Kelleys Island Police Department

Letter from the Chief:

Well, how was everyone’s short Ohio winter? Winter was quiet on the island. Some open doors during our house checks and little wind damage to several homes. Now, it’s time to get the boat running again and the season started. The Kelleys Island Police Department has been working on several projects over the winter. First, K-9 Unit Dundee and I have been going through aggressive training throughout the winter months. He will be a dual purpose winter. First, K-9 Unit Dundee and I have been working on several projects over the winter? Winter was quiet on the island. Some

Narcotics, as well as, Tracking and K-9 unit. This means he’ll be certified in Narcotics. We will continue to train until his full certification is completed in April 2017. Secondly, I’ve been working on Kelleys Island Police Department Ohio Collaborative Standards for the State of Ohio. What is Ohio Collaborative Standards? Well, I have the answer. In December 2014, Governor John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2014-08K, announcing the Ohio Task Force on Community-Police Relations (Task Force) after a series of incidents in Ohio and around the nation highlighted the challenging situations that exist in too many places between some communities and police. The task force included twenty-four members representing the governor, legislature, attorney general, and chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, local law enforcement, organized labor, local community leaders, the faith-based community, business, municipalities and prosecuting attorneys.

In January, he was certified through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) in his first step of Narcotics. We will continue to train until his full certification is completed in April 2017.

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On April 29, 2015, after a series of public forums, the Task Force delivered its final report to the Governor, who in turn signed Executive Order 2015-04K, establishing the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board (Ohio Collaborative) to oversee implementation of recommendations from the Task Force. The Ohio Collaborative, a twelve person panel, established state standards – for the first time in Ohio’s history.

Apprehension. The Blackburnian Warbler program for only three days, over the third weekend of May, culminating with Tom Bartlett’s famous Bird Banding on Long Point.

The primary objective of the Kelleys Island Audubon Club, this season, is to promote and attract some of the thousands of birders attending the “Biggest Week In American Birding”. We would love to see them make their own side trip to Kelleys Island while visiting the hot birding spots in Ottawa County.

The plan for promoting birding on Kelleys Island in May begins with manning a table at the “Biggest Week In American Birding”. We plan to distribute Kelleys Island information including: maps, brochures and literature from island businesses, discount coupons that we receive from island businesses and Kelleys Island Audubon Club “Nest With The Birds” brochure. The hot spots map that we are producing will promote areas that we know are good for spring birding, especially the beautiful and colorful warblers.

To greet these eco-tourists, we are planning a “Welcome Birders” banner to be placed on the front of the Kelleys Island Chamber Of Commerce and colorful warblers.
Kelleys Island Police Department

- on August 28, 2015, for use of force including use of deadly force and agency employee recruitment and hiring that can help guide law enforcement agencies in Ohio. These new standards will hold everyone accountable and instill a greater confidence with the public.

The Collaborative will work closely with our partners, including the community and law enforcement agencies, to implement the new standards. All law enforcement agencies are expected to meet or exceed these new standards as they develop policies and procedures to meet these new expectations. A report will be published by March 31, 2017, listing which agencies have adopted and fully implemented the new state minimum standards. Yes, this has been a lot of work and time consuming but, to be the best you need to lead by example.

Thirdly, attempting to keep up with technology in the Law Enforcement field, with the donations from a local business, I now have the use of DJI Phantom 4 Drone which has been a lot of work and time consuming but, to be the best you need to lead by example.

Proceeds from this event will go towards habitat improvements at Big Island Preserve and Canoe Launch in Sandusky, Ohio – currently this area is a trash trap overrun with invasives and far from its natural state. We are hoping this event will not only provide funds for a local initiative, but also raise awareness about common issues in our environment, including marine debris, water quality degradation, and incorrect disposal of waste.

This event involves designers (registration now open), attendees (registration to come), and materials for “dispersal days” during which participants are invited to collect donated recycled items to incorporate into their designs. I have information related to each of these components. You can see, yes we’ve been busy!!! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable winter. We will see you soon.

Respectfully Yours,
Chief of Police
Shawn M. Craig/#501
Quote of the Day: “We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.”
Marian Wright Edelman

1st Annual Recycled Runway

Old Woman Creek Research Reserve, Erie County Audubon District, and the City of Sandusky are partnering with other local environmental organizations to host the 1st Annual Recycled Runway. This event will take place on Friday, April 21st in Sandusky, Ohio and will feature a fashion show with designs made of recycled materials.

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Teaming Up With LeBron

I thought some of you might be interested in how things went with the CNBC Show, Cleveland Hustles, which aired in 2016. I was one of the 4 “sharks” on the show, and for the first time in my TV producing life, found myself on the other side of the camera!

There were four of us, “investors.” We each had to promise to invest $200,000 in one of the businesses that they would pitch to us. We saw over twenty pitches in one day. From there on, we each needed to sort the pitches down to two choices each. So, there were eight finalists. My choices were both outstanding opportunities. First, a real estate deal wrapped around a “salon suite” concept. The other was more simple, bagels.

I ended up backing Cleveland Bagel, and they are really doing well in Cleveland. You can purchase fresh-toasted Cleveland Bagels at The Island House on Kelleys Island.

So, suddenly, people are stopping me on the street and saying things like “Cleveland Hustles” and “Cleveland Bagel!” It’s really weird to be noticed for these types of reasons. Clevelanders, and others from rust belt places like Detroit and Pittsburgh, have a certain camaraderie. It’s a lot like being an islander (or as in my case, a bi-weekly itinerant)!! When we decide to actually do something, we put our all in to it until it’s done. That’s how the winners of Cleveland Hustles can be characterized. Higher personal work ethics. Nose to the grindstone. No pipe dreams.

I’m so proud that our Erie Island Coffee and now our Cleveland Bagels are available on the island. Honestly, if it hadn’t been for that crazy moment six years ago, when I found out that the guys who owned the coffee shop on Division Street had skipped town, and we opened the first Erie Island Coffee, I doubt I’d even have entered the hospitality industry.

Great news just came together as I’m writing this article. There will be a new TV show in the footsteps of Cleveland Hustles and I will be the “on-air mentor,” meaning the big mouth know it all!

Glad to be enjoying the winter season (my favorite) on the rock, and best wishes to all!

P.S. No, to this day I have never met LeBron!!!!

Alan Glazen
Kelleys Island 2017 Calendar of Events

April
8 Early Bird Party   Village Pump
22 Spring Wine Fling   KI Wine Co.
28 Blessing the Brewery   KI Brewery
30 Cops and Robbers   Portside Marina

May
6 Derby Day   Island Wide
13 EMS Spaghetti Dinner   Bag the Moon
13 Roosters Car Wash   KI Burgers
18 - 20 Nest with the Birds   Audubon Club
20 Free Museum Day   Historical Museum
20 EMS Safety Forces Day   Casino Parking Lot

June
9-11 Bacon Fest   KI Wine Co.
11 5 & 10K Run/Walk   Memorial Park
16-17 Volleyball Tournament   KI/Islandwide
18 Special Olympics Torch Run   KI Police Department

July
9-11 3 on 3 Russ Wilson Basketball Tournament
10-14 Vacation Bible School   St. Michael’s Catholic Church
14-16 Island Fest   Memorial Park
17-21 Vacation Bible School   Zion United Methodist Church
22 - 23 Film Fest   Ball Field & Town Hall
29 Roosters Car Wash   KI Police Department

August
5 Arts & Crafts Fair   Historical Museum
5 Make-a-Wish Poker Run   Dockers
6 Make-a-Wish Swim   Portside Marina
6 Cops and Robbers   Portside Marina
7 - 8 Miller Family Circus   Ball Field
19 Homecoming – KILA   KI Pavilion
20 2nd Annual Pig Roast   KI Police Department
26 Poker Run/Dice Roll   Bag the Moon

September
3 Glacial Glimpses   Audubon Club
9 Treasurer Island Days   Island Wide
9 Butterfly Fest/Yard Sale   Historical Museum
9 Roosters Car Wash   KI Burgers
11 Fall Perch Derby   KI Police Department
16 Wine Fest & Art Fair   KI Wine Co.
16-18 Kayak Poker Paddle & Yoga   KI Brewery
23 Feathers & Folage   Audubon Club
30 Harvest Fest   Memorial Park
30 Lobster Fest   Village Pump

October
7 Oktoberfest   KI Brewery
14 Chili Cook-Off   KI Brewery
14 26th Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner   Bag the Moon
21 EMS Pumpkin Carving   KI Brewery
21 Kid’s Halloween   KI Brewery
21 Family Hay Ride-KILA   4-H Camp
28 Adult Halloween   Island Wide

November
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11th Annual Outdoor Film Fest

The popular Kelleys Island Outdoor Film Fest will be celebrating its 11th year, July 14 – 16. The weekend features free admission to blockbuster titles. A fantastic line-up of films will be shown both indoors and outdoors. The many generous sponsors make it possible to provide this fantastic event, absolutely free to the public.

Kelleys Island Community Chest – Absolutely! KI

Absolutely! KI would like to express our thanks to the community for supporting the Annual Harvest Fest and the Police Chase – Half Marathon. The Police Chase – Half Marathon in November attracted 65 registered runners. Although the participation was a little low this year, the event still proved to be very successful.

Community support has allowed us to make contributions to both the Kelleys Island Police Department and improvements to the downtown Memorial Park.

We plan to continue with improvements to the Memorial Park and will keep everyone posted on our next project. Thank you to those who have made personal contributions to our fund.

As well as community contributions, our organization has been promoting Kelleys Island over the last seven years. We have participated in numerous travel shows including; Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago and Cleveland. These shows have been very successful in making vacationers more familiar with our area and what we have to offer. It is our hope that all Kelleys Island businesses have profited from our efforts.

KI 2017 Calendars

Kim Bolden currently has 2017 Kelleys Island calendars for sale. The calendar includes Kelleys Island events. The calendars run April 2017 through March 2018. They are priced at $15. For information on purchasing the calendar, contact Kim Bolden at kabolden@aol.com.

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The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to another great year on Kelleys Island. Thank you to all of our members and supporters that have allowed us to promote and draw positive attention to our island.

Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following businesses into our organization.

Rejoining member:
Mark and Allison Priebe – Old Stone Place

Returning Associate Member:
Heatech Cleaning Systems and Equipment

New Associate Member:
U-New Tent Rental

The 2017 brochures and calendar of events have been printed and are already being distributed at key locations in the area. These informational brochures have also been distributed by Lake Erie Shores & Islands at travel shows in Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis, Oshkosh and Pittsburgh. Brochures were also distributed at the Kelleys Island Booth at the AAA Columbus Great Destination Show, Cincinnati Travel, Sport and Boat Show and the Cleveland Boat Show.

We have again partnered with Barb Clemons, of Lake Front Publications, for brochure distribution through the Ohio Travel Pavilion. The 2017 shows will include the Cleveland Sport/Boat Show, the International Auto Show Pittsburgh, PA, the Erie Sport & Travel Expo, Erie PA and the Ohio State Fair, which was highly popular last season and is a great way to boost our autumn season.

The board has come up with a great idea to get members involved. Please send us any Kelleys Island photos, stories, text, etc... Anything that you think would be interesting to potential visitors viewing our website. This is an easy way to contribute to the organization and enhance our website.

The Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce office will be open 6 days a week, beginning in May. The hours will be: Monday 10 – 3, Tuesday closed, Wednesday – Friday 10 – 3, Saturday and Sunday 9 – 5.

The first General Meeting of the season will be held on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00. The meeting will take place at the Kelleys Island Estes School. You may bring your office literature or menus to us at this time. Please try to attend the meetings. This is where you can make a difference. Members are encouraged to share ideas, suggestions and complaints. This is also a great way to meet other business owners.

As we enter the new season, please consider, as a member, being an active part of this organization. With just a small contribution of time from each member we can greatly expand our efforts to promote and contribute to our beautiful island and community. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact the Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce office at any time for detailed information on how, where and when you can help out.

The 2017 Kelleys Island Chamber of Commerce officers are: Co-Directors – Cindy Holmes and Lisa Klonaris, President – Ed Terry, Vice-President – Lori Hayes, Past President – Kathy Reddinger, Secretary – Brittany Schmidt, Treasurer – Abbey Rosado. KI Chamber of Commerce www.kelleysislandchamber.com info@elleysislandchamber.com 419-746-2360

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Kelles Island Brewery

Hello Friends,

Hope this finds all of our island friends and readers happy and healthy. Jay is doing great during his 90th year, and amazes us each day with his dedication to the human story, to deeply realizing our reality and to finding the humor in absolutely everything including the politics of our current nation. He has a pure perception (he does not watch any television to this day) and his intelligence, strength and balance has taught those around him so much in the past six months. We hope you make plans to come visit him in the spring. He looks forward to getting back to the island.

Doug has been busy on the new Dockhand Porter formulation and labeling process with Tim Adkins. It is sure to be a great addition to our brown beer spectrum that is evolving at the KI Brewery. He has a few surprises up his sleeve so, be sure to put the Blessing of the KI Brewery. He has a few surprises up his sleeve so, be sure to put the Blessing of the Brewery on your calendar: April 29, 1-4 p.m.

Details are on the new website: www.kellysislandbrewery.com

This season, we are adding a daily tour / tasting and some lawn snacks. We will give a short history of the property, a tour of the brewing process and a look inside (not through) the islandbrewery.com Brewery at 2 p.m., at the outside bar. We will give a tour, tasting and some lawn relaxation, please send us an e-mail: islandpj419@gmail.com.

The first event of the 2017 season is “Nest With the Birds”. The event will be held on May 18-20th. It starts off with a potluck, meeting and program on Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 at the Kelleys Island School. Bring a dish to pass, a beverage and your tableware. You can come just for the program at 7:00 if you prefer. Additional meetings, during the summer and through October, are held on the third Thursday of the month with a similar setup. Additional activities for Nest With the Birds include a bird walk on Saturday morning, May 20th, Meet at the school at 8:00 a.m. to find out where the birds are plentiful for the day. On Saturday morning, May 20th, join Master Bander Tom Bartlett and his crew at Long Point for bird banding. They start early and are usually working until early afternoon. Another bird walk at the site is held at 10:00 a.m.

Membership letters will be later this year, the membership year has been extended until May. Members can renew through Pay Pal by visiting the website at www.kellysislandnature.com and using support. You can also get more information about the club at the website. Everyone is welcome to all of Kelleys Island Audubon Club events. Also, visit us at Island Fest and KILA’s Homecoming.
Kelleys Life

Volunteer Fire class starting this spring. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fire Chief at 419-746-2788.

Jack Hostal, Fire Chief

Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA)

KILA Membership gives you a voice in island government and is an excellent way for you to be aware of issues that affect your investment on the Island.

I would like to become a member of the Kelleys Island Landowners Association (KILA).

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Kelles Fire Department News

We would like to welcome back our summer residents. When you open up your cottage or home, please remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These detectors should be replaced every 5 to 10 years depending on the manufacture. If you need help purchasing one of these detectors, contact the Fire Department at 419-746-2788.

The Kelleys Island Fire Department is planning to have a Volunteer Fire class starting this spring. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fire Chief at 419-746-2788.

Jack Hostal, Fire Chief

Letter From The Editor – Correction

In regards to the article “Ed Curilla Preservation Opening in 2017”, published in the January – February issue of Kelleys Life, there has been an error in communications and readers are to be informed that the preserve will not be open to the public until sometime in 2018. The opening of the preserve will be announced at a future date.
It is February 14, 2017, as I compose this message to the residents on Kelleys Island, who are age 60 and better. It was a difficult decision when I, as the director of Serving Our Seniors, had to suspend funding the senior lunch group in early February, on Kelleys Island.

The volunteers who kept the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group alive are to be commended for their gumption and altruistic innovation. I admire and appreciate their desire to do their part to keep a successful social network alive and well, in the winter, when it is needed most. Your efforts have been selfless, kind and appreciated by all.

The Board of Serving Our Seniors, and I, as the director, funds the luncheons; and May McClure, Interim Director at the Erie County Senior Center, manages the Kelleys Island Luncheon Groups. We are grateful for the volunteers and their active demonstration of support for this cause.

With that being said, you are probably asking yourself, “If that’s true, why did Serving Our Seniors stop the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group in February?”

The reason is the need to verify and maintain our social service, funded by the Erie County Senior Services Tax Levy, private donations and local grants. The agency advocates for older adults and their ability to continue healthy living and to maintain their independence as they age in Erie County.

The Board of Serving Our Seniors, in an attempt to resume the Kelleys Island Lunch Group, I contacted the sanitarian at the Erie County Health Department; the Kelleys Island School Superintendent; May McClure, the Erie County Senior Center; Kathy Maier, the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group Coordinator.

By working together it was my hope to develop a solution, so the Kelleys Island Lunch Group could reconvene at the school, while at the same time, allowing Serving Our Seniors to fulfill its responsibility to fund safe meals.

On February 14, 2017, I was informed that the volunteers who had prepared the senior lunches at the school on Kelleys Island do not wish to participate in this program. Although Kathy Maier asked another person to consider preparing senior lunches, she was unable to do so at this time. Due to the inability to find someone to prepare these lunches, a food safety solution cannot be pursued. That is why the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group cannot take place until a restaurant opens on Kelleys Island.

Please call me if you doubt my sincerity or my motivations (419-624-1856) to do what is right by everyone involved. Serving Our Seniors is pleased that the Kelleys Island Senior Lunch Group has been so well received by the Kelleys Island Community. We know it is important to quality of life. We want it to continue well into the future.

Serving Our Seniors is a geriatric social service, funded by the Erie County Senior Services Tax Levy, private donations and local grants. The agency advocates for older adults and their ability to continue healthy living and to maintain their independence as they age in Erie County.

Sue Daugherty, Director Serving Our Seniors 310 E. Boalt Street, #A Sandusky, OH 44870 www.servingourseniors.org Ph: 419-624-8173 Fax: 419-624-8176

Why the Senior Lunch Group Was Suspended in February 2017

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"Your Gonna Love Your Calendar" Men!

How would you like to turn over each month of your very own calendar and smile and giggle with delight? Well, get ready to do just that, courtesy of the Kelleys Island Historical Association.

Now, coming soon, you’ll be able to order your very own, limited edition, 2018 calendar of Kelleys Island’s most notable and infamous men! These are men of distinction. They are the movers, shakers and history makers of our precious island paradise. And they are quite an alluring lot, if we do say so ourselves!

Professional photographer and islander, Erin Gee-Foster, has captured these pillars of our community in a fashion and manor of poses we are ourselves! Quite an alluring lot, if we do say so ourselves!

Deadline is Friday April 14th. Entry forms and contest rules can be found at www.firrelandislandsociety.org. Deadline is Friday April 14th. Entry forms and contest rules can be found at www.firrelandislandsociety.org. Adventure Tots, Thursday, March 23, 1-1:30pm. Let’s go on an adventure! Kids will explore a nature trail with a naturalist and discover plants, animals, and all things nature! In case of cold or bad weather we will stay inside and play! Ages 0-6 with an accompanying adult. Registration required. Limit 10. East Sandusky Bay Metropark, The Enchanted Cottage, 4013 Cleveland Rd, Sandusky.

I Spy In The Metroparks, January 1-October 31. Here is a challenge for kids! There are 7 required “I Spys” throughout the Metroparks. Pick up your task list at the Frost Center at Ohio Metropark or find it at erie-metroparks.org. Then, take a picture next to each task! Once you have completed the task list, bring your photos into the Frost Center to pick up your prize bag! Adventure on!

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Ask Serving Our Seniors

Q: If I need to get to a health care appointment, from Kelleys Island, can Serving Our Seniors take me there?
A: Erie County residents, ages 60+ are eligible for our Out of Town Medical Transportation Program. Serving Our Seniors has 3 cars. We also have one van to accommodate wheelchair passengers. All are driven by volunteer drivers.

If you are able to get into and out of a car independently, you qualify to use the Out of Town Transportation Program. If you are wheelchair dependent, and can maneuver your own wheelchair without the assistance of the driver, once you exit the van, you qualify to use the Out of Town Transportation Program.

The service is free of charge. A donation is requested. If you contribute nothing you will still get a ride. We ask that requests be submitted at least one week in advance by calling 419-624-1856 or 800-564-1856.

Q: I need hearing aids, but I can’t afford them. Medicare doesn’t cover them, either. What can I do?
A: If your annual gross income is $22,980.00/year or less for a household of one; or $31,020.00 or less for a household of two, with little/limited savings, you may qualify for free hearing aids through the Miracle Ear Foundation. The cost to apply for the free hearing aids is $150.00. If you cannot afford $150.00, Serving Our Seniors is able to help you with afford the cost to apply. Call our office at 419-624-1856 or 800-564-1856. Ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant about the “Hearing Aid Project.”

Q: I need to see a dentist, but can’t afford it. Who can help me?
A: If you are age 60 or better, Serving Our Seniors can assist you, if you qualify. We have a “Dental Project” and we will fund your general dental care on a repayment basis. We received a grant to find a way to make general dental care affordable. It is not free, it is repaid. The repayments can be as small as $10.00/month. No interest is charged.

For more information, call our office (419-624-1856 or 800-564-1856) and ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant about applying for the “Dental Project”. She will explain how the project works.

Q: I’m turning 65 in April 2017. Who can help me select a Medicare Part D plan? I don’t want to pay more than I need to and I want to make sure the plan that I buy adequately covers the medicines that I take. I had a friend who picked her own plan and it only covered one of her medications.
A: We can help you with that. We will need you to send use the medicare listings, the dose of each medication and the number of pills that you take per day. We will enter this information into the Medicare website and it will compare and contrast the drug plans and recommend the top three plans that are most economical for the type of medications that you take.

For more information, call our office (419-624-1856 or 800-564-1856) and ask to speak with a Senior Advocate Assistant. Request a telephone appointment for Medicare Part D.

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**Castalia Trout Fishing Lottery**

Accepting applications March 1 through March 31

The ODNR Division of Wildlife conducts an annual drawing to fish for trout in the 1/2 mile section of Cold Creek that runs through Castalia State Fish Hatchery. Participation is determined by a random drawing, which is held in early April. How to Apply: The application period is March 1 through March 31. Applications must be submitted online or mailed with a post mark by March 31 or earlier to be considered. To apply, visit the Ohio Wildlife Licensing System and click "Licenses & Permits." Applications not chosen to participate will not be notified. Anglers chosen to participate will receive instructions on how to download the necessary permit and instructions from our website, including the fishing dates.

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Deshler Siblings Receive Youth Leadership Council Top Honor

North Baltimore, Ohio—January 9, 2017 – Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative recognize three Youth Leadership Council delegates sent in four years’ time to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) annual meeting – a feat no other Ohio co-op on record has achieved, according to the statewide association Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives.

Ryan Wenzinger of Deshler is the 2016 delegate for the NRECA conference in San Diego in 2017. The trustees recognize Ryan and his fellow YLC delegates in a special ceremony in December.

“This is a tremendous honor and a privilege to represent my electric co-op on a national level,” said Ryan.

The co-op sent its first ever YLC representative Olivia Velasquez, named in 2013, to the Nashville convention in 2014. The co-op sent its first ever YLC representative Olivia Velasquez, named in 2013, to the Nashville convention in 2014. The same honor was bestowed on Rachel Wenzinger in 2014 and her brother Ryan was named delegate in 2016. The siblings are both home-schooled and attend Owens Community College (OCC) post-secondary enrollment option (PSEO) classes.

Hancock-Wood President and CEO George Walton said, “Our rural Members are raising extraordinary young people who accomplished much before their 18th birthdays. We are proud of the achievements of these students who apply each year from 10 counties within our northwest Ohio service territory.”

Ryan started his Triple R Hay business when he was 15 and grows, cuts, bales, sells and delivers hay. He serves as president of his 4-H Club and has been an officer on the Wood County Junior Fair Board for two years. Ryan also competes in varsity and golf sports through McComb Schools. Both he and his sister are active in their church as well.

Rachel Wenzinger operated her own cake business from age 11 and appears in several OCC television commercials. She has attended two-years of PSEO classes, providing a head start to her studies at Cedarville University, where she will attend in fall. Rachel also was named this year’s Wood County Junior Fair Queen.

Not to be outdone, Olivia was the first Ohio YLC delegate ever asked to speak at the NRECA national conference. Her “Are We There Yet?” speech was delivered to an audience of more than 8,000 CEOs, board members and co-op officials. She shared the stage with such high-profile talent as noted journalist Jane Pauley and famed country-western performer Martina McBride.

In her oration, Olivia said, “In order to put change in motion, we must consider the emotion of the people involved. Before the EPA should ban coal-powered plants for harmful emissions, we must consider how to electrify rural homes, such as ours, without these plants. We may not have to go back to oil lamps, but electricity may not be available 24/7.” Olivia’s story also was featured twice in the national publication Rural Electric Magazine and several times in the NRECA national online publication Electric Co-op Today.

Olivia now attends Harvard University, enrolled in the prestigious ivy-league school’s premedical program. Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, remains dedicated to its commitment to furthering the quality of life in the communities it serves. For more information about Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, visit www.hwe.coop or call 800-445-4840.
In Memoriam: Joan Van Offeren

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of 31-year Lake Erie Shores & Islands colleague and former Executive Director Joan Van Offeren, who lost her battle with cancer this week. Not only was Joan instrumental in bringing the Erie and Ottawa County Visitors Bureaus together to form what is now Ohio’s Lake Erie Shores & Islands, she was also a tremendous advocate for promotion of travel and tourism for the entire state.

Joan Van Offeren served as the Executive Director of the Erie County Visitors & Convention Bureau from 1986 through 2014 following her eight years in the Marketing and Public Relations Departments of Cedar Point Amusement Park.

More than a decade ago, Joan was instrumental in bringing representatives from the Erie and Ottawa County Visitors Bureaus together to form the Lake Erie Shores & Islands partnership. Early in 2015 she moved into the role of Community Relations Director, and through her extensive network of local, regional and state business relationships, continued to serve the company with distinction. Along with her Visitor Bureau responsibilities, she served for two three-year terms on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Travel Association. In 1996, she was honored with the Ohio Travel Association’s Paul Sherlock Award, for her on-going commitment to the development and promotion of travel and tourism. It is the highest tourism honor bestowed in Ohio. In 2005, she was honored with the Don Patterson Award from the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus for her strong leadership of New tourism awards was the Girls’ Night Out Woman of the Year Award, in recognition of her superior and unselfish support and leadership of numerous projects and programs to help Sea Grant and stimulate the economy and enhance the value of Lake Erie.

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Joan had a passion for life and enjoyed many things. She was a Master Gardener, considered herself a “foodies” and loved to travel. Some of her many adventures took her to Costa Rica, Alaska, Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Iceland and Thailand. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family and many friends.

Joan is survived by her brother, Terry (Sue); nephew, Andrew; niece, Cassie; aunt and uncle, Dorothy and George Morrow; and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Elizabeth; sister, MariBeth Van Offeren Miedema; and infant brother, Ricky.

A private family service is planned, with a public celebration of her life being planned for a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Joan’s memory to the Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy, P.O. Box 389, Port Clinton, OH 43452; to the Lake Erie Protection Fund, Ohio Lake Erie Commission, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216; or to sponsor a Grow Huron Potted-Planter in memory of her love of gardening, to the Huron Parks Foundation Fund, 417 Main St., Huron, OH 44839.

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Marion Shanko

age 84 of Brunswick, passed away peacefully on February 09, 2017. She was born on February 08, 1933 in Cleveland, OH to the late Edward and Genevieve (nee Czerwinski) Vilt. Marion enjoyed spending time on Kelleys Island and will be remembered for the time she enjoyed spending with her family and friends. She will be dearly missed by her children Robert (Elizabeth Ann) Shanko, Barbara D’Amico, William Shanko, Barbara D’Amico, William Shanko, and her grandchildren Jeffrey (Katherine) Shanko, and Becky (Sam) Shanko.

LaVerne Ehrbar

(Krauth)

October 5, 1922 – February 11, 2017 (age 94) of Kelleys Island, passed away Saturday evening, February 11, 2017, at Otterbein North Shore, Lakeside-Marblehead, after a lengthy illness. She was born October 5, 1922, in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from West Tech High School, Cleveland. She was a lifelong member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Kelleys Island, where she was on the senior knitting club. LaVerne loved to play dominos, cards, and bingo; she was very competitive and hated to lose. She is survived by her daughter Linda (John) Hostal; nine grandchildren, John (Laura) Hostal, Kelley Priebe, Sharon Bach, James (MaryJo) Ehrbar, Shannon Barlow, Nicole Marc-Aurele, Lisa Cruz, Brian Biszantz, and John Biszantz; great grandchildren Erin and John ’J’ Hostal, Zachary, Haley, and Courtney Priebe, Hannah, Payton, and Christopher Bach, Alexis and Elizabeth Barlow, Marcus Marc-Aurele, Mason Thornton, Julia Cruz, Garrett Bach, and Sarah, Rori, and Brayden Biszantz. LaVerne was preceded in death by her husband Adelbert Ehrbar; parents; her first husband, Phillip Shanko; her second husband, Dr. Ramie B. Dick (2004); two sisters and a brother-in-law, Geraldine (Lyle) Bickle and Mary Ellen Huntley; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ronald Walter Beatty and Wayne (Marian) Beatty; and four siblings in infancy. At her request, no visitation will be held. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Ilia later in the spring at St. Michael’s Catholic Church on Kelleys Island. Burial will be held in Kelleys Island Cemetery, on Kelleys Island. The family suggests memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760; Stein Hospice Service Inc., 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870; or to Ohio History Connection, 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211.

OBITUARIES

Ila Beatty (Himmelein) Dick, 89, of Kelleys Island and St. Petersburg, Fla., passed away peacefully early Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 16, 2017, at her home in Florida. Born on Aug. 4, 1927, at the family home on Kelleys Island, she was the daughter of Henry Theodore and Rosella (Elfers) Beatty Jr. She attended St. Michael’s Catholic School and graduated from East School at Kelleys Island; she later went on and attended Kent State University.

Ila was a lifelong member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church on the island and St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Sandusky. She was a participant in many Island enrichment programs, including The Committee for Quality Education, a volunteer organization in charge of raising money to fly the Island High School children to the mainland for their educational experience, and the Kelleys Island Historical Association in which she was a charter member and had served as a board member. Ila also served on the Kelleys Island Cemetery Board for a few years. She is survived by her four children, Jeri Himmelein (Kyle) Yoest of Westerville, Cynthia (Tom) LaMarca of Sandusky, Amy (Tim) Coleman of Sandusky and Matthew Beatty (Jina) Dick of Tampa, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Kelly, Michelle, Brittin, Kristin, Aaron, Charlotte and Jillar; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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Arrangements are entrusted to David F. Koch Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 520 Columbus Ave., Sandusky.

Your memories and words of comfort may be shared with Ila’s family at davidfkgc.com.
On December 18, 2016, the Lake Erie Islands Christmas Bird Count was conducted. Participants surveyed Pelee Island, Kelleys Island, South Bass Island, Middle Bass Island, and North Bass Island. This is the 31st Lake Erie Islands count which was begun in 1985. There was no count completed in 1992. A total of 92 species and 33,775 individuals were observed by counters this year on the five islands. This is the highest total species observed in the count history. The average is 73 individuals watching birds at their home feeders. On Kelleys Island, six field participants and four feeder counters observed 81 species. This year’s participants were Tom & Paula Bartlett, Chris Ashley, Sandy Tkach, Jim Smallwood, and John Pogacnic. Feeder watchers were Chuck Herndon, Bruce & Leslie Korenko, Shelley Stein, and Lee Tkach. On South Bass, five participants and ten feeder counters observed 57 species. On Middle Bass, four participants observed 34 species. On North Bass, two participants observed 10 species. And on Pelee Island, eight participants and seven feeder counters observed 63 species. Eight species of birds were observed on all the islands; Mallard, Bufflehead, Bald Eagle, American Crow, American Robin, European Starling, American Tree Sparrow, and Dark-eyed Junco. There were twenty-two species that were observed on only a single island, as follows: Kelleys Island 14, South Bass two, Middle Bass one, North Bass one, and Pelee seven. Next year’s count will be December 17, 2017. If you are interested in participating in the field or as a feeder counter, let me know. You can see the final count results at: http://netapp.audubon.org/CBCObservation/CurrentYear/ResultsByCount.aspx.

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