadle, Kathy Wise, Dee Zimmerman, Sharon Shafer, Linda Layton, Chris Yako, and June Campbell. Twila Joyce circulates, helping where needed, always with a warm, winning smile. Eric Elfers and Sharon Ackermann provide back up to also assist, as does "mom" Annie Coulon.

The Island Drill Teams perform, Broadway-bound in top hats and sparkling pint-size tuxes replete with mini-"canes" were (Primary Drill Team) Erin Joyce, Kimmie Holmes, and Daniele Klonaris who stepped to "New York, New York" and "Hair." Natalie Holmes and Mallory Coulon, the Elementary Drill Team, performed a wedding skit then a "Shout" pom in purple jump suits. Krista St. Julian and Katie Joyce (the Junior High Drill Team) strutted a Supamix number in navy jump suits, all under the capable dedication of Sandy Trainer and her co-director/choreographer, daughter Karrah. These numbers were performed at the Miss Ohio Dance Drill Team State and National Competition in Ashland last January, where the team collected 13 trophies including Grand Champions as well as individual honors. At the Town Hall Fish Fry they are serving up their talents to the community.

Proceeds from the \$15 a head dinner (1/2 price for children under 12) support children's and community events on the Island, such as the Sandusky Bell Choir that performed at the winterfest, reports Chamber Director Lisa Klonaris. Mark your calendars for next year's annual seasonal welcome. Mouth-watering walleye and perch in hearty portions rounded-out with home-grown but world class entertainment, all of this in support of community life: the fish fry is always a welcomed event in Island life.

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New arrivals at Camp Patmos

Tim Richardson

We are pleased to announce our new full-time superintendent of grounds, Adam Gehman from Rochester, Michigan. Adam will be overseeing our summer grounds staff and coordinating our volunteer work projects, as well as fixing those leaky faucets and keeping the landscaping looking nice.

After 35 years of use and abuse we are retiring our miniature golf course to make way for a new one to arrive this spring. This one will be arriving in pre-cast sections on flatbeds and put into place in the same general location.

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Adam Gehman

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Coast Guard visits KI School



St. Patrick's Day on KI brought lots of the usual green, but also plenty of blue in the form of Coast Guard members Jason Gale, Bob Joyce, Josh Johnson and Jeremy "J" Ritchey, who spoke in the library to the student body and interested members of the community. It turns out there are 38 members of the Coast Guard over in Marblehead, many of them stay at the facility, some stay in one of eight houses the Coast Guard has in Marblehead, and others are from the area. The service handled 30 ice rescues this winter. Each ice rescue requires them to call out the Detroit air copter for a cost of \$20,000 to the taxpayers. Seems like those fishing could be a little more careful and save us all a lot of money and their families a lot of worry. Photo Molly Minshall.



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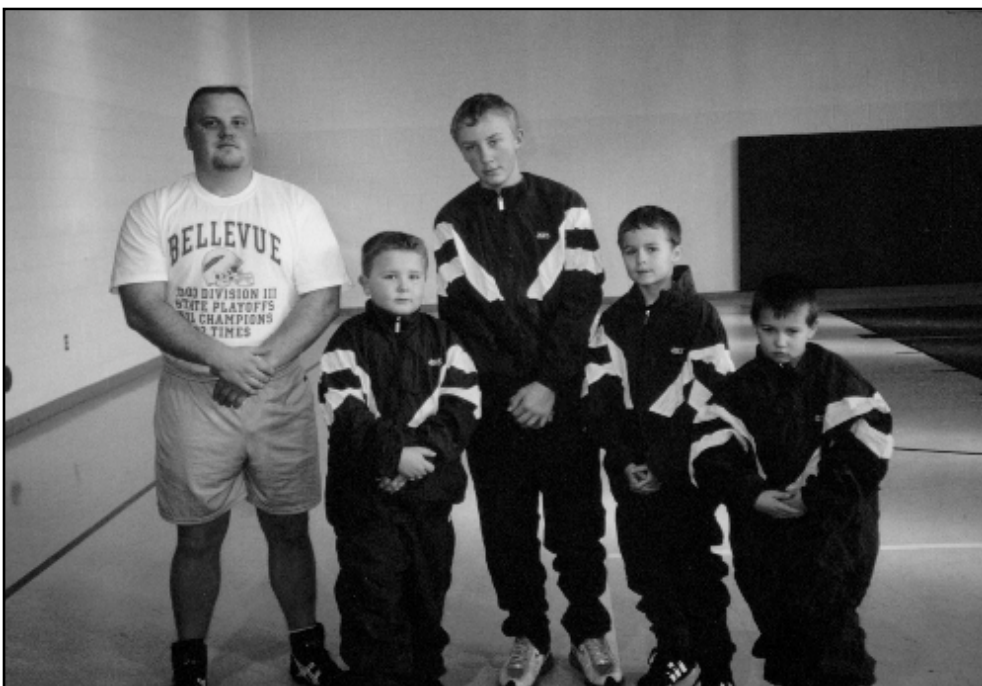
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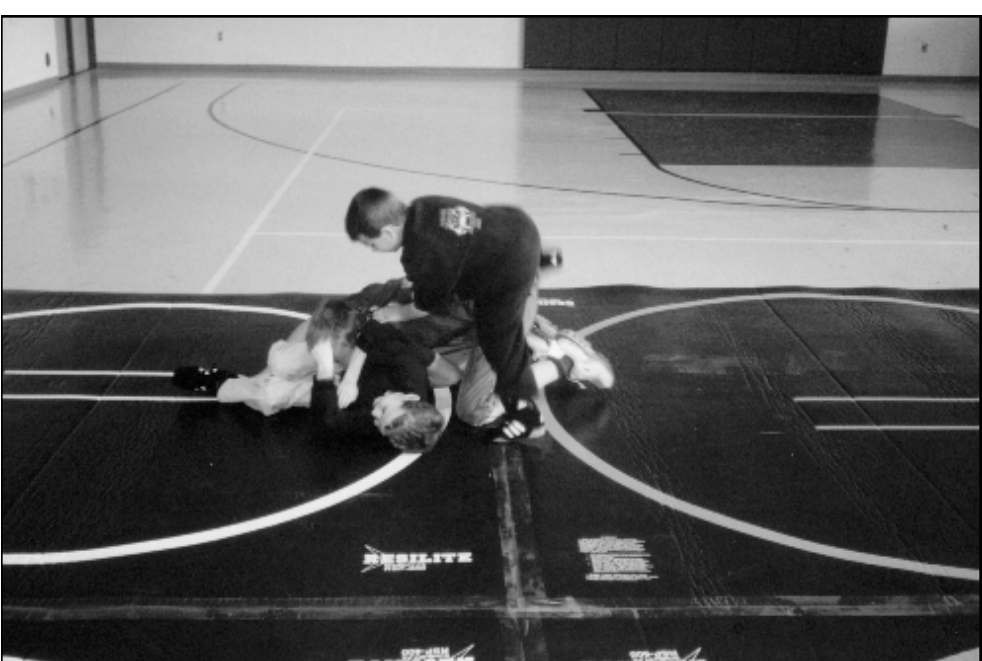
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See You at the Casino

Matt takes KI boys to the mat



Above: KI School Biddy Wrestling Team—the Green Devils—works out. Below: Wrestling team head coach Matt Burkhart, Bobby Coulon, Skylar Gordon, Billy Minshall (who worked out with the team) and Jimmie O'Dee.



Kelleys Island Police Department's full-time officer Matt Burkhart coached the Kelleys Island School's Biddy Division Wrestling Team this school year. The "Green Devil" wrestlers had a successful 2004 season under his leadership. The team consisted of Jimmie O'Dee, Bobby Coulon, Skylar Gordon and Billy Minshall (who worked out with the team). "This was a very rewarding experience," said Matt, who, "enjoyed watching these young men work hard and improve over the course of the season."

All participants achieved their own personal goal of winning a trophy and placing at some of the meets. The Green Devils competed at Margareta, Jimmie O'Dee Placed 2nd. Jimmie also placed 2nd at the Clyde meet and Bobby Coulon earned 4th at Clyde and Port Clinton, along with Skylar Gordon, who earned a 4th as well. The Biddy Wrestling Program is getting very popular throughout the State of Ohio. The tournaments the team went to were very competitive and loaded with talent, both boys and girls.

Matt wished to send special thanks to Jim and Lisa O'Dee for their efforts with the Biddy Program, and to Mayor Rob Quinn for providing transportation to and from the tournaments. And thanks to the Parkertown Restaurant for furnishing breakfast while at the Margareta Meet.

Sad News

Matt, who joined our police department a year ago and has served with distinction, has decided to leave our island and has taken a full-time position with the Bellevue Police Department. Matt was born and

raised in Bellevue, where he wrestled while attending Bellevue High School. Before coming to Kelleys last year, Matt had served as a police officer for a season on Put-In-Bay.

He will be sorely missed on Kelleys. In the short time he was here he completely melded into the community. He made many friends and beside acting as head coach for the wrestling team, he acted as assistant coach for the school's track team, leading the shot and discus throwers.

Matt is sad to be leaving the island but happy to be "heading home." He expressed dismay with the difficulties in housing for island police and the less than competitive wages and benefit package.

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Making music....



By Carol Nelson-Burns

This past winter, the congregation of Zion Community Church had an unexpected delight, twice over, as the musical "team" of Stuart and Phyllis Humphrey took their seats at the sanctuary's piano. While Phyllis has provided off-season music service for years to the Zion congregation, her husband's talents "went public for the first time," Stu quipped. Sensing his interest, Phyllis asked, why not play the opening? They began taking turns playing preludes and postludes, though Stu says, "I couldn't play a hymn as she [Phyllis] does."

Stu took piano lessons for three years when he was 9 because he "wanted to play popular music," and he

has been playing for his own enjoyment for years. "One finger melodies I got out of a book, making up the bass" he says, but "never THIS kind of music [hymns]." Stu likes to play songs "the way they would be sung," so he holds a note or lengthens a chord for the vocal intent he "hears," claiming merely "his timing is off." Ever modest, he describes his style by stating that he "throws a couple extra notes in and everyone thinks its great." "As long as people enjoy it, I get a kick out of it," he concludes.

Congregants at Zion received an extra-special surprise on the last Sunday in April. The idea of husband and wife playing music together had been in Stu's mind throughout the winter but he didn't voice the thought; later he learned Phyllis was thinking the same thing. With Stuart at the piano and Phyllis at the organ, "everyone applauded," something Stu said he "can't get used to".... in church. Learning to play together-across the room, without even being able to see each other—required simply "listening to each other," he said. "She'd start out, and I would follow...I don't like to count anymore," he explained. Like dance partners, the Humphreys' music was a give-and-take movement, each knowing when to lead, and when to follow. "She made up chords when I played the melody, then we switched, and then we played together," Stu explained.

Stu describes Phyllis as "the real musician." Holding a degree from Capital University, Phyllis taught vocal music in public schools, K-12, for 15 years. Later, she worked with the elderly at nursing homes and taught a course for Activities Director certification at Owens Tech (now Owens Community College). There were "[student] papers all over the house, and files and files" says Stuart, but he notes that Phyllis's students "loved her."

When Stuart and Phyllis moved to Kelleys Island

full-time 11 years ago, having maintained a residence here for 34 years, Phyllis substituted at Kelleys Island school, then developed its now five-day/week pre-school program which she has taught for 9 years. Stuart worked for the Transfer Station, from which he retired last year.

A native of Oak Harbor, Stu met Phyllis (from Clyde) at a Valentine's Day dance in 1959. He says a buddy talked him into going to a Valentine's dance in Fremont where he first saw Phyllis, who came with a date. From the first time he saw Phyllis, Stu thought, there's a gal I could marry. While others danced, Stu spotted a piano, and started playing, attracting Phyllis who came over to listen. Asked if she knew anything about playing, Phyllis said "no," so Stu gave her a "half-hour dissertation on piano playing"-learning only later from his buddy that she was a piano teacher!

It took a month (into March) to get a date with her Stu said. They were engaged in June, and married in August, even though she didn't like the name "Stuart" and he didn't like the name "Phyllis." Daughter, Tama, shares her parents' keyboard talent, having studied music at Bowling Green. She's "good on piano and organ," says her dad, and plays at children's recitals. Three grandchildren— Jessica, Rachel and Jonathon of Hinckley, Ohio— have yet to express their musical genes. However, Cassie, their "one-dog-too-many," whom Stu rescued from lake ice this past winter (see *Kelleys Life, March-April edition*) contributes strong-voiced barking to her family's gatherings. Forty-five years of marriage later, Stu and Phyllis Humphrey STILL gather at the piano, complimenting each other's talents.

Editors Note: The Zion Methodist congregants are blessed throughout the summer with the talents of Carol Schnittker who has played the organ for their church services for many years.

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Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve--19 acres of abandoned limestone quarry on the Marblehead Peninsula--will hold their annual open house on Sat., May 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Lakeside Daisy grows on nearly barren limestone bedrock, blooming in early to mid-May. The preserve is the home of the only natural population in the U.S. of this spectacular wildflower. A brief ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Tours will be conducted on May 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Preserve is located in the Village of Marblehead on Alexander Pike directly across from

the Kelleys Island Ferry.

Marblehead Lighthouse State Park--is looking for individuals who would like to volunteer 4 hours per week during June, July and Aug. to assist with Lighthouse tours and provide brief history lectures. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Complete training is provided and volunteers are not required to climb the lighthouse stairs. To volunteer or for further information, please call 419-734-4424 ext. 2.

Benajah Wolcott Keeper's House, 9999 E. Bayshore Road, Marblehead -- 2.5 miles southwest of the Marblehead Lighthouse is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, June 1 through Aug. 31.

Step back in time to the 1820s at the home of Marblehead's first lighthouse keeper. On the National Register of Historic Places. Also, visit the gift shop and used book sale in the Annex Thursdays through Saturdays 1 to 5 p.m.

Marblehead Coloring Book--Jodie McCallum, Karin & Aimee Messner have teamed up to create a new coloring & activity book based on the businesses and attractions in Marblehead. The book comes complete with a set of crayons and is available at most Marblehead-area shops. It includes mazes, word searches, hidden objects, dot-to-dot, as well as drawings of area buildings. The couple will be working on a Kelleys Island book for publication next spring.

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Editorial comments

I'm dissed. I'm disgusted, distressed, displeased, disenchanted. I feel we islanders have been made disparate, we have been discriminated against and many have been disenfranchised. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati has ruled against the vote-challenged island residents in a decision which upheld the U.S. District Court of Toledo's decision of Oct. 2002.

In essence, the decision says that the Erie County Board of Elections did not violate the National Voter Registration Act when it conducted its residency hearings against island voters.

I refuse to believe that any group of government officials can tell us where we live. I refuse to believe that our U. S. Constitution would uphold such interference. While I understand that no one has the right, nor should they, of being able to vote from more than one location (and that has never been the issue, hinted at or inferred, in any case of any of the challenged voters), I do not understand how any public entity has the right to tell us which location it should be. I believe islanders are being punished for owning more than one home. It's class-ism, just another form of abject discrimination.

I believe most islanders want and

deserve the right to vote where their vote counts and not from the larger communities they may happen to have other domiciles. There are many people here that are here for six months and somewhere else for six months, but this is where their hearts are. This is where their taxes are so sky high they absolutely must have the inalienable right to defend themselves. Again, no one has ever, ever suggested that anyone on Kelleys has tried to vote from two locations.

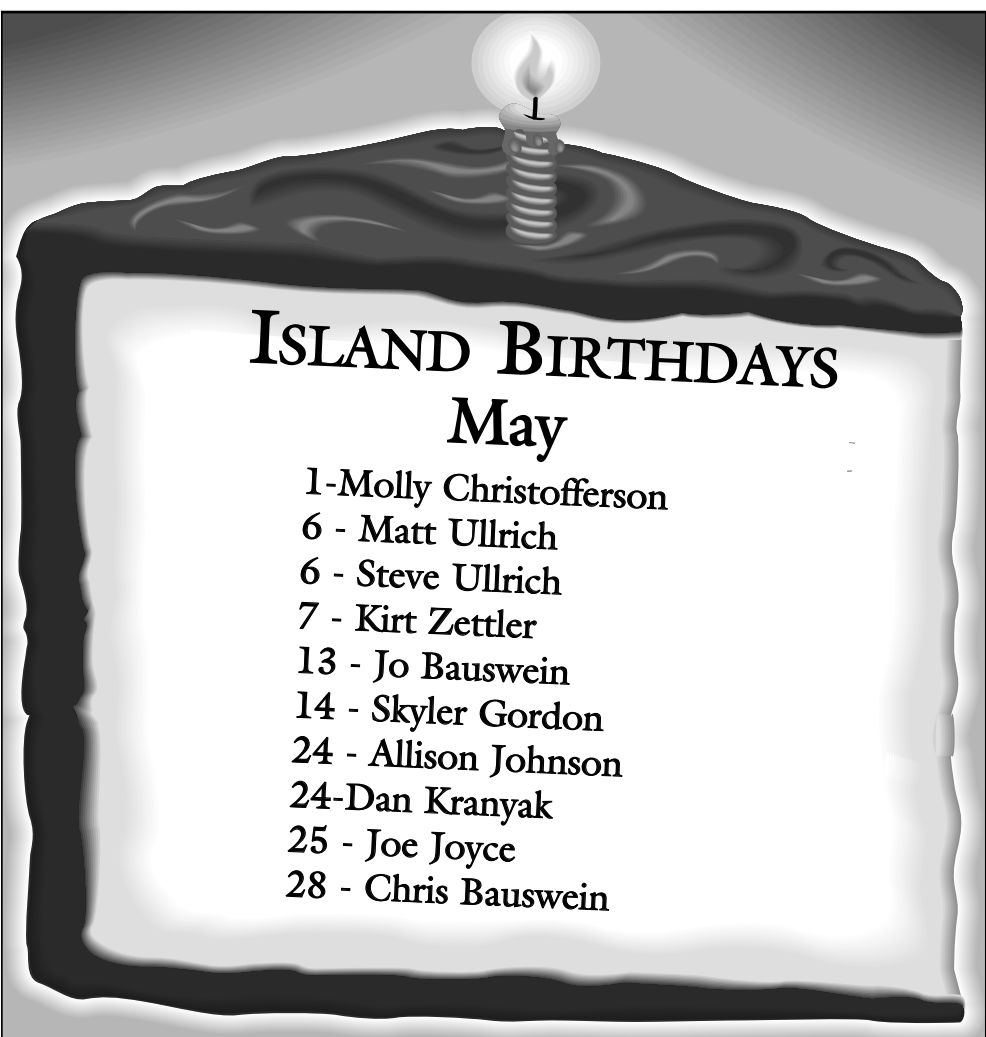
Personally, I think that would actually be a grand idea. In Canada people can vote on the issues in every location they own property and then they select one location from which to vote on their representatives—Hurrah Canada! How forward thinking and just. It sounds like taxation with representation...wait a minute...that's what our forefathers intended, too.

I hope this isn't the end. I have to believe that the U.S. Supreme Court will view this differently. Of course the Erie County Board of Elections has the right to challenge voters and must follow through on challenges they receive, but I refuse to believe that they have ruled correctly and in accordance with the laws of our land.

Amazing Amelia

Beautiful Amelia Hermes was born Jan 28 to Jon and Robin Hermes, son and daughter-in-law of Tim and Beth Hermes, owners of KI WatersEdge Bed & Breakfast. She was just a little over 6 lbs. at birth and is shown here on Easter. Amelia is Tim and Beth's first grandchild, and since Beth had six brothers, and she and Tim had three sons, having a little girl to enjoy is a "real honor and blessing," says Beth.

Jon and Robin are enjoying their very healthy and happy baby in Lyndhurst, where they purchased a home two years ago. Tim and Beth are looking forward to spending much more time with her once the sailing and wedding season begins, since Jon is not only the primary Licensed Captain for Kelleys Island Sailing Charters, but also an ordained minister.



Drippings

Steve Turner

At the March 9 meeting the board discussed the problem caused by customers removing their own water meters for the winter. This is illegal as it is meter tampering, and causes problems for our workers, who discover the meter missing when they go to read it. We have no way of knowing where the customer has stored the meter. Also, damage can be done to the meter and the connections if not reinstalled correctly. For a fee of \$20, we will remove the meter in the fall and secure the line, then reinstall it in the spring for \$20.

This guarantees that the customer will not have to be concerned about leakage causing high wasted water bills, which seem to occur every winter. If we notice unusually high readings on a meter and know that the house is unoccupied, we shut off the water, however, we cannot be responsible for keeping watch. A letter will be sent to all customers informing them of the board's policy of charging the \$20 fees, when the meter has been removed, whether it is removed by the customer or water department workers. Also, the customer will be held responsible for any damage caused by removing and reinstalling the meter improperly.

The need to put in new pressure sensors and controls to automatically operate the service pumps, must be done as soon as possible. The antiquated existing controls were damaged by a recent fire and are a constant problem in a vital area of the system. This work and the needed replacement of the old portion of the raw water intake line are both essential, expensive projects that are necessary to keep the water supply dependable.

The water tower is currently being painted, This is the last phase of the repair and rehabilitation work on the tower which was started last year. The total cost of this work is in excess of \$70,000, not including the replacement of the pressure sensors and controls. These repairs and improvements should enable us to get more years of use from the tower and also improve the quality of the water.

Deepest Condolences

To the families of Bob Behlen and Leroy Verlenger. Because we went to press just after their passing, we hope to run their obituaries in the next issue. Both men will be sorely missed on our island.

Get Well Wishes

Bob Overcashier
Annie Ludu
Dale Eckart
Paul Mack

Please let us know who we're missing, or if you no longer wish to be listed.

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2004 Island Events

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Sat., May 15 KILA meeting-St. Michael's Hall
Sat., June 5 Unc'l Dik's Birthday/Pig Roast Benefit
Sun., June 13 5K & 10K Run
Sat., June 19 KILA Welcome Potluck--Pavilion Noon.

Sat., June 19 KIAC Annual Picnic - Pavilion- 6 p.m.
Sat., June 19 VFW Chicken Barbecue
Sat., July 17 KILA meeting 11 a.m. St. Michael's Hall
Fri.-Sun, July 23-25 Islandfest "2004"- further information to come
Wed., Aug. 4 KIAC Junior Nature Camp
Sat., Aug. 7 Art Show - KIHA
Mon.-Tues., Aug. 9 & 10 Kelly Miller Circus
Sat., Aug. 14 KILA meeting 11 a.m. St. Michael's Hall
Sat., Aug. 21 Homecoming - KILA
Sat., Aug. 28 5th Annual Poker Run - Bag the Moon
Sat., Sept. 11 Treasure Island Day
Sat., Sept. 11 Butterfly Festival - KIHA/KIAC
Sat., Sept. 18 Kayak Poker Paddle
Sat., Sept. 18 KILA Annual Meeting 11 a.m. St. Michael's Hall
Sat., Sept. 18 Half-way to St. Patrick's Day

Sat., Sept. 18 Annual Pig Roast - The Casino
Sat., Sept. 25 Fall Feathers & Foliage Festival - KIAC
Sat., Oct. 9 Spaghetti Dinner for Island Girls Drill Team--Village Pump
Sat., Oct. 16 KILA Meeting 11 a.m. St. Michael's Hall
Sat., Oct. 16 Thanksgiving in Oct. - Bag the Moon
Sat., Oct. 23 Children's Halloween Celebration
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EMS Week celebrations will also be held in conjunction with National Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day, May 19.

The theme of this year's EMS Week, "EMS: There When You Need Us," focuses on the commitment and dedication of the 750,000 EMS providers who provide an essential community service every day.

Throughout EMS Week, state and local planners will hold activities honoring paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, fire fighters, and the police. EMS providers also will educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness, and medical emergencies.

EMS Week is sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians. Organizational sponsors include The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

The Book Nook

Carole Turner

When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home by Erma Bombeck

This book will have you laughing out loud as you follow Erma around the world. She endured a salmon fishing expedition in the Bering Sea, tried to relax in Papua, New Guinea during a tribal war, floated down the Colorado River in a raft, and towed a twenty-two-foot trailer across Canada.

On Easter Island, an extremely remote spot, she was alarmed that there were no gift shops. But the barter system worked well, and Erma departed with watercolors, jewelry, and wood carvings while her husband's shaving cream, running shoes, and jeans stayed behind.

Erma discovered that working vacations were mostly work. During a month-long book tour of New Zealand and Australia she spotted only one koala bear because most of her time was spent giving endless radio interviews in windowless studios.

Flexibility is very important if the traveler is not to be disappointed, after all, states Erma, the world traveler,

"Some of the most creative fiction being written today are travel brochures." Erma hoped to purchase Tlingit art at a museum in Klawock. When her tour group arrived the museum was closed. She intended to view the Million Dollar Bridge at Cordova. No one bothered to tell her that part of it had been destroyed by moving glaciers. She even fantasized about a romantic gondola ride. She had no clue that the summer of her visit gondoliers and tourists alike had to don face masks to travel the canals.

Included, of course, are the tales of luggage lost, bad airline food, and overpriced souvenirs. And vacation food: eat at your own risk, Erma advises. Due to cultural differences, shortages, and lack of health standards, eating one's way around the world is, indeed, tricky business.

Although she confesses, "I'm a tourist and I act like one," even Erma knows that when you're tired of sheep's eyeball soup and tacky souvenirs, it's time to head home.

This book may be requested through our local library system.

Which Books To Read During Summer?

Summer time may be the best time to pick up a new book, but which ones are the best?

There are plenty of web sites ready to guide you with book suggestions. One site to try is ReadinggroupGuides.com. It's aimed at making reading more fun, and to use a high tech term, more interactive. Reading guides has 800 guides on all different types of books, from the classics to

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Spring clean up



Rob Watkins cleans up the accumulated debris of winter from the property around the front of the Island Market. Photo Steve Turner.

Keeping snakes out of your boat!

Kristin Stanford "the island snake lady"

Ahh, springtime. Time to start thinking of boats and business, birds and bees, and oh yeah...snakes! By the end of this month, most of the snakes on the island will have emerged from their long winter hibernation. The last of the snakes to wake are our infamous Lake Erie Watersnakes. (Hey, they're island snakes, they're on island time!) Soon, they will be slithering back into our lives, and it's my job to help make that transition easier for everyone. Think of me as the "Snake Counselor." If they're causing you problems, you call me, we all sit down and see what we can do to work things out. (If only life were so simple!)

Last year, I received numerous requests for helping people keep watersnakes out of their boats and personal watercraft. In order to answer this outcry, the Division of Wildlife worked with me to develop some pamphlets and signs addressing some of the Do's and Don'ts. Although none of these will guarantee that a snake can never get into your boat, following them will help keep the majority out.

DO:

-Keep the boat covered when not in use for extended periods (more than a few

days). Although this is not a total remedy, some covers will hinder the snake's ability to crawl inside the boat.

-Tie the boat a few feet away from the dock. If you keep the boat snug against the dock, it increases the likelihood that snakes may fall inside.

-Empty the boat's live well and pull in any stringers of fish. Keeping bait fish in the live well for extended periods and leaving fish on stringers hanging from the boat may attract snakes.

Use Snake-A-Way®, or other Naphthalene products (found in mothballs) near the areas where you believe the snakes are accessing the boat; it may deter them from coming inside.

Remove the snake carefully by hand. Remember, the snakes are NON-VEN-OMOUS. They might bite you, but it's not going to kill you. Use a towel or rag to cover its head to protect yourself from bites. Use both hands to pick the snake up. One hand should be just behind the head, and the other should support the body. Since you are in the boat, the quickest and easiest solution is to drop the snake into the water.

DON'T:

-Try and use a fishing net to remove the snake! The snake may be small enough to fit through the holes in the net and fall back in the boat as you try to put it overboard. If the snake is too large for the holes in the net, it will attempt to escape and get itself stuck; then your only option is to work the snake out by hand, which may require cutting the net.

-Kill or harm them intentionally to remove them from your watercraft. The Lake Erie watersnake is protected by both state and federal laws. Intentionally harming them is illegal!

As always, do not be afraid to ASK ME QUESTIONS! If you would like copies of these pamphlets, which also include some natural history information on the snakes, please e-mail or call or just stop by! I also have a few snake signs left.

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ABC's of early detection

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A change in the size, shape, color or feel of a mole or an unusual new mole is often the first sign of melanoma, the rarest but deadliest form of skin cancer. When checking moles, remember your "ARC's":

Asymmetry: One side of the mole does not match the other.

Border: A mole's outline is jagged or blurry.

Color: The color is uneven. You may notice different shades of tan, black and brown. Areas of white, gray, red, pink or blue also may be present.

Diameter: The mole is larger than 1/2 inch

in diameter--about the size of a pencil eraser.

Elevation: Be wary of moles that are raised above the skin's surface.

To detect skin cancer at an early stage, get familiar with your moles and birthmarks. Then, every month, check your entire body in the mirror for skin changes, including your back, scalp, and feet. A handheld mirror can help ensure a thorough self-exam. Ask your doctor to check out anything that concerns you.

Tips for protecting your skin

-Limit your exposure to the sun when it's brightest, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

-Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 with both UVA and UVB protection.

-Apply sunscreen about 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply it every two hours. For children, use a water-proof formula.

-Spread sunscreen on your nose, ears, neck, hands, and the tops of your feet. Also, cover any bald areas on your scalp. Wear a lip balm that contains sunscreen, too.

-Use sunscreen year-'round.

-Wear wrap-around sunglasses.

-Choose tightly woven clothing that cov-

ers as much skin as possible.

-Wear a hat that has at least a 6" brim all the way around.

Protection isn't just important for adults--sun damage begins in childhood. Children are more at risk for sunburn than adults because they spend more time in the sun.

Parents should follow the same sun protection guidelines for children as they would for themselves. Also, remember to keep babies younger than six months out of the sun completely or shade their carriage or stroller with an umbrella.

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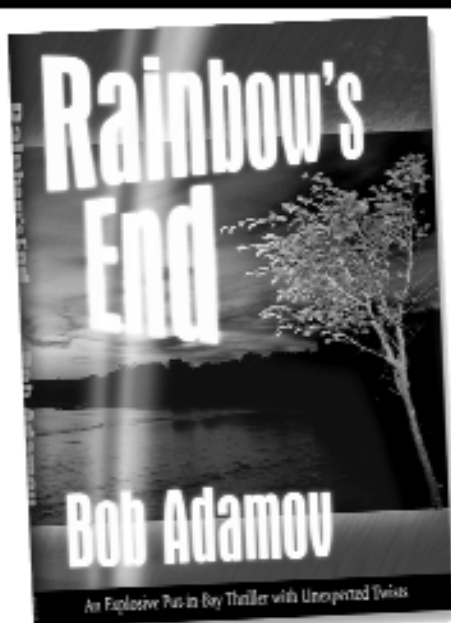
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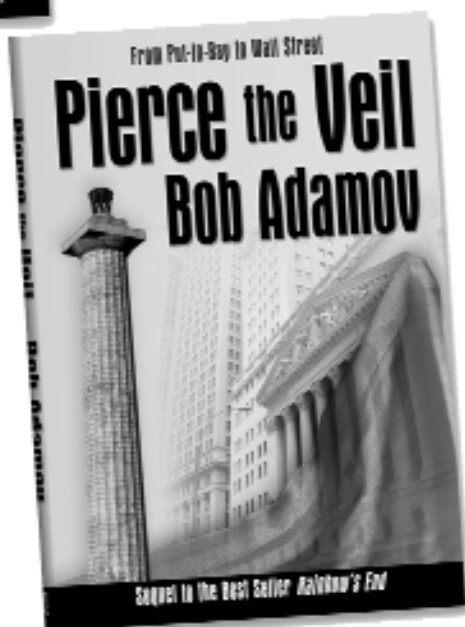
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Kelleys Island School news

By Phil Thiede,
Principal/Superintendent

100th graduating class for Kelleys Island School

This year marks the 100th graduating class for the Kelleys Island Local School District. Beginning with the first graduating class in 1889, this year's seniors, David Brown and Will Stoup, will be the 431st and 432nd graduates of our school system. The two largest graduating classes were 1914's and 1934's, with 12 individuals in each of those classes.

There were 16 years without any graduates.

Our graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2004 beginning at 2 PM in the school's gymnasium. This year's guest speaker will be State Rep. Chris Redfern. Because of the unique size of our school, David and Will, with the guidance and direction of Mrs. Pat Seeholzer, were able to personalize the entire ceremony using their own ideas and selections for their commencement.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Donating copier to the village

The Kelleys Island Board of Education will be donating a copier to the Village of Kelleys Island. We will be replacing the copier at school with a newer model which will serve our needs in a more efficient manner. The board of education felt the monetary trade-in

value of the copier did not equal the remaining useful value of the machine.

The mayor's office will decide where this copier will best be utilized for the benefit of the island government.

Thank you KI Audubon Club

I would like to thank the Kelleys Island Audubon Club for inviting me to be the guest speaker at their April meeting. I was able to give their group a tour of the school facilities and explain how we meet the educational needs of our island students. Many island residents have never seen the entire school building and it was a pleasure for me to show off our school to everyone in attendance.

Thank you to everyone

Since taking over for Ralph Roshong in January, everyone has made the transition a pleasant and enjoyable task (except for Mother Nature on a few mornings this past winter). As an island resident, everyone should and can be very proud of your student body and staff at Kelleys Island School.

I have tried some new ideas and programs in the school these past five months and they have been met with enthusiasm and backing by the students and staff. Over the summer, I will be meeting with various individuals, groups, businesses, and parents to share other programs and ideas which I hope to institute this coming fall for the students and community of Kelleys Island.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Karrah Trainer graduates



Karrah Danielle Trainer

Come help Karrah celebrate her major accomplishment!

Karrah Danielle Trainer of Melody Lane will graduate with honors from Bowling Green State University, Firelands College, on Friday, May 7, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Miss Trainer, daughter of Sandy Trainer and the late Joe Trainer, received an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from BGSU-Firelands College in May, 1998. Miss Trainer has been on the Dean's List at Firelands College for eight consecutive semesters and has received numerous college scholarships. She is co-director and choreographer of the Island Girls Drill Dance teams.

Karrah and her family invite all of the islanders, who have supported and encouraged her in her quest for an education, to a celebration party at the Village Pump Patio on Sat., May 8 from 1-3 p.m.

The role of the School Counselor

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"Hey! Look at the boat with the little boy fishing!" is a phrase that we hear almost daily during the tourist season at 113 Chappel St. My mom, Wanda Stewart, my husband Steve and I inherited the boat when we bought the house from Ellen Jones of Sandusky.

Ellen's husband, Howard, now deceased, found the boat in their backyard, which at that time had not been cleared. Howard brought the boat up to the front yard and painted it white. He put a trellis in the boat for the roses that Ellen planted. The oar, that is with the boat, was found inside the house. Howard made the seagulls, the wooden boat tie and had a frame made for the sail. Ellen was shopping and happened

to see the little boy and thought he would look great on the boat. On the Fourth of July, she would have him holding an American flag.

After purchasing the home from Ellen in the Fall of 1997, we had the winter to think about what we wanted to plant in the boat. Mom suggested blue morning glories and moon flowers for the sail and red begonias for the boat. Easy flowers to take care of and they look good all summer. Our flowers come from Bill Weichel's Castalia Greenhouse. We all love our house at Kelleys but it wouldn't be the same without the little boy fishing on his boat.



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A revocable living trust provides flexibility, enabling you to control how and when your assets will be distributed to loved ones or charity after your death. You may, for example, pass assets with "strings attached."

One of our clients had a son who was a follower of a rock group. He would follow the band from concert to concert and sell t-shirts to make enough money to eat and travel. His parents were worried about his irresponsible lifestyle and propensity for spending money. So in their trust they arranged for the son to have \$1 of their estate for every dollar he legitimately earned. In doing this, our clients found a unique way of providing their son with some incentive, and perhaps motivation, to live a bit more responsibly.

Many practitioners believe that clients should never leave anything of any consequence to their loved ones outright, or "free of trust." They believe that everything

should be left in trust for the heirs' benefit in order to protect the heirs in a way they cannot do for themselves. If you chose to follow this philosophy, you could, for example, specify in your trust that each of your children is to serve as his or her own trustee along with co-trustees for his or her lifetime and that the trust provide for your children's needs as they arise. In this way, you have allowed each child to manage his or her own funds in the way he or she desires; yet, by retaining everything in trust, you have, to some degree, protected each child's assets from the claims of creditors, which could easily arise from a failed business venture, an over zealous litigant (e.g., as a result of an auto accident), or even an ex-spouse in a divorce.

By leaving assets in trust, you may be concerned that you will be over controlling your children after your death. But you can provide as much latitude to your children as you like: your attorney drafts the terms of the trust in accordance with your wishes. Thus, the terms can be as restrictive or as nonrestrictive as you choose, on the basis of your knowledge of each child's situation.

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Kelleys Life Recipes

J. Kranyak

Since I hate to cook, I look for the simplest recipes and Twila's are always among the very best. She was busy this month, so I'm going to lamely try to fill the space with one of my favorite, easiest recipes. People always think I made some elaborate cookie, but it's just graham crackers with stuff poured over them. A friend of mine from Beaver Creek Hunt Club gave me the recipe.

Cinnamon Graham Cookies

10-11 whole graham crackers
2 sticks butter or margarine
1/2 c. brown sugar
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. vanilla

Break graham crackers apart from four into the 3x1" pieces. Lay them on a large, ungreased cookie sheet. Melt the butter/margarine in a saucepan. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon and vanilla. Bring to a boil for about a minute and take off heat. Add the chopped nuts and pour evenly over the graham crackers on the cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10-15 minutes. Remove from oven and when cool, remove from pan, separate and lay on plate or in a cookie tin.

In this day and age of reduced fat, you can try it with just one stick of butter, but they're really the best with two. For variations try cinnamon grahams or chocolate grahams.

Ask Serving Our Seniors

Serving Our Seniors is a local, not-for-profit organization funded by the Erie County Senior Services Tax Levy. Serving Our Seniors is a geriatric social service agency that provides a variety of help to Erie County residents age 60 and better. The organization's purpose is to assist older people so they can maintain their independent lifestyle.

Q: I heard that Serving Our Seniors has a "Ramp Program". How does this work?

A: If you are a resident of Erie County, age 60 or better, and you have a physical disability that makes it difficult for you to safely enter and exit your home – and a ramp will correct this problem, then you should call Serving Our Seniors. 419-624-1856. We can arrange for a ramp to be installed at your home. It is a ramp that assembles and disassembles. If you are willing to ask questions about your financial condition/ability to pay, and it proves that you do not have the means to afford the ramp yourself, then Serving Our Seniors will work out a "Cost-Sharing" arrangement, so that the client only pays the amount that is within their ability to afford without causing them any financial hardship.

Q: I was suppose to get my Golden Buckeye Card, but it never arrived.

A: Call us 419-624-1856 or 1-800-564-1856. We have help many older adults whose Golden Buckeye Cards were mailed, but never received. By using 3-way calling we can contact the administrator of the Golden Buckeye Card and by having you on the phone with us, we can arrange for another card to be mailed to you.

Q: I heard that there is an additional Golden Buckeye Discount I can get when I buy my prescription medicine. Is that true.

A: If you are age 65 or on Medicare, then you should have filled out the application called "Special Assistance Application" that came with your new Golden Buckeye Card. If you qualify, it gives you a better discount than the usual 5%-10% Golden Buckeye Card discount. To qualify for "Special Assistance" you must make under \$30,000.00 a year and be on Medicare. If you threw this application away call Serving Our Seniors (419-624-1856) and we will mail you a new application.

Q: I live on Kelleys Island, but need to get to an appointment to see a specialist at the Cleveland Clinic. I don't drive in big cities. Who can help me?

A: Call Serving Our Seniors (419-624-1856). We have a working partnership with the Erie County Senior Center and we work together to fund a program called "Out of Town Medical Transportation". Using 3-way phone calling, we help you arrange for your ride, which will pick you up in Marblehead and take you to your appointment and bring you back to Marblehead.

Q: My wife and I are both in our 70's. I waited until age 65 to take my full Social Security Retirement Benefits. At that time, my wife was 62, and she took the wife's benefits on my record. (She never worked outside the home.) A neighbor told us we made a mistake. She said that by taking wife's benefits at 62, my wife will get reduced widow's benefits if I should die before she does. Is this true?

A: According to Tom Finton, Field Representative in the Sandusky Social Security Office, this is NOT true. The amount of your wife's potential widow's benefit is not based on when she started taking her wife's benefits. Instead it is based on her age at the time she becomes a widow and whether or not you took reduced retirement benefits. Because she is already over age 65, and because you did not take reduced benefits, your wife will qualify for full widow's benefits if you should pass away before she does.

Q: I was married to a man for about 15 years before we divorced. He died two years ago. I understand that I can get widow's benefits on his Social Security earnings record when I turn 60. During the time we were married, he was unemployed a lot. Bet before we got married, and after we got divorced, he made good money. Will my widow's benefits be based on all his earnings? Or just the money he made while we were married?

A: According to Tom Finton of the local Social Security Administration office your divorced widow's benefits will be based on his entire earnings history, not just on the years you were married.

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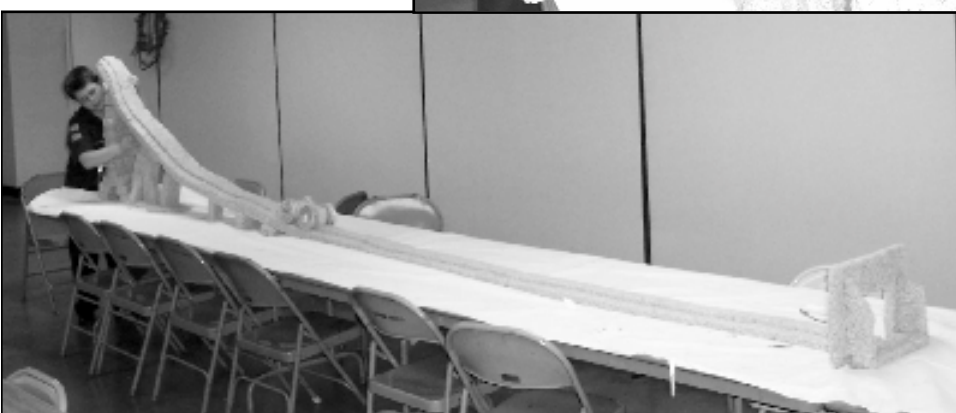
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Christian Dennis bakes his way to 1st Place prize

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Sister Kirsten soars as Orville Wright

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11th Annual KIAC Nest with the Birds week coming up

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club is planning their 11th annual Nest With the Birds Bird Festival the week of May 9, 2004 on Kelleys Island Ohio. This is an all week event, with daily bird walks at 8 a.m., nature programs at 1 p.m. and a second bird walk at 4 p.m., ending the day with a Woodcock Watch on your own at 8:30 p.m. on the east side of the island. We kick off this year's event Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day), at 1p.m. with retired ODNR Chief Botanist, Allison Cusick, who will be sharing his knowledge of Kelleys Island Ohio's native plants and trees. Monday's schedule will feature John Pogacnik, a veteran of the North Coast birding scene. John's knowledge of the Lake Erie basin through his years at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and his 20+ years of the Kelleys Island Christmas Bird Count is the best there is.

On Tuesday, Bob Petit, a teacher from Monroe Michigan and expert Hawk Watch counter will speak on birding habitats and bird songs. With favorable winds, the group expects to tally up many hawks that day. On Wednesday, Jim McCormac, a botanist with ODNR, and the president of the newly formed Ohio Ornithological Society, will share his knowledge the island's birds and flora. Jim is also the author of the newly published Birds of Ohio book, which will be available for signing at the festival. Thursday's program will include birding with Greg Miller who had "The Big Year" in 1998, coming in second with 715 birds for that year, broke, but glad he did it. You may have seen the story about Greg and his competitors in the January 19th issue of Sports Illustrated. Greg also sits on the board of the Ohio Ornithological Society. Greg's program will be about "The Big Year" which is also a book available now.

Friday heralds one of the best birders in Ohio, Kevin Metcalf. Kevin has the luck of the Irish when looking for rare birds in Ohio. He has seen a Bohemian Waxwing no less than two times in Ohio, and he didn't spend a lot of time accomplishing that! Kevin leads the Kelleys Island Hawk Watch in the fall at the island's Feathers and Foliage Bird Festival (September 25, 2004) and his expert birding skills helped us find a Kirtland's Warbler on the island a few springs ago. Kevin sits on the Ohio Bird Records Committee. The week's finale is scheduled at Long Point where, Tom Bartlett, Master Bander and teacher from Tiffin Ohio, will set up the club's bi-annul bird banding station with his team of volunteers. "For close up looks at birds," says KIAC board member Delores Cole, "this is where you should be."

So this prime bird migration week May 9 - 15th will be packed with plenty of great birds, birders and programs. There is no charge for the event but donations are gladly accepted to help defray expenses. Kelleys Island has many hiking/birding trails in the State Park grounds and Nature Preserves along with a boardwalk and observation tower overlooking its North Pond State Park. You can reach Kelleys Island by car ferry from the Marblehead Peninsula. The island hosts many Bed and Breakfasts as well as a State Park Campground for overnight lodging. For ferry information go to www.kelleysislandferry.com, for lodging information check out www.kelleysislandchamber.com, and for festival information www.kelleysislandnature.com or call 419-746-2258. The KIAC was formed in 1992 to protect, preserve and develop natural habitat for the birds and wildlife that inhabit the island.

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Pastor's Corner

In the midst of busy or stressful days, we often find ourselves having difficulty moving into an attitude of worship as we begin a time of personal prayer. The following suggestions might include some prayer time enhancements that will help you experience a "Quieting Of Your Heart."

For those with very young children, time with God may have to be "snatched" during their nap or before they get up in the morning. The key is to think of where you can be alone with God and go there.

Music often works wonders. It can give a voice to some of your heart's deepest feelings. God gave us a wonderful gift when He gave us music so give it back to Him. As you think of who God is and as you grow in your love for Him, you will feel compelled to bow before God, so it's OK to get on your knees.

Read a favorite psalm of praise, thanksgiving or encouragement. Replace the worries of the day with the Word of God.

Let God's own words usher you into His presence and renew your mind and spirit.

Find something in God's creation that you enjoy and then praise Him for it. Maybe it's the wind, the sky, the clouds or the sound of birds singing.

You will soon see how quickly a heart of gratitude crowds out the concerns of the day and once you get started you will probably be surprised and humbled by how much you have to be thankful for.

Praying to our heavenly Father is a wonderful gift and privilege, treat it like the treasure it is and you might be surprised at the "Quieting of Your Heart."

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Derby Day 04

Patti Johnson

In Kentucky, there were roses, champion racehorses and mint juleps. On Kelleys Island there were magnolias, plenty of visitors and parties. No matter where you watched the race, the first weekend of May always feels like a homecoming.

The traditions of Derby Day were alive and well at all of the businesses. Some women were buying trinkets to super glue to their bonnets (the WBCA gals). Men were waiting at the bar, comparing odd sheets and 'favorites.'

Making 'the rounds' at the island may not be as old as the Kentucky Derby-but its just as fun for most. If you missed the festivities this year, put it on your calendar for next. It's good old-fashioned fun in "our ol' Kelleys Island Home."

Happy Mothers Day! And sincere love to the women in my life who listen and care about me.

I hope you all spoil your moms rotten this year-she probably deserves it!!!!

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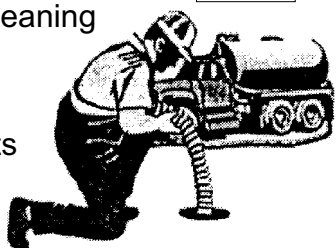
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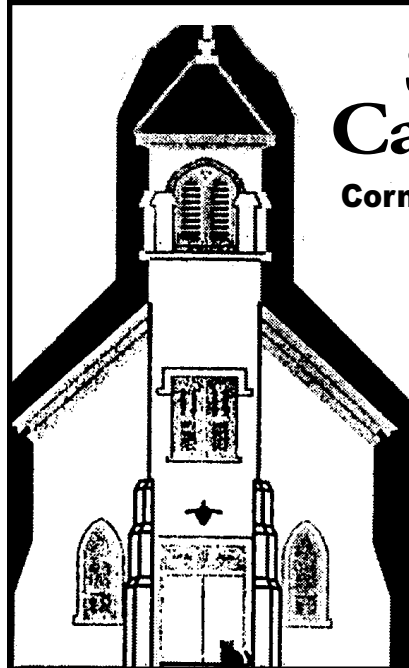
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Kelly Miller Circus to appear on Kelleys Aug. 9 & 10

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Be sure to mark Aug. 9 and 10 on your calendar. Bring your whole family! Ticket prices have remained the same—\$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets will be available at the Chamber. A portion of the proceeds will benefit area charities, as they did last year.

While everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Circus performances last year, and this year's show will match it in quality and amazing presentations, the whole island truly enjoyed watching the show unload off the boat. That curiosity was surpassed by the setting up of the big tent the following morning and people were literally mesmerized by the tear-down. Total set-up took many hours, but tear-down seemed to take less than two. It's all run like a very-fine tuned clock.

Islanders loved the circus and its people and the circus truly loved the island and her diverse gang. Be there or miss out on what will be 2004's most memorable event.



Bounce away the bees

Apparently the fabric softener "Bounce" can be used for a number of things beyond keeping the static cling off of your clothing. I haven't tried these things—I just received the listing in an e-mail. They are unattributed, though I suspect the makers of Bounce wouldn't be upset. I would also assume that for virtually all the things listed, that any fabric softener sheet might work. Let me know if you try any and they do work.

Supposedly the US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow jackets away.

And, also supposedly:

It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them.

It repels mice.. spread them around foundation areas, or in trailers, cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often. Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

Eliminates static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.

Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.

Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce

Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.

Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.

Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.

Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.

Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.

Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.

Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

Golfers can put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.

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Second, to repair loose gutter nails try replacing them with extra-long lag screws. The lag screws tend to be stronger, hold better and can easily be installed with a cordless drill, equipped with a nut driver bit.

Repairing Cracks in Concrete

Concrete always cracks, but that doesn't mean you have to live with it

that way. For most cracks less than 1/4", applying concrete caulk is a good way to make repairs. Just clean the crack out with a high-pressure hose nozzle, let it dry and then apply the caulk into the crack.

For larger cracks, substitute concrete patch for caulk.

Large cracks or small, repair is necessary because water that finds its way into cracks will soften the ground underneath and cause more cracking. The situation worsens if the water freezes.

Sticky Doors

To repair a sticky door, first mark where it is sticking. Next, remove the door by taking out its hinge pins, prop it up securely and with a hand plane, carefully remove any excess material.

Power planes will work, too, but there is a tendency to remove too much.

To keep windows and doors from sticking in the first place, make sure that they are sealed with a good coat of paint, including the tops and bottoms. But don't paint the channels where windows need to slide. Instead, use a light coat of linseed oil as a sealer.

Painting Over Water Damage

The problem with water stains is that painting over them will not make them go away unless you use a primer-sealer first. When looking for a sealer, follow these basic guidelines: First, oil-based sealers usually work better than water-based. Second, choose a sealer that has a high amount of solids. Solids consist of pigments and other elements that do the actual covering of the stain. Paint, hardware and home centers carry primer-sealers (sometimes called sealer-primers) such as Kilz and Zinsser.

One other tip when using an oil-based sealer, consider using disposable brushes and rollers. Cleaning up after using oil-based products can be messy and often requires that you spend more

on paint thinner than your brushes and rollers are worth.

Painting and Repairing Rusty Fixtures

It used to be that the only way to do a good paint job over rust was to get out the naval jelly or wire brush and remove the rust first. Thankfully, paint additives are now available to help paint stick to rust while also neutralizing the rust and stopping corrosion from continuing under the paint.

If left untreated, rust will eventually cause your fixtures to lock up. Prevent this by keeping fixtures well lubricated. One of the most common mistakes people make is trying to lubricate outdoor fixtures with light oil or silicon from spray cans. Because these oils are so light, they often evaporate and/or dilute existing lubrication thereby making the problem worse. For fixtures like gate hinges and latches, use heavy grease. It will not evaporate and its heavy viscosity is the best thing for heavy-duty parts. Most auto parts stores have heavy grease.

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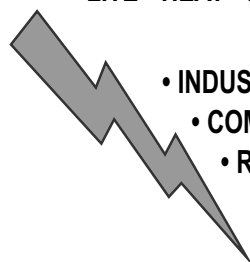
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The use of radio-controlled switches to turn off power to selected heating and hot water systems is part of a statewide effort by Ohio Cooperatives to keep rates stable by reducing peak demand.

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How we reduce demand

Our principal method of reducing demand a few days each year is the radio-controlled switch. Radio signals to the switch turn off the equipment when a possible new peak demand is forecast. This occurs when it is very cold, usually with a wind chill factor well below zero, or very hot. Switches are activated for 2-6 hours in the morning or evening, or sometimes both. A water heater switch saves HWE almost \$7 per month. With about 4,000 switches installed, you can see how important these switches are for keeping our rates stable. HWE gives members incentives to install the switches. Installation of the switch is always free.

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How radio signals are sent

Buckeye Power computers in Columbus monitor usage around the state at selected substations. If a potential peak demand is forecast, a signal is sent from a satellite dish in Columbus to a satellite orbiting Earth. The satellite relays the signal back to Earth where a satellite dish at HWE receives the data. The information triggers our radio equipment to broadcast signals from a tower at HWE. The switches in members' homes are activated by the signals. As long as the switches receive the signal, the circuit remains open and no power flows to the tank or geothermal unit. When the signals cease, the switch stops operating, and the equipment comes back on.

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Flowers and plants in your garden or window box may look lovely, but imagine the increased appeal if butterflies called your garden home. Making your garden inviting to these colorful, fluttering visitors involves just a little planning and selecting of butterfly-friendly foliage.

The basic needs of butterflies is relatively simple: food, water, sunlight and shelter. A butterfly garden is best planted in the sun so that the nectar-producing plants butterflies love will be able to flourish. The sun also regulates the temperature of a butterfly's body, enabling it to fly. However, shadier areas should be interspersed so that the butterflies don't overheat.

Nectar-Producing Plants -- Nectar is the primary food for hungry butterflies. Plants like Aster, Butterfly Bush, Daisy,

Honeysuckle, Lilac and Phlox are just some of many nectar-producing plants. Butterfly species in your local area may prefer specific plants, so a little research may be needed on your part.

Host Plants -- Butterflies begin with caterpillars, and as such, the garden will also require host plants to nourish the growing larvae. Local 'weeds', thistle,

nettle and tree leaves are popular food sources for the caterpillars. While not as pleasing to the eye, they are necessary to maintain a healthy species.

Water -- Butterflies need water, but cannot directly "drink" from open water sources. They prefer landing on moist soil, so place a shallow dish full of moistened sand at ground level.

Mayfly season approaches

It's almost time for our annual visit from the mayflies. Mayfly larvae are called nymphs. They live at the bottom of the lake and feed on algae and other organic matter. They nymphs live for two years under the water before they hatch, shed their skin and become the winged bugs that fly inland at night-toward the light.

When the bugs reach land, they shed their skin again and fly above the water where they mate, and the females drop their eggs into the lake. Once their mission is accomplished, the mayflies die, living no more than a day on average.

Mayflies have such a sort life span that they do not grow mouths to eat, but the insects serve as food for plenty of birds. Fish, such as walleye and yellow perch, feed on mayfly nymphs.

The insects are found across the country, and there are several species that are defined by color and size, he said. The largest concentration of mayflies in Ohio is in Lake Erie between Sandusky and Toledo. They hatch from mid-June to mid-July, and their numbers usually peak during the last 10 days of June.

The bugs can cover streets and businesses on the island, but their presence is a good sign of the lake's water quality.

The nymphs need plenty of oxygen to live, and in the 1950s, phosphorus from pesticides and fertilizer caused a large algae bloom, taking most of the oxygen from the lake, greatly decreasing the mayfly population, he said. Since then, environmental standards have increased. (Information from Sandusky Register.)

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Monthly bird census records island's winged visitors

Tom Bartlett

This piece was to have run in our Mar./Apr. issue but was held for space. We felt it appropriate to run now to give island visitors a hint of the variety of birds that visit our island year 'round, and especially appropriate before this year's KIAC Nest With the Birds Week--May 9-15.

In the fall of 1997, the Kelleys Island Audubon Club approached me about conducting a monthly bird census on the island in order to gather data concerning the use of the island by birds throughout the year. In Nov. of that fall, I began the monthly census. Since that date, the census has been run monthly with 2 exceptions; Jan. and Feb. of 2000 when weather prevented access to the island. To date this census route has recorded over 210 species of birds.

On Jan. 24 of this year, I began my eighth year of this census route. Steve Henthorne, of the Ohio Historical Society and I left Griffing Airfield at about 7:45 AM and arrived on the island about 8:00 AM. Waiting at the "Kelleys Island terminal" was islander Sandy Tkach. Sandy has been assisting with the census for several years. In fact, last February I was unable to make it to the island and they conducted the census alone. This year we started the census with a clear blue sky and 10 degree temperature. It was somewhat cold but

only a light wind from the north-northeast. The island had gotten almost 5 to 6 inches of fresh snow over the last couple of days and so everything looked clean and beautiful. During the next 5+ hours we covered the census route. Along the way we picked up Sandy's husband Lee. Steve and I covered much of the route on foot.

The beauty coupled with the peace and quiet of the island at this time of year made this one of the most enjoyable census routes that I have ever done. Even with the cold temperature, we ended the day with 44 species. One species, the Eastern Tufted Titmouse was a first for me on the island. For some reason, this species doesn't make it to the island very often. This seems to be the case for the other islands also. They are common on the mainland and there is a population along the Canadian shore but they are very infrequent on the islands. This is one of the mysteries of birds. An "Oregon" Junco which is a western race of Dark-eyed Junco was also observed.

Below is the species list and numbers for this January's count. This was our second highest species count and individual count for January. It also appeared that there was a hawk migration going on as we had 6 species of raptors and most seemed to be moving from the north to the mainland.

Double-crested Cormorant	6	Rough-legged Hawk	6
Horned Lark	3	Song Sparrow	7
Canada Goose	62	Buteo species	2
Black-capped Chickadee	92	Swamp Sparrow	17
Ring-necked Duck	25	Ring-billed Gull	50
Tufted Titmouse	1	White-throated Sparrow	161
Greater Scaup	35	Herring Gull	3501
Brown Creeper	3	White-crowned Sparrow	2
Scaup species	75	Great Black-backed Gull	157
Carolina Wren	4	Dark-eyed Junco	78
Common Goldeneye	350	Gull species	2750
Winter Wren	1	"Oregon" Junco	1
Common Merganser	250	Red-bellied Woodpecker	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	2	Northern Cardinal	97
Diving ducks	500	Downy Woodpecker	35
Hermit Thrush	23	Purple Finch	3
Bald Eagle (1 2nd/3rd, 1 4, 1 ad)	3	Hairy Woodpecker	1
American Robin	27	House Finch	29
Northern Harrier	1	Northern Flicker	12
European Starling	22	American Goldfinch	1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1		
Cedar Waxwing	4		
Cooper's Hawk	1		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7		
Red-tailed Hawk	3		
American Tree Sparrow	16		

Ring-necked Duck, Northern Harrier, Hairy Woodpecker, and Tufted Titmouse were new for January count. This the first January we have missed Mallard and Bufflehead.



Islanders Lee and Sandy Tkach assist Tom Bartlett with the KIAC's monthly bird census.

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