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'Everything is soggy'

Kelleys Island hit with record rain, but missed the high winds

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The rain keeps coming at Kelleys Island, now exceeding 20 inches. Heavy rain, with more than 6 inches at Put-In-Bay and Marblehead, has also hit Ottawa County, causing flooding on some roads.

The record rainfall hit Kelleys Island starting in the early morning of July 6, with unofficial estimates reported at 15 inches before 8 a.m. The National

Weather Service has issued flood watches from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on July 6, which include Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Huron, Wood, Lucas counties. Rain rates when thunderstorms hit could be as high as 2 inches per hour.

'Everything is soggy'

Kelleys Island State Park Manager Christopher Ashley said that the park side of the island has fared better than the village side.

"Everything is operating. It's just

soggy. We were lucky to have not had a lot of wind with that storm. It's just rain, so everything is flooded. There's some damage on Lakeshore Drive, from water flowing over the road, but that's not a big deal. The businesses are generally open. The park is open. We're getting a lot of cancellations because people don't want to get wet," Ashley said in an interview at 2 p.m. "It is raining now. It quit, but it started back up about half an hour ago. 15 minutes ago it was really

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Members of the community lay candles and flowers during a candlelight vigil July 6 for Rittman Police Sgt. Scott Ries. Ries and two others were killed during a July 5 shooting in Rittman.

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Rittman community honors victims at vigil

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RITTMAN — A wave of grief washed over a crowd outside the Rittman Police Station on the evening of July 6, nearly 24 hours after a shooting left four dead and four more injured.

A stretch of East Ohio Avenue outside the station was blocked off as hundreds of mourners gathered in the street, holding flickering candles.

Authorities responded at about 9:30 p.m. July 5 to a report of a disturbance and shots fired, where officers immediately were under fire, Wayne County Sheriff Thomas Ballinger and Medina



Loved ones hug one another as they mourn the loss of Rittman Police Sgt. Scott Ries during a candlelight vigil held in front of the police station.

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What public records reveal about Siders family

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Publicly available records provide minimal information about four adults accused of keeping 16 children in conditions likened to a third-world country and abusing them for years.

Gary Siders Sr., 73, Gary Siders Jr., 36, Elizabeth Siders, 33, and Catherine Siders, 67, are each facing 16 counts of felony endangering children in Vinton County Common Pleas Court.

The charges accuse the Siders of child endangerment involving the children, who range in age from about 18 months old to 18 years old.

The filings against the Siders do not detail specific allegations. Each charge is connected to a specific child, who is identified by their initials and date of birth.

The language used by prosecutors to detail the charges is language taken straight from the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio Attorney General Andy Wilson and Vinton County officials said the children are believed to have lived in an approximately 12-foot by 12-foot space inside the five-room, wood-frame home where they've spent the majority of the last four years.

Did anyone track the Siders children being born?

Wilson said there were no indicators that any of the 16 children were born inside the Ohmer Street home. He said third-party information helped them to confirm birth dates, but he did not specify what that information was.

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