Justin's Comeback "Root for Rubeck"

On October 19th, Justin Rubeck was life-flighted from Kelleys Island to Toledo after experiencing the symptoms of a stroke. Upon arriving at the hospital, doctors found a blood clot in the left side of his brain, and determined that he was experiencing just that. Despite a nine hour surgery to attempt to remove the clot, it was unsuccessful.

The part of his brain that was damaged affected his speech and motor skills on the right side of his body. He completed a month in an intensive in-patient rehab program in

Kelleys Island Police Department

Well it’s the beginning of the New Year and I see everyone is eager to get back to Kelleys Island. I would like to get everyone up to speed with things going on within the Kelleys Island Police Department.

First, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to several residents that had family members who passed away recently.

Secondly, this past November was my first attempt to win islander votes to pass a police levy which would enable the department to purchase a police cruiser. I was informed by many residents that, because of the wording, many believed the levy was to hire additional officers. It was actually a way to save money for the next three years, to purchase a new police cruiser. I will not give up on this issue and I will continue to talk to the residents of Kelleys Island on improving our department’s fleet and ask for their votes again in 2019. For those that supported the Kelleys Island Police Department. Thank You!!!!

In November, we also had the 13.1/5K Marathon with GREAT results. Thank You to everyone that supported this event especially, Kelleys Island Venture Resort and Captain’s Corner.

Who is Mr. Estes?

Mr. Estes was a grape grower in the late 1800’s, living on Kelleys Island. He died of heart disease in Cleveland, but had given much thought to his will and Kelleys Island’s future. A quote from Leslie Korenko research: “The will of James Estes shows great thought and foresight in considering the benefit to the community. The island was expanding and for years, there were expressions of concern that the island’s brightest and best would leave for better educational opportunities. From Datus Kelley’s time, education ranked high on the list of goals for the community. It was through the largess of James Estes that the massive stone school on the corner of Ward Road and Division would be built and named after him: The Estes School.” A monument was also built in the cemetery which cost $5,000. Mr. Estes asked that flowers be forever placed there at the responsibility of the school. Per research of Leslie Korenko: “Pat Seeholzer says it was tradition when she started teaching at Estes School, to plant flowers on the Estes Graves.”

Interestingly, Mr. Estes donated $11,000 for the school, but it actually cost more than that. There was quite a debate among school board and council on how to fund the remaining portion, but it was resolved in 1902 and the additional amount of $6000 was covered through a loan.

Several months back, it was brought to the attention of the Kelleys Island School Board, by Sam Legere (Board President, Pete’s wife) who worked as an art teacher at the school, that she

EMS News

Spring is near! Soon the boats and the island visitors will return.

The 14th Annual EMS Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 12th at Bag the Moon. Dine in or carry out is available. Donation: $13.00. Dinner will begin at 4:30 and consists of salad, roll, spaghetti, a dessert and beverage. Come and visit with old friends, make a new acquaintance, and let the EMS Volunteers serve dinner for you! Raffle tickets will be available for an assortment of prizes, donated by residents of Kelleys Island.

The following Saturday, May 19th, is the Annual Safety Forces Day held in the Casino parking lot; noon to 2 pm. Life Flight will be landing at noon, weather permitting. Meet with the Safety Forces available, ask questions, and discover up close the emergency equipment available to the island.

Kelleys Life now online at www.kelleysisland.com/kelleyslife

2018 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Don’t miss the Kelleys Island Annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children are invited to participate in the egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st, at the Memorial Park. The event will start promptly at 12:00 Noon. Be sure to arrive early, bring a basket or bag for the many eggs to be collected, and dress for the weather. Many thanks go out to Annie Coulou, The Village Pump, and Andy Stein for all of the treats, stuffing the eggs and preparing the park.

Justin's Comeback "Root for Rubeck"
Historic Changes at KIHA

The Kelleys Island Historical Assoc. (KIHA) has some big changes planned for this year. We have a new sign which will go up when it gets warmer. Did you know that KIHA was established in 1980? That makes us 38 years old this year! We have a new gift shop manager, Beth Rybus, who is bringing a totally new look to our gift shop and we are looking to design a real logo instead of using the church on our letterhead.

This spring we begin work on shoring up the floor of the historic stone church (the congregation was organized in October 1865 and the church built in 1867). This beautiful church is available for special events and is a lovely location for a wedding. KIHA members get a nice discount on the rental fee. The new Parsonage Resale Shop will be open again this year. We are working on new signage there too. The Parsonage was built in 1888.

Everyone wants to know what our special display will be this year. Sonia Taylor is working on a display called Bathing Beauties from the 1950's and will feature not just pictures, but some stylish bathing suits from that era. Leslie Korenko, with the help of Hancock Wood Electric Co-op, is building a display about electricity and the island. There are lots of great pictures of the crew laying the cables. We are always looking for additional photos and items from the community to add to our display (which we can accept on a loan basis). In addition, we hope to expand our outdoor, large equipment display. We currently have a cultivator and hay arm near the out-house. There are several old pieces of farm equipment around the island just rusting in place. We would love to show some of them at the museum.

Mark your calendars. Saturday, May 19 is International Museum Day and our opening day. Stop by and say hello. By the way, we are always looking for volunteers for both the KIHA Gift Shop and Parsonage Resale Shop. Let us know if you are interested.

www.KelleysIslandHistorical.org

Facebook: Kelleys Island History Museum

Justin’s Comeback "Root for Rubeck"—continued from page 1

Cleveland, before being transferred home to Lorain. He currently is doing a combination of outpatient speech and physical therapy. Despite his progress, medical bills began to mount the day he was admitted to the hospital. John’s, John’s, as well as Mark Bennett, approached me about throwing a fundraiser to help raise money for Justin. We had no idea of the turnout that would come out to support him.

The benefit, aptly named “Justin’s Comeback,” was held on December 26th, 2017, at the Clevelander in downtown Cleveland. A total of 350 people showed up for the event. Justin himself made an appearance and rounded off the grand total at 353. There was a Chinese raffle, with items donated from island as well as local businesses, a 50/50, as well as a live auction to end the night. Special “Root for Rubeck” shirts were made by Kate Brew and Madeleine Rubeck. There was an amazing amount of love and generosity in the room was truly overwhelming.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out and showed their support, as well as everyone else that sent a card and was there in spirit. It was an amazing event for an amazing guy, as well as fellow islander. He can’t wait to see everyone back on Kelleys, whether it be at a softball game or serving you up a cold drink at the winery!

Kelleys Island Police Department—continued from page 1

During our very cold winter months, we found several open doors on the house check list. Nothing major, but we also had several residences, with high electric bills, wanting to close some of them. Kelleys Island Police Department is putting on for the 2018 season are on May 12th and May 13th. All day, on both days, we will have live, virtual training at the Kelleys Island Venture Resort. This will be training for Erie County Law Enforcement Department, from 12 noon – 2 pm, we will have our last car wash of the season.

On November 11th, from 11 am – 2 pm, at Kelleys Island Town Hall, Kelleys Island Venture Resort will host the 11.15K marathon. Please come out and support your KIPD. Hope everyone can attend these events and I look forward to a great 2018 season. My doors are always open. Today’s Quote: Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. Respectfully your,

Chief of Police Shavn M. Craig/#901
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had concerns of the condition of the painting of Mr. Estes, a painting that was completed to honor Mr. Estes in the early 1900’s. The painting was cracking, color waning, and frame lacking luster. So, we, the Board, took a look, and indeed, giving it some TLC was necessary. The ICA (Inter Conservation Association) was the place to take it as the organization rebuilds and restores art. It was carefully loaded into the Herndon van and unloaded at the workshop. People at The ICA came out of the corners to see this special painting from Kelleys Island; there were “oohs and ahs” and the photo of the painting was placed on the ICA Facebook page. It took several months to restore the painting and was picked up by Kim Watkins and Cindy Herndon one week prior to the ferry stopping for the season.

By preserving the painting of Mr. Estes, we are honoring him and the history of the school. We are trying to decide where to place this fine painting rather than its current spot behind glass in the hallway. The library is being considered for the hanging of Mr. Estes. Please make suggestions to the Board; take a look through the glass to see it currently.

Michelle Stein for a few years took over the monument flowers (thank you), then last spring the cemetery board commented about the Estes School’s responsibility to do the planting and upkeep. This last spring, the students started to help with planting. They planted ivy, asparagus ferns, and flowering roses. The deer and the weather (lack of water) did their share of damage, but as fall turned to winter, the ivy was alive. Plastic poinsettias have been placed in the urns for winter….and we are looking forward to more spring planting. The school children now have an idea who Mr. Estes was and of the joint responsibility to take care of the grave site.

Photo: Viktoria and Nik Skeans at Estes Grave
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Congratulations to the Ehrbar Family!

The First Peek at Spring in our Hearts

Starting Kelleys each November is always bittersweet. Sweet because we are tired and want to leave and be restored so that we can come back and do it again. Bitter because it is hard to leave your home and the people that help you remember what that means.

Experience is where your Heart is was one of my mom’s favorite expressions. We have it sewn into two pillows.

For another.

A German immigrant named Godfried Schock. His wife Mary worked for my parents at the ice cream stand and these are some of my first memories of our business family home that has grown exponentially in these years since 1960.

Leaving this year was a little more difficult. Dad had a brush with death on August 7 and recovery from it had changed us all.

Since then, more has happened than we could imagine but changed us all. Since then, more has happened than we could imagine but changed us all. Since then, more has happened than we could imagine but changed us all. Since then, more has happened than we could imagine but changed us all.

The banner "Home is where your Heart is" is one of my mom’s favorite expressions. We have it sewn into two pillows.

What’s new for 2018?

First we have to increase brew productions an offer our beer in cool growlers to go, giving our visitors another fun souvenir to take home and share with their friends.

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Kelleys Island Audubon Club - Spring Birding Promotion

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club is making plans to promote birding on Kelleys Island during the month of May. Here is a little history of our event and what has brought about our promotion planning.

The Kelleys Island Audubon Club’s "Nest With The Birds", week-long event was started in the spring of 1989 and always took place during the very exciting period of spring migration and the peak of migrating warbler season. In 2012, the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, in Oak Harbor, began it’s highly successful "Biggest Week In American Birding" program at the same time of May. This event attracts over 10,000 people from 30 states and 6 foreign countries. These eco-tourists spend over $10 million dollars while visiting the area. One of many sites visited this year was that birding spots on Ottawa County.

The plan for promoting birding on Kelleys Island in May begins with a banner announcing "Welcome Birders" across the entrance to the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce office in the Seaway Marina building. We would love to see them make their own side trip to Kelleys Island while visiting the hot birthing spots in Ottawa County.

In order to track visitors, during the month of May, businesses will collect tear-off coupons from the hot-spot map and use the financial impact on the island economy and enable us to evaluate how effective our promotions are. We expect popularity of Kelleys Island as an important birding area to grow every year.

Thank you for your interest in taking part in creating a successful birding event. It is the hope of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club to bring eco-tourists to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Kelleys Island. For more information, call 419-746-2258 and 419-746-2740 to talk to an Audubon member.
Kellesys Island Chamber of Commerce

2018 Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Meeting Dates:
Meetings are held at
K.I. Estes School
Saturday, April 14 at 11:00 am
Wednesday, May 16 at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 20 at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, July 18 at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 15 at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 12 – Board
Meeting & Elections at 4:00 pm

Kellesys Island Landowners Association (KILA)

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I would like to become a member of the
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(For mailing the KILA newsletter and meeting notices)

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Mail completed application and check to:
KILA, P O Box 22, Kelleys Island OH 43438-0022

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Why a new Kelleys Island rental website?

As rental property owners and managers ourselves, we were feeling increasingly unsatisfied with commercial accommodation sites like VRBO and AirBnB. Searches on VRBO for “Kelleys Island” started returning hundreds of rentals on Put-in-Bay. VRBO also started pushing their reservation processing, which adds more than 10% to the total cost for the renter. Both services limit the flexibility owners have in customizing their rental options.

StayOnKI.com is a website dedicated to being the premier resource for booking accommodations on Kelleys Island. Our mission is to create a web site that is extremely easy to use for both the tenants and property owners. We differ from other island sites in a number of ways. We ask owners to maintain a current calendar so that users can search all properties at the same time by dates, number of lodgers, amenities, etc. Members will receive two free yard signs that designate the property can be rented and is available to book on StayOnKI.com. Each member will have full control of their own page.

The membership fee for 2018 will be $250 for the calendar year. A majority of the yearly membership fee will be used to promote the website on and off the web. StayOnKI.com is already a member of the KI Chamber of Commerce and has exposure on The Village Pump placemat. Online advertising will primarily be in the form of Google Search Adswords and Facebook Boosts.

We invite everyone to take a look at StayOnKI.com and let us know what you think! Click “Signup” in the upper right hand corner and choose “I want to rent my property” on the registration form. Direct any questions to stayonki@gmail.com – we have created a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) based on your questions so far: http://stayonki.com/faq/. In the end we hope to provide a much needed service to islanders.

To register go to kelleysislandfieldstation.org

Kelleys Life

A New Resource for Booking Rentals on Kelleys Island

Join us for a summer of fun and adventure!

Let the kelleys island Field Station lead you on a journey to explore the natural wonders of the island. There’s lots to see and do. Programs are geared towards children ages 6-12.

A registration fee of $6/child is due on the first day of the program (fee will be waived for kelleys island taxpayers).

Session 1: Aquatic Adventures
You live, eat, and breathe the water! Join the fun. Learn about the different types of undersea creatures and their habitats, and how we can protect and preserve them. Monday, July 2nd through Thursday, July 12th, 4 weeks

Session 2: Art and Enology
Do you love making works of art, or have you ever been curious about how wine is made? Join us on our 4-week journey to create your own masterpieces of art in a variety of mediums. Monday, July 2nd through Thursday, July 12th, 4 weeks

Session 3: Campground Photography
Discover the beauty of our national parks. Participants in this 4-week photography program will develop their own photos to capture the beauty of nature, and also learn how to use your camera effectively. Monday, July 2nd through Thursday, July 12th, 4 weeks

Session 4: Door Larking; Food Traveling & Storytelling
Learn the unique door decorations found on the island. On your tour, you will hear about the history and traditions of the island. Monday, July 2nd through Thursday, July 12th, 4 weeks

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March/April 2018
Hi! Brewery and Family Friends

This article for our local paper is an annual second peek at spring. This year has sure been a tough one on our Northern friends. It has had its bumps for us. We have been busy in our business and family life preparing for a return to the island where spring will be in full bloom by the time we arrive. We won’t be open until the 21st of April, just in time for the 3rd Annual Blessing of the Brewery which is our annual connection to our surroundings through species and ecological discovery. Ms. Ellen and other science teachers will be on hand to help our young ones identify fossils, planktons and water species. Beer specials all weekend. Sign up at: www.signmeup.com/KIBBlast2018 You will be glad you did, and so will your kiddos.

Our second weekend open, April 28th and 29th, is the Blessing of the Brewery where we will be asking you for poems, lyrics and haikus for us to publish in the “new” wing of the school building. The 2018 Board Members look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and thank you for any contribution you can make to our programs, and community.

Kelleys Island School Board

The Kelleys Island School board met for the February regular board meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 7:45pm. Regular Board meetings are held each month in the school library and the community is invited to attend. Public Participation is welcome during a designated part of the meeting. Suggestions and comments are encouraged. The schedule for the 2018 monthly meetings, 6:30pm in the school library, is: March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13.

During the January 3, and February 8, 2018 meetings, newly elected Board Members, Deb Haig and Jodine (Jodie) Smith were sworn in. Both new members were welcomed by current members, Pete Legere (President), Cindy Herndon (vice president), Natasha Skens (Student Achievement Liaison), Principal Phil Thiede and Secretary/Treasurer Betty Schwiefert. During the December 2017 meeting, the Board congratulated Kim Watkins and Fred Wolcott for their service to the KI School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community. Plaques were presented to these outstanding School Board and community.

Some topics discussed at the February meeting included Information on how to best provide programming for all ages of children living on Kelleys Island; a possible summer reading program; and an opportunity for the Coast Guard to provide winter and ice safety programming to our students. Elizabeth Witte, the Kelleys Island Field Station Director, presented progress made on a grant and the submission of a new grant. Proposed 2018 summer dates for programming were presented. The Field Station were given. Please look for the schedule to be printed in the Kelleys Life once it is finalized. The Field Station has programming for 8 to 14 year olds. and plans to hold two adult sessions for community and visitors to the island, this summer.

The community is invited to see the newly restored painting of Mr. Estes, the person who provided the land and funding for the school building. You will find the painting in the glass case, in the “new” wing of the school building.

The 2018 Board Members look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and thank you for any contribution you can make to our programs, and community.
Tom Bartlett

On Sunday, December 17, 2017 the annual National Audubon Society – Lake Erie Islands Christmas Bird Count was conducted. This is one of a very few Western Hemisphere counts which covers areas between two countries. The counts are always fun, a good excuse to get outside and enjoy winter. This count was begun in 1988 and has been run every year except for 1994. Fifty-three participants, at feeders and in the field, surveyed birds on South Bass Island (20), Middle Bass Island (2), North Bass Island (1), Kelleys Island (13), and Pelee Island (17). At the end of the day, 65 species of birds had been identified and 39,138 individuals counted. The 30 year average for this count is 73 species and 28,681 individuals. However, due to better coverage of all the islands and an increase in participants these numbers have increased in recent years. The average number of species over the last 10 years is 82 and the average number of individuals observed is 38,479. The breakdown by islands is South Bass - 51 species and 6421 individuals, Middle Bass – 36 species and 2094 individuals, North Bass – 3 species and 206 individuals, Kelleys – 74 species and 25361 individuals, and Pelee Island – 62 species and 5054 individuals. One new species was added to the 30-year count list, a Palm Warbler on Pelee Island. The Lake Erie Islands count circle has now recorded 162 species over the years. In addition, two species were observed during count week but not on count day. They were Red-shouldered Hawk (Kelleys Island) and Eastern Towhee (Pelee Island). Yes, Stanley, the Kelleys Island turkey was counted but the 303 turkeys counted on Pelee Island shows how lonely he must be.

Unusual species included Surf Scoter (typically a winter ocean species; 8 birds on Middle Bass and one bird on Kelleys), Pied-billed Grebe (normally migrates south for the winter; one bird on Pelee), Turkey Vulture (normally migrates south for the winter but has now been observed wintering on Kelleys for the last 4 years; 9 birds on Kelleys), Snowy Owl (uncommon winter visitor of which all the islands had sightings in November; one bird lingered on Pelee), Northern Saw-whet Owl (uncommon winter visitor; 2 birds on Kelleys), Eastern Phoebe (normally migrates south in winter; one bird on Pelee), Northern Shrike (uncommon winter visitor; one bird on Pelee), Tufted Titmouse (very rare visitor to the islands but appears to have become a resident on South Bass the last 3 years; one bird on South Bass), Palm Warbler (very rare winter visitor, normally migrates south; one bird on Pelee and is a first for the Islands count), and Chipping Sparrow (normally migrates south in winter; one bird on Kelleys).

The top ten species observed this year were:
1. European Starling – 16,013 individuals
2. Red-breasted Merganser – 4,307 individuals
3. Scapu species? – 3,146 individuals
4. Common Goldeneye – 1,818 individuals
5. Greater Scaup – 1,424 individuals
6. Canada Goose – 1,314 individuals
7. Lesser Scaup – 1,295 individuals
8. Bufflehead – 1,149 individuals
9. House Sparrow – 1,110 individuals
10. American Robin – 913 individuals

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Kelleys Island Audubon Club Happenings

Vultures watching over the marina in winter... Of note, the one on the left with the black bill is a young bird (hatched in 2017) and the one on the right with the white bill is an older bird (hatched before 2017).

Judy DuShane

Spring will be here before we know it. Kelleys Island Audubon Club (KIAC) kicks off the spring bird migration season with ‘Next With The Birds’ from May 17-20. Look for the complete schedule in the next Kelleys Life. Bird Banding at Long Point is always a hit. Regular meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the school.

Also, this year Nature Camp for kids returns. It will be held on August 8th so families can make it with the circus in town and then Nature Camp. Look for us at the island-wide events as well.

Membership goes from May to May and current members will receive a letter reminding them of renewals in the spring. For more information visit the website at www.kelleysislandnature.com

Kelleys Island Real Estate

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The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to the 2018 season! Our winter months have been spent recruiting, planning, preparing and advertising. We look forward to providing our community with a fun and prosperous season.

The annual event calendar has been reprinted to include new events and corrections. It can be easily identified by its ivory color paper. The 2018 Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Facebook page is currently being printed and will soon be distributed. A print-on-demand version can be found on our website.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone that you can become a member at any time. There is no discount offered for late membership however you will still be provided with many great benefits at a great price. As a Full Member, you will have a page on our website under your business category. If you are tech savvy, we will sign you up for an account which allows you to access and change your page as often as you would like. For those who are not technically minded, we can build the page upon receipt of a link from your organization. All proceeds are put back into promoting Kelleys Island and the businesses that support this organization. This is done through marketing, promoting annual events, operating the KICC office, maintaining year-round tourism information and most importantly, advertising.

A lot of time and research is contributed to getting the most beneficial advertising for the money we have budgeted. The KICC has advertised this year with the following publications: Kelles Life, Kelleys Island Times, Lake Erie Islands Travel Guide, Ohio Tourism Guide, Lake Erie Islands Travel Guide, Lake Front News and Lake Erie Restaurant & Entertainment Directory. We made the decision to place this page spread in the winter edition of the Lake Erie Scuttlebutt Magazine. In addition, we will be distributing National Boat Shows around the Great Lakes and in Miami, Florida. The KICC has also been invited by Barb Clemons, of Lake Front Publications, for our listing distribution through Ohio Travel Pivotal. 2018 shows include the Cleveland Sport/Boat Show, the Miami Beach Auto Show, Pittsburgh, PA, the Erie Sport & Travel Expo, Erie PA and the Ohio State Fair. We are looking forward to a great season and a great way to boost our autumn season. Lake Erie Shores & Islands distributed our brochure and event calendars at Travel Shows in Chicago, Cincinnati, Osh Kosh, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh. Portside Marina distributed our information at the Cove, The Boat Show. Ed Fed has an enhanced listing in the Ohio Tourism Spring/Summer Calendar of Events, which was featured in an article in the magazine, Cleveland Metropark. A Journal features an article about our event the 10K/5K Run/Walk that ran in the issue and again in January, each year.

The Chamber of Commerce is planning a new annual event to benefit the community and business owners of Kelleys Island, this spring. Information will be posted on our website when this event and meet with our director, Ed Fed for more information. We are looking for members. The event will be an excellent opportunity to become familiar with our organization and how we work within the community. The Post- Derby Day event will be held on Saturday, May 6. The time and location for this event will be posted at a future date. Please check the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for all details.

We are excited to have recently received a new representative from another Under our Lodging category: Blue Heron Condo owned by Dan Hazard, BK City B&B owned by Cherie Miller, Killer, Corner owned by Mike Kulas, and Point of View Cottage owned by Ed and Judy Myers.

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce has been invited to participate at the National Bank of Bellevue, and The Marblehead Galley as 2018 Associate Members.

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Kelleys Life

Linda Snyder Joins Historical Society Board of Trustees

Catawba Island, OH, January 2018 – Catawba Island Historical Society elects Linda Snyder to Board of Trustees.

Linda Snyder has been elected to the Catawba Island Historical Society Board of Trustees. Her 3 year term begins in 2018. She and eight fellow Board members are charged with guiding the Society’s effort to establish a history museum and cultural center in Catawba Island Township’s 130 year old Union Chapel.

A longtime resident of Catawba Island, Snyder is no stranger to actively supporting philanthropic endeavors. She is co-founder of the Portage Resale Center in Port Clinton, on the American Red Cross Advisory Board of Ottawa County, and a member of Club Red which is the women’s fund-raising auxiliary for the American Red Cross.

Announcement of the appointment was made by local developer and entrepreneur, Bill Van Der Giessen. Van Der Giessen is Vice President of the Historical Society Board and a former business partner of Linda Snyder’s husband, Bob, in the Catawba Bay residential community.

Van Der Giessen noted that, “While working with Bob Snyder, I had many opportunities to observe how effective Linda can be when it comes to causes she believes in. Her pending contribution to organizing and implementing the Catawba Island Historical Society’s Union Chapel Museum project is certain to generate equal success.”

Following graduation from Port Clinton High School, Snyder attended Bowling Green State University where she earned a BA in education. She taught at Immaculate Conception School in Port Clinton for seven years. After raising 2 children, she refocused her attention outside the home by organizing the Catawba blood mobiles, working as a bookkeeper, and assisting her husband with his businesses.

“I have always been an active person”, said Snyder, “Particularly when the effort generates local benefits. I am joining the Historical Society because I think Union Chapel Museum will generate community pride by reminding us of our common heritage. All of our lives can improve if we interact based upon similarities rather than differences.”

Union Chapel was established on East Porter Street at the north end of Catawba Island Township in 1888. The area was once called Ottawa City. Last used for religious services in the 1980’s, the non-denominational chapel was deeded to the Township and remained idle until leased by the Catawba Island Historical Society effective January 1, 2018. A renovation program is currently underway. Establishing the museum will be accomplished incrementally, with public opening of phase one targeted for the first half of 2018.
Serving Our Seniors

Medicare insurance was created in 1965. Back then, most people did not reach age 65. According to the Social security office website (social security office/history/lifeexpect.html) “Life expectancy at birth in 1930 was only 58 for men and 62 for women, and the retirement age was age 65.” In 2011, life expectancy for men was 78 and age 81 for women living in the United States.

The rise in life expectancy explains another new trend in aging. More older Americans are living longer with what used to be fatal conditions. This was pointed out by Pam Mellen, Trustee of Serving Our Seniors Board of Directors. She explained, “More of us [us” meaning retirees)] are now living with cancer, not just dying from cancer.”

The American Cancer Society said it this way, “Cancer isn’t always a one-time event. Cancer can be closely watched and treated, but sometimes it never completely goes away. It can be a chronic (ongoing) illness, much like diabetes or heart disease. Cancer.org “Managing Cancer as a Chronic Illness”) Chronic illnesses left unmanaged are fatal. Those who seek out health care are in a better position to control their health problems and maintain their independent lifestyle. Renal failure or controlling blood pressure, diabetes, some cancers, and congestive heart failure are a few examples of illnesses that occur in later life and need regular medical attention.

In December 2017, Eric Longbrake, asked Serving Our Seniors if it could do something to defray the cost of transportation to and from health care appointments, for the older people in the population group is getting to health care services, now. It also asks questions to identify if the transportation needs to be wheelchair accessible versus those who can ride in a regular car; how frequently transportation services to get the health care they need.

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If you should receive a survey from Serving Our Seniors – and you are age 60 or better -- please do us the favor of answering the questions and return it. A stamped, addressed envelope will be provided.

By completing and returning the survey, it will help Serving Our Seniors to quantify the number of people, age 60+, who are functioning independently, and need transportation services to get the health care they need.

The survey includes a question asking respondents if they are age 60+ and have an opinion on cancer care. A recent survey by the American Cancer Society, “More of us (“us” meaning retirees)] are now living with cancer, not just dying from cancer.”

For that reason, Serving Our Seniors is conducting a survey to understand the size of the 60+ year old, population group who needs:

• Transportation to receive general primary care and preventative care.
• Health care services to control/manage a serious or life threatening health problem(s) that is chronic in nature. This survey is not studying transportation needs for with health care emergencies.

This survey will be mailed March 30, 2018 via the U.S. postal service. We are asking those who are age 60+, living on Kelleys Island, to take the time to fill out the survey and return it. A stamped, addressed envelope will be provided.

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KELLEYS ISLAND OBITUARIES

George F. Coffman  
August 11, 1943 - February 12, 2018  
Coffman, age 74, of Kelleys Island, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, following a lengthy illness. He was born August 11, 1943, in Port Clinton, and graduated from Green Springs High School in 1961. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. George was a machine tool journeyman who also took on the role of teamster by curling up with a good book! He was a lover of mind games with us, relishing the cold temps by being an active member of the K.I. EMT’S, The K.I. Police Department, the chamber and other local events. He was always willing to help people. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially when he was the hostess. Kathleen had an infectious laugh that would live in our hearts forever. She often said, YOLO, you only live once. We were beyond blessed to have lived a tiny portion of our lives with her. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Ehrbar Angels Foundation, 11213 Essex Circle, North Royalton, OH 44133, or the Rev. John L. Viillal Scholarship Fund c/o St. Albert the Great Church, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Albert the Great Church, Friday, January 5, 2018. Arrangements by Riippi Funeral Home.

Kathleen Cochrane Depiero  
Age 38 passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 30, 2017 after a brief illness; beloved wife of Dean DePiero; loving mother of Blake and Hadley; dearest daughter of James and Teresa Cochrane; granddaughter of Evelyn and Neely; dear sister of Christopher Cochrane (Cassie); daughter-in-law of Roberta and the late Jerry DePiero; sister-in-law of Lisa, Chris (Laura) and Matt DePiero (MJ); loving aunt of Reagan, Haley and Aileen Cochrane, Nick, Jennie, Cory, Melissa (Justin), Sean, Jake, Luke and the late Erin and Andrew; great aunt of Isabella. Kathleen graduated from Perkinsburg High School and received her degree in journalism from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. She was an Emmy Award winning reporter and anchor, which included stops in Parkersburg, West Virginia, Charlotte, North Carolina and Ohio. She was a captivating storyteller and a natural on camera. Her colleagues in the news business respected and admired her. Kathleen stepped away from a successful career to be a full time mom to Blake and Hadley. She wanted to be there for every aspect of their lives, every single day. Kathleen treasured her time at her family’s lake house and her parent’s home in Hilton Head. She was the happiest surrounded by family and close friends. Kathleen had an infectious laugh that will live in our hearts forever. She was often said, YOLO, you only live once. We were beyond blessed to have lived a tiny portion of our lives with her. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Ehrbar Angels Foundation, 11213 Essex Circle, North Royalton, OH 44133, or the Rev. John L. Viillal Scholarship Fund c/o St. Albert the Great Church, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Albert the Great Church, Friday, January 5, 2018. Arrangements by Riippi Funeral Home.

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A Quick Look at Books

By Anne E. Baumstein

As our Identifier weather plays mind games with us, watch the cold temps by coming up with a good book! So many possibilities can be found in the library! Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout was an emotionally wrenching tale with a good read if you don’t get it down for long. I realized this was on the list of famous Ehrbar Angels Foundation books of 2017.

It’s almost New Year’s so here’s a summary of 2018 for folks, two good friends of our Wheelocker by Patrick Gay and Justin Sleeper was a touching true story of how strong a family can be. As our Identifier weather plays, watch the cold temps by being an active member of the K.I. EMT’S, The K.I. Police Department, the chamber and other local events. He was always willing and wanting to help people. He loved spending time with friends and family, especially when he was the hostess. Kathleen had an infectious laugh that will live in our hearts forever. She often said, YOLO, you only live once. We were beyond blessed to have lived a tiny portion of our lives with her. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Ehrbar Angels Foundation, 11213 Essex Circle, North Royalton, OH 44133, or the Rev. John L. Viillal Scholarship Fund c/o St. Albert the Great Church, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton, OH 44133. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Albert the Great Church, Friday, January 5, 2018. Arrangements by Riippi Funeral Home.

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"Reflecting God’s Love To All People"
Worship With Us
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10:30 AM
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Pastor: Virginia M. Park

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Corner of Chappell & Addison Streets
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Fly Away by Kristin Hannah is a sequel to Firefly Lane, and so the longtime friendship of Tully and Kate continues even after Kate’s death. Family dynamics and the certainty of friendship are foremost themes. Both books are good reads, but don’t hold a candle to Hannah’s The Nightingale.

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answer, “Yes!” but say, “I’ll push you!” Tears, fears, memories and triumph fill the pages. Admittedly, this is probably not a book I would have selected, that’s why it’s lovely to have a well-read daughter who finds the best non-fiction to give as Christmas gifts!
KELLEYS LIFE

KELLEYS LIFE DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES

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Liner Rates: First 20 words $9, 20 cents each word thereafter.
Boxed Display Ads: $12.00 per col. inch, 1 col. wide
Business Card Ads: 8 Times $139 Prepaid or $35 Per Issue
For info on open houses please visit KelleysIslandforsale.com

4 BEDROOMS & 4 FULL BATHS
340 Beach Rd
$420,000
Enjoy Kelleys Island in this home designed for family, friends, fun and relaxation.
House has city water, no HOA

PIKE LOTS 6&7
$16,000
2 lots: 55x91 / 55x103 totaling approximately .25 acre.
These two lots are situated just west of Division St. near downtown Kelleys Island.

LAKEFRONT LOT
E Lakeshore Lot $219,900
Lakefront lot, .9 acres, 92 feet of shoreline, crushed shell beach. City water and electricity available.

1 ACRE WITH OLD WINERY RUINS $125,000
2 lots totaling approximately 1 acre located on Division St, Kelleys Island.
Old winery ruins still stand on this property. Total lot dimensions are approx. 145’ frontage by 300’ depth. City water is available but not tapped into.

SINGLE STORY RANCH HOME
235 Woodford Rd
$289,000
Quiet setting but not far from parks and downtown.
2 BR’s, 2 Baths. Remodeled in 2016

HISTORIC K. I. HOME
425 Division St
$299,000
Built in 1840, remodeled in 1996 featuring
4 BR’s, 2 full BA, 3 season room, outbuilding, 4+ to 6 car garage, city water and more.

CONDO
111 W Lakeshore 5D $183,400
2 BR, 2 Full Bath, 2nd floor unit with balcony overlooking the pond. New HVAC in 2017. Strong rental history

SINGLE STORY RANCH HOME
121 Fairview Lane $289,000
Quiet setting but not far from parks and downtown.
2 BR’s, 2 Baths, Remodeled in 2016

LOTS WITH SEPTIC
2 lots with 2 bdrm septic systems already installed.
Sweetwater Subdivision off of Division St., Kelleys Island.
Lot 11 $49,000
Lot 15 $49,000

TWO LOTS
131 Lake Ct $219,900
3 bedroom home on 2 lots totaling just under 1/2 acre.

2 BR’s, 2 Baths, Remodeled in 2016

LOTS FOR SALE

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