

# Kelleys Life

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## Earth Day celebration keeping KI green



Crystal Krzynowek and Layne McNeal

On Friday, April 24, Kelleys Island School's students and staff joined forces with community members to take a small step in making Kelleys Island a little more beautiful. Groups headed out to assigned clean-up areas on the island on Friday morning, while Miss Shannon Leary stayed at the school with the youngest students for some classroom lessons revolving around trash and recycling. The K-3 students and Miss Leary joined the rest of the group for lunch and cleanup in the afternoon. While collecting trash, students separated out the recycleables (cans, glass, and plastic) for transport to the mainland. Three teams of 4-5 students plus 2 adults collected an amazing amount of refuse just following along the major roads of the island.

Andy Federle from Waste Management was a special guest, meeting the group at lunchtime for a presentation about recycling and gave students a "by the numbers" breakdown. Do you know that it takes about 400 years for an aluminum can to break down when thrown out in the regular trash? Why not throw it in the recycling bin?

Thank you to all of our helpers: The Kelleys Island School Wellness Committee

for sponsoring a lunch; Barb Schnittker and Kim McNeal for assistance in preparation of lunch; Ernie Bell, Tom Strassner, Dottie Simonds, and Lisa O'Dee for their assistance in student transportation (and pickup!); Pat Seeholzer for her help in reserving the Village Pavilion for the lunch and for allowing us to borrow her roaster; Andy Federle for his time and presentation; teacher Shannon Leary for spending time with the K-3rd graders in the morning and helping with group work in the afternoon; teachers Karen Wisner, Erin Sandvick, and Jude Lill for getting out and getting dirty helping in the cleanup; Phil Thiede for allowing this to happen; Gene Kidwell for his assistance with the project (he took an entire pick-up truck load to the mainland for recycling!); Doug and Patti at the KI



Red Team R-L: James O'Dee, Erin Sandvick, Michael Krzynowek, Bobby Coulon, Ernie Bell

Brew Pub for the yummy brownies; KI Village for the use of the Pavilion (AND bathrooms!); Erie County Solid Waste Management's Education Department for the use of some of the activity kits and videos; and of course Mother Nature for the beautiful day!

Let's all enjoy the cleanliness! Yes, this day was quite a success, but with your help, we can prevent this sort of clean-up. Find a trash can! **Recycle that bottle!**

## Open letter from Mayor and Council on Airport Resurfacing Levy

Dear neighbor,

On Tuesday, May 5, the voters on Kelleys Island will be asked to consider a small but very important levy to ensure continuing safe operations at the Kelleys Island Airport.

For years the Village officials have been working with the Federal and State government to obtain grant dollars for the future improvement of the airport. During this time the condition of the airport surface has continued to deteriorate. Today we are faced with a dilemma, a landing surface that is in dire need of resurfacing, while at the same time, we are several years away from accessing Federal dollars that will address the issue. Additionally, these grant dollars are not guaranteed.

Griffing Flying Services has officially notified us of our need to take more immediate action to preserve their ongoing flight operations.

The only solution is for us to take immediate action and have the East-West Runway resurfaced. This solution is not eligible for FAA grant dollars since it is not within the scope of work or the order of work allowed by the grant process.

The end result of this project will give us a 10 to 15 year runway surface which will allow us to continue to work with the FAA on our long-term goals and projects.

We are asking the voters to fund this project with a very specific .38 mil levy. The term of the levy will be for five years and the funds generated are specifically earmarked for this project only.

**An example to determine what this levy will cost each property owner is calculated in the following formula.**

**(Taxable Value) x .35 = assessed value x .00038 = annual levy cost.**

**A \$250,000 home would compute like this. 250,000 x .35 = 87,500 (assessed value) x .00038 = 33.25 per year for the levy.**

We are additionally under the impression that islanders will also be enjoying an additional 1.6 mill reduction as a result of the school paying off the library addition, along with the possibility of an additional 3 mil reduction from the school as a result of the board's continued ability to operate on far less than available funds.

In all, the net reduction in school taxes

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