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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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## Thanks For All The Great Memories!



### Christmas Bazaar at Tony's Place

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### Put-in-Bay Gazette begins 30th anniversary

The Put-in-Bay Gazette begins its 30th year of publishing this month. It was in December 1980, a two-page, eight and a half by eleven issue was printed announcing the beginning of a monthly island newspaper.

Over the past thirty years, dramatic changes and events have taken place on the island and the Put-in-Bay Gazette has chronicled them. Along with Put-in-Bay and the islands, the Put-in-Bay Gazette has grown and matured into the publication you read today.

We'd like to thank everyone for their support over the years, and we look forward to bringing you even more island news in the future.



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More dates to be added...as in life all things are subject to change.  
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LEFT: These are some of the members of Put-in-Bay's American Legion Post who enjoyed the Annual Veterans Day Dinner. Left to right are Bernie Meyers, Don Murrison, Brian Molnar, John Dodge, Denny Naylor, Rick Rotherth, Joe Ptak and Chuck DeVore.

## Election Results

This November 3rd's election results weren't official until November 23rd. When all the votes were counted there were very few changes from the original count on Election Day.

Judy Berry retained her seat as Put-in-Bay's mayor because she had no opposition. With five candidates running for four Village Council Seats, Melinda McCann Myers, the only incumbent to lose, lost to former councilman Jeff Koehler who reentered Village politics after almost a two year absence.

The two long-time Put-in-Bay Township Trustees, Matt Miller and Dale Burris, won their bids for re-election over Steve Riddle, a long-time School Board member who gave up that seat.

Two first-time candidates, Scott Pugh and Joy Cooper, and incumbent Mike Byrnes ran for three seats on the Put-in-Bay Board of Education. Scott and Joy will replace Steve Riddle and David Bianchi who chose not to run again.

When it came to levies, first the good news. Voters on all the islands voted to fund the operations of the Township with 66% of the vote.

Voters on Middle Bass passed their refuse tax levy with 75% of the vote. They pay for their trash collection with this levy. Everyone seems to understand they'd pay a lot more for trash collection if it were individually paid for like it is on South Bass Island.

And now the bad news.....Voters decided against paying for repairs and renovations at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. The levy had to be passed by 2/3's vote in the Village and all the islands in the Township. It didn't even garner a simple majority.

Voters also voted against the Port Authority Levy again. It lost by one vote, 221 to 220. Who says your vote doesn't matter? Because of the narrow margin, there will be an automatic recount on December 3rd.

## OFFICIAL ELECTION TALLY

**Mayor of Put-in-Bay – Choose 1**  
Judy Berry - 72

**Put-in-Bay Village Council – Choose 4**

Ruth Scarpelli - 86  
Lee Krendl - 75  
Terry Gentry - 72  
Jeff Koehler - 57  
Melinda McCann Myers - 50

Red denotes winners.

**Put-in-Bay Township Trustees – Choose 2**

Matt Miller - 291  
Dale Burris - 256  
Steve Riddle - 208

**Put-in-Bay School Board – Choose 3**

Scott Pugh - 304  
Joy Cooper - 274  
Mike Byrnes - 249

**Put-in-Bay Town Hall Levy**

Against – 230  
For – 207

**Put-in-Bay Township Operations Levy**

For – 292  
Against – 147

**Middle Bass Refuse Levy**

For – 41  
Against – 13

**Put-in-Bay Port Authority Levy**

Against – 221  
For – 220

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### Gwena Market wins contest

Probate and Juvenile Courts is the spokesperson for Parent's Week. Emphasized was the wonderful job parents and caregivers do with raising the children in Ottawa County. Judge Kathleen L. Giesler, the judge of the Ottawa County Probate/Juvenile Court, visited 26 fourth-grade classes this fall to talk about Parents Week in Ottawa County and explain the Fourth Grade Writing Contest. She shared comical bits from what fourth-graders throughout the county said in their essays about "how parents can be better." Fourth graders were given the opportunity to write a 100-word essay about what makes a great parent or a letter to their parents telling them why they are special. The winners of the contests, as well as their families, were recognized at a Kickoff Breakfast. Winner from Put-in-Bay was Gwena Market, the daughter of Scott and Susan Market.

This unidentified woman was seen hanging around on the bell-buoy off Middle Bass Island one afternoon in early November. This past month the weather was pretty darn good for activities like boating to Kelleys Island and having fun on the lake.

### Editorial Opinion

## Leaving it up to our children to pay for

You may have heard a lot about the Federal Government's deficit spending and how we're reaping the benefits today, but how our children and grandchildren will be paying for it. That's a pretty sore point with many voters, but apparently not with voters registered on the islands.

You might ask, how's that? The answer came in this November's election when island voters turned down two important tax levies, one for repairs and renovation of the Put-in-Bay Town Hall and the other to pay off the airport properties put on by the Port Authority.

Voters decided they didn't want to pay for repairs and renovations of the Town Hall. Interestingly, here's one building just about every single islander, whether from South, Middle or North Bass Islands, has used at one time or another. Repairs and renovations are needed to keep the building in good shape and to make it more energy efficient. If the community doesn't pay for them and do them now, they will be left to future island generations to complete and pay for. If they choose not to do it, this island landmark will come down and probably be replaced by a more modern pole building as some have suggested. In either case, someone is going to pay.

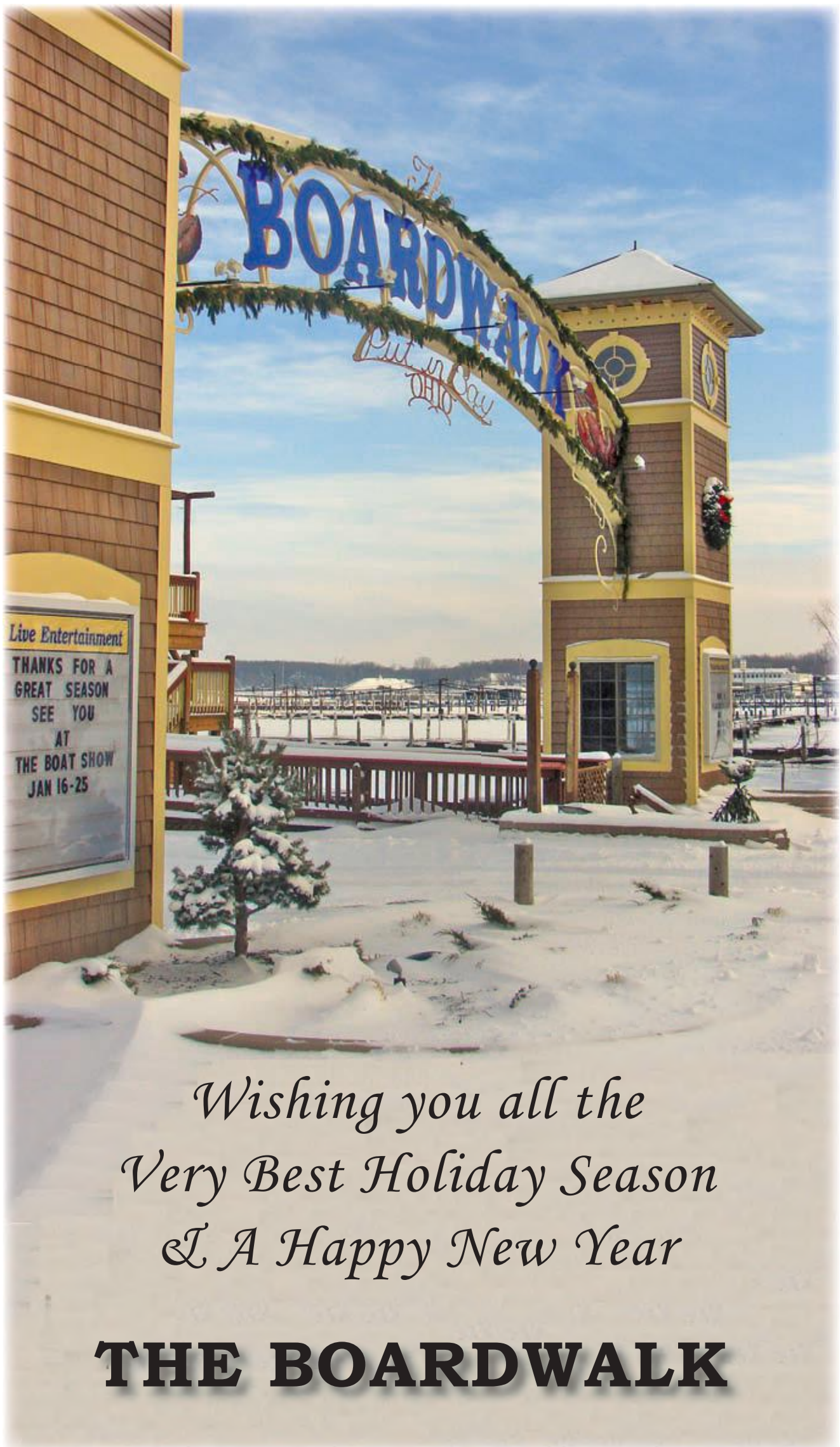
Someone is going to pay, too, when it comes to paying for the Port Authority Airport levy. We can either pay today for the airport property, or push it off on to the kids, and in the meantime, shackle those board members on the Port Authority who are desperately trying to keep the airport functioning for the convenience of islanders at a reasonable cost. Oops! We can't shove this bill off on the kids! The County Commissioners have already sent the Put-in-Bay Township Trustees a bill for almost \$60,000 owed on the property for this year. The Trustees don't have a lot of cash to spare in their tight budget, so to come up with it, they're going to have to cut service and expenses somewhere. They'll be making some tough decisions now and in the coming months some islanders aren't going to like.

Bottom line.....someone is going to pay one way or another, and we're betting it will be the islanders.

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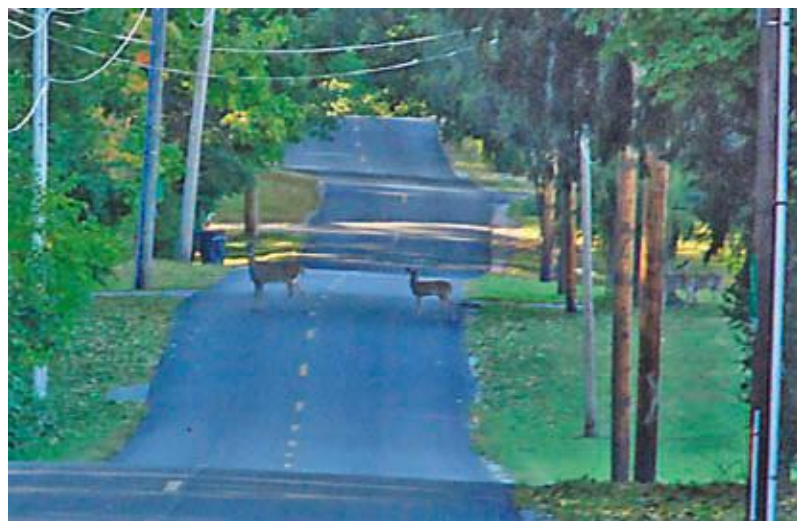
During the early morning hours of Sunday, November 13th, one of the island deer was hit and killed by a vehicle driven by Joe Scarpelli on Airport Rd. near the home of Bob and Ruth Engel. The deer made it as far as the front yard of Don Gump's rental house before collapsing and dying from injuries to its right hind leg and head.

One of the first to spot the dead deer was David Dress. From his experience as a deer hunter, he thought the doe was not very old and ruled out Mille, the first island deer, so popular with islanders because of her overly friendly disposition. The other deer on the island are either young fawns or bucks, and the only other doe is Mille's off-spring, Bambi.

According to reports the dead deer was taken off the island and dressed out.

In recent months, after the birth of triplet fawns, some islanders are concerned the deer population might explode like it has on Kelleys Island. It would not be unlike a strong buck or two to swim across the lake to South Bass Island during rutting season.

Some islanders have been heard to say they support hunting deer here on the island. Others respond, "Just don't shoot Mille."



This picture of two deer crossing Mitchell Rd. was taken by Brian Cultice with a telephoto lens. Just behind the two in the street are two more deer getting ready to cross the road, too. This is the second time a deer has been hit on the island. The first deer was injured, but lived. It was a buck and his limp is quite noticeable according to those who are familiar with the different ones on the island.

## French Club Brunch

The French Club will be holding a brunch at the Senior Center on Sunday, December 6th at 11:30. Menu items include quiche, crepes, waffles, croissants, Florentines, beverages and more. All are welcome. Merci!

### Thank you.....

The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy held a Winter Bird Seed Sale selling wild bird seed to islander homes for a fund raiser in November. Thanks to Julia Carle with Spencer Feed and Supply in Spencer, Ohio for being our gracious supplier and to Russell Brohl for organizing and delivering the seed. Billy Market of Miller Boat Line for transportation, John Ladd for his signage, Richard Gump and Kelly Faris for the use of their trucks, and everyone who purchased seed this year. Watch for our sale again next year!

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This photo was taken in the stube in Joe Suttmann's apartment in Salzburg, Austria, on Thanksgiving Day. Left to right are Zach Zollars (Frosty Bar), Louis Suttmann (Emily B), Marc Wright (Brewery), Laura Fogg (Ray's Fan), Press House Joe Suttmann (holding Gazette), Ray Fogg (his other fan), Alyssa Rose (Boardwalk), Caroline Koehler (The Goat) and Christie Fruchey (Brewery). The menu was: cheese plate and various sausages for an appetizer; turkey wiener schnitzel (prepared by Alyssa and Caroline); steamed vegetable medley; green beans with bacon; real mashed potatoes with gravy; homemade stuffing; cranberry sauce; and a funky gelatin-like dessert thing made by Marc. Joe and Louis are both living and working in Salzburg. Ray and Laura Fogg took time after the busy season at Put-in-Bay to travel to Europe. The others in the group, Zach, Marc, Christie, Laura and Caroline flew to Barcelona on November 9th. They spent time in Spain, then flew to Ireland for a few days, and ended up in Paris before traveling by train to Salzburg. Caroline will be spending the winter in Austria. Happy Holidays from the Alps!

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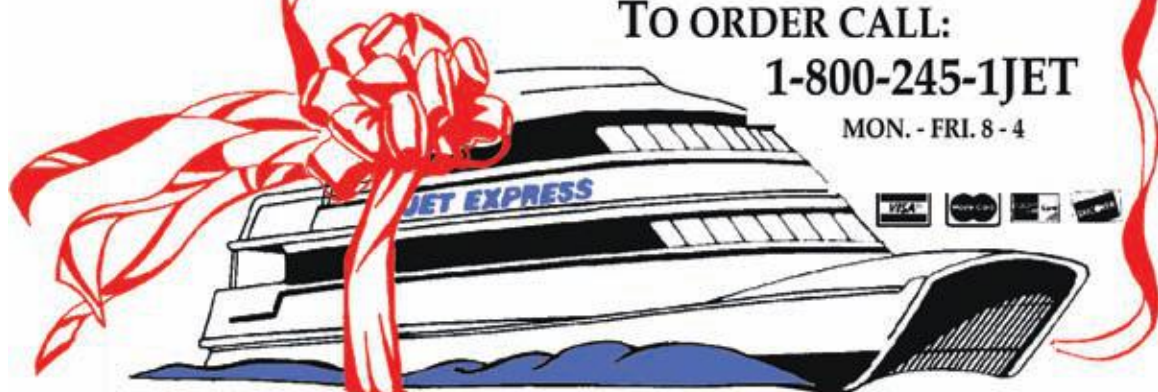
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Bill Eldrige (center) is seen here at his farewell party at Mr. Ed's on Sunday, November 1st. Bill, with his wife, Laura (left) and Karen Goaziou, worked as a manager at Mr. Ed's for more than a decade. Bill is headed to the mainland to work there.

## Fogg takes a break before winter tour

After a long summer season on the island and the release of his "nice" CD, Island Life, local entertainer Ray Fogg took some time off to visit Joe Suttman in Austria. He also used his spare time this summer to earn his pilot's license. He plans to do some flying this month to visit family and friends. Then, he'll be back on stage after the New Year.

Looking forward to 2010, Ray will start things off at a new venue for him in Sandusky called the Lyman Pub at Lyman Harbor, which is a cool venue that has been built within the old Lyman boat factory! Ray will also be doing shows in January at Toledo Sailing Club and Put-in-Bay Lakewood (the date for that show has changed to Jan. 30). And of course, he'll be heading south to Key West in February for Put-in-Bay Days at Sloppy Joe's. And, Ray will perform his first Canadian show ever at the Windsor Yacht Club at the end of February!

See Ray's ad on this page for more details on his "off-season" tour. You can check out Ray's schedule and do some shopping too at [www.rayfogg.net](http://www.rayfogg.net).

## Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count - Dec. 20th

The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held here on the Lake Erie Islands on Sunday, December 20, 2009. Here on the Bass Islands, we need volunteers to listen for owls in the early morning, travel the island bird watching during the day, and to watch their feeders at home. Those willing to bird South Bass Island for a portion of the day, can meet at the Brohl residence (441 Mitchell Rd.) at 7 a.m. for coffee and strategy for the day. We are also looking for birders to help with Middle Bass and North Bass as well. We really like to be able to count those resident Bald Eagles on Middle Bass!

If you are interested in being a feeder watcher or in bird watching on the island for the day or a portion of it, call Lisa Brohl at (419) 285-5811 or e-mail at [leic\\_bsc@cros.net](mailto:leic_bsc@cros.net). A hot lunch will be served to participants that day at Valerie Mettler's home. Participation in the Christmas Bird Count is free. If you would like to receive a copy of the annual report of the Christmas Bird Count and be listed as a participant, there is a \$5 fee.

Last year's blue-gray gnatcatcher sighting at East Point was mentioned in the 109th Christmas Bird Count report as one of the rarities from the Lake Erie Islands Christmas Bird Count Circle as well as the purple sandpiper seen during the count week. We have a great place to be bird watching all year! Join us to see what shows up this year!

## Homesick for the Holidays by Woody Widmar



It's been a bit more than a month  
Since I've been away  
And I'm already homesick  
For my friends at Put-in-Bay

The trees are bare a cold wind blows  
You hardly see the sun  
But I can't help feeling homesick  
For all that holiday fun

Tony's Christmas pot-luck  
Is the best one of the season  
To make the trip home for those eats  
Is almost a good enough reason

Sue's spread at the Skyway  
Is a culinary delight  
Mix in some martini's  
And that's one party night

Tipper's Christmas decorations  
Like a Macy's store  
Give you that Yuletide spirit  
As you're walking in the door

Everywhere on the Island  
You feel the joy of the Holiday  
That's why I feel homesick  
For my friends at Put-in-Bay

A friend just called and said it's cold  
And the boats might stop to run  
Maybe I'll just hit the beach  
And stretch out in the sun!

Merry Christmas to all  
And to all - Be Cool !!!  
Happy New Year too

Happy  
Birthdays  
Terri

# Pat Dailey PAT DAILEY'S WINTER SCHEDULE

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We're always amazed with what Jeff Bykowski comes up with when it comes to island memorabilia. This is a picture of Mike Steidl and Dee Dee Duggan's house across from the EMS house. The picture was taken early in the 1900s.

## Holiday gift ideas with the Lake Erie Islands in mind

### KELLEYS ISLAND GREEN WORKS

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### MIDDLE BASS ISLAND 2010 CALENDAR

The Middle Bass Town Hall Board recently announced it was selling a 2010 Calendar of island scenes. The calendar is a fund raiser for the Town Hall and costs \$15. If you are interested in a copy or two, contact Karen Held at (419) 285-2017.

### PUT-IN-BAY WATERCOLOR CALENDAR

Again this year, Celeste Mycoskie from the Blue Cottage Gallery has compiled prints of her island scene watercolor paintings and put them together in her annual calendar. The 2010 calendar is available now. See her ad on this page for details on how to order.

### KEEP HISTORY ALIVE

A great gift for the island history lover on your list is a membership in the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. If they are already a member, there are engraved walkway bricks which can be purchased. These are put in the walkway leading into the entrance of the museum. For more information, call Suzie Cooper at the Museum at (419) 285-2804. Another way to support the Museum is to do some Christmas shopping at the Resale Shop. There are tons of great items for gifts.

### CD's FROM ISLAND ENTERTAINERS

For the island lovers on your list who are really into music, there's no better gift than a CD of songs from a favorite island entertainer. Ads for CDs by Mike "Mad Dog" Adams, Ray Fogg and Pat Dailey can be found in this issue. These won't be those ho-hum Christmas songs, but your favorites from the Round House, The Put-in-Bay Brewing Co. and Boat House.

### MORE ISLAND GIFT IDEAS

You'll find more "islandy" gifts on pages 18 and 19 of this issue. Make it an island Christmas.



This is the time of year when memories of holidays past resurface. Here's one of our islanders enjoying Christmas as a toddler years ago. It's Jeff Bykowski from East Point.



This group from the island read their Put-in-Bay Gazette at the Rombauer Winery in Napa Valley, California, in November. Left to right are Sara Dotson from the Crew's Nest, Judy Berry, Put-in-Bay mayor, from the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doler House, Chef Paul Harvanec from the Crew's Nest, Maryann McCann from Island Resorts, Melinda Myers from the Crew's Nest, Justin Adams and Christine Corda from the Crew's Nest, Patrick Myers, Kim Stoiber from Frosty Bar, and Skip Morrison from Mid-Ohio Wine. It was a great experience and the wine was great!

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## Humankind-You can't stop democracy by Peter Huston

You can't stop democracy, but I did manage to slow it down for a few minutes. Nov. 3rd's election had many interesting ballot issues like bonds to help Gulf War Vets, legalized gambling, farmer's food production regulation, tax levies, and colorful albeit, sometimes uncontested, local races. This was a pretty big election for an off year.

Now you know we don't have a lot of people here in November, even when it is voting day. On this Election Day our population seemed to swell just a bit. People you rarely see all year come out to vote. In the village here, we are just a few people shy of 120 registered voters. I think the entire island probably had about 450 voters who came out to vote that Tuesday. However, we still need "cutting edge" digital computerized technology to complete our voting tasks. No hand counting, ballot boxes, or mechanized voting machines (that can't count hanging chads) are used anymore in the State of Ohio.

Heck maybe we should model ourselves after the famous Dixville Notch (NH). They can get the whole town out to vote at midnight. They use simple ballot boxes. In one minute the vote is over and counted. (To be fair they only have 26 registered voters. We would need three or four minutes I figure.)

In Ohio, computerized voting machines tally our paper ballots. However, something so seemingly simple does not always mean it is completely easy to use. Poll worker training must be done now before every election on all the latest procedures and technology upgrades. Your Election Day poll worker staff not only is trained before every election now but they must be technology savvy.

The ballots, while made of paper, actually have a software code on the edge that provides the computerized tally machine with the data required to process your vote accurately. This simple, straightforward form of computerized election result tallying works really well, 99.9 percent of the time. That Tuesday, as it turned out, was the .1 percent day. But don't blame the machine or the poll workers.

When I was in college my minor was in Political Science. We learned the "vote not cast" had as much power as those we carefully choose. Huh? Let me explain.

You go into the voting booth and there are three candidates for two positions. If you only really want to vote for one person, you are not required to vote for two if you don't want to. So by voting for just one of candidates you essentially take away a vote from one of the other two candidates. This strategy, if used by a significant number of the voters, can actually make your singular votes more statistically valuable because you are only voting for your first choice. In the one vote, multi-candidate scenario the first and second place vote getters are really true voter first choices.

So for this past November election we had several multi-candidate races. You could vote for four of five village council seats and two of three township trustees. The programming on the paper ballot is designed to make sure

you vote for the required number of candidates. If you decide to vote for less than the maximum allowable the computer "scores" your ballot as "under voting". A warning beep and message comes up that reminds the voter they can still vote for another candidate(s).

So, I went and got my ballot and voted. I actually voted for the maximum number in each of the races. I put it in the machine, and it gave it back to me with a warning. OK, maybe I did not completely fill in the circles. So I took it back and carefully redid the ballot marking. I put it in and "beep" the warning went off again. I tried about a dozen times, upside down and backwards. I thought it was just me so I stepped away and allowed others to put in their ballot.

Thankfully, I was not alone. Every village voter (we know this now, but not that morning) had a defective ballot. A hanging chad if you will. There was a partial second village candidate ballot question that got accidentally left on the bottom of the ballot. Every village voter was getting the same warning "beep". Our brave poll worker captain called "election central" at the Ottawa County Board of Elections office and they initially figured the voting machine was defective. So voting was stopped. Meanwhile, I sat holding my ballot anxiously waiting to finish voting, while our poll worker crew set up the "back up" voting machine. After about five minutes they had the second machine up and running. I eagerly placed my ballot in only to get a "beep" of omission again. It was "voter versus machine", could the computer really make a mistake? Our head judge was back on the phone with election central. A small group of hopeful voters in the room waited. After a tense minute "behind the voter booth curtain" of the Ottawa County elections office, the verdict was in: segregate the village voters' ballots and "hand count" the later.

Well, I want you to know this story does have a happy ending for some. Of course, the winners of the election that day, our valiant poll workers for dealing with adversity in the face of democracy delayed, and the Ottawa County Elections Office that declared that "all was well" at the end of the day. Even though the ballot was flawed, the votes were counted properly. Anyway, I learned you can't have a mandatory recount unless there is less than one half a percent margin of victory. Whew, thankfully, despite a flawed ballot, our wonderful poll workers team ensured us democracy would march on this Election Day.

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## News from St. John @ The Bay

### Attention Island Children, Youth and Parents

Kid's Corner will meet on Wednesdays: Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the town hall! All children in grades K-5 are welcome to join us. It is designed for children of St. John @ The Bay and families without a church home, and if your family is involved with the ministries of Mother of Sorrows or St. Paul's, we would love to have you join us as an addition to your participation with your own church families! We will discuss Bible stories and then discover how those stories impact our lives. We'll even create snacks that connect with some of the stories we study! It will be a fun time of learning and growing, and we look forward to doing it together! Please contact Pr. Dan at 419-341-7216 if you have questions or would like more information.

### Change in Worship Time

Our worship time at St. John @ The Bay will continue to be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at Mother of Sorrows. Please come and join us for worship! Please contact Pastor Dan at 419-341-7216 if you have any questions.

### Christmas Blessings from St. John @ The Bay!

We wish all a very Blessed Christmas season this year! However, this time of year can be a difficult time for many people, especially for those who experience loneliness or loss in their lives. And sometimes one may be in need of someone just to talk to for support and encouragement. If you or a family member would like a visit during this time of year, especially if you do not have a church home on the island, please feel free to contact Pr. Dan (419-341-7216) if you would like to arrange a visit sometime. Our hope is that everyone on the island is cared for during this most blessed season.

### Christmas Eve Service at St. John @ The Bay

St. John @ The Bay will host a Christmas Eve worship service at Mother of Sorrows on Thursday, December 24 at 1 p.m. Please join us for a joyful celebration of the coming of the Christ Child! Contact Pr. Dan at 419-341-7216 if you have questions.

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LEFT: Last month we had a picture of the old Hallock/Bykowski/Hartzel house on Loraine Ave. being torn down. Half way through November, the site looked like this. This large basement will be the exercise center for the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center. In the next few weeks builders plan to start putting up walls and getting the new Villas which will be built here under roof.

## Adding insult to injury - the HMS Detroit and Oliver Hazard Perry

Island history buffs will certainly remember the HMS Detroit.

The Detroit fired the first shot in the Battle of Lake Erie on Sept. 10, 1813, lobbing a 24-pound cannonball toward the Lawrence, the flagship of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. Perry won the battle and The Detroit was captured. The British and the Canadians who fought on her were certainly not happy.

Modern history would add another insult. In 1983, a group of Canadian volunteers decided to build a 130-foot working replica of the HMS Detroit. The original was built in the royal dockyard at Amherstburg, Canada. The committee believed a replica -- the tallest of the Great Lakes' tall ships -- would lure tourists to their small Ontario community. The Canadian government provided a \$700,000 grant. The Amherstburg mayor

delivered \$710,000 more. The Ford Motor Co. cast the cannons, and an airport donated oak trees, which were cut for the guns' supports. The new ship has a steel hull. It cost the group \$1.2 million. The woodwork and electronics were to cost \$3 million more.

The group ended up defaulting on their debts, and for six years, the steel hull sat at a Canadian shipyard. It was sold in 2008 for a mere \$319,000 to the nonprofit Tall Ships Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island group, towed the ship to Newport, RI, and plans to offer educational day-sails and college-level sea-based training, plus earn money by taking the ship to other ports.

Oh! And by the way, they re-christened the ship, giving it the name of a famous naval hero educated and buried there, "Oliver Hazard Perry." Ouch!

## Concern grows over Asian carp making way into Lake Erie

Those concerned with the health and wellbeing of Lake Erie are not happy about recent reports aggressive Asian carp invaders may have crossed a \$9 million electronic barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal which connects the Mississippi to the Great Lakes watershed. The barrier is considered the last chance to stop the super-sized fish that can upend entire ecosystems.

DNA evidence of Asian Carp was reportedly detected above the electric barriers which means the fish could be within six miles of Lake Michigan with only navigational locks standing in their way of getting into Lake Michigan.

It may be only a matter of time before the Asian carp get here in the opinion of Jeff Reutter of Ohio Sea Grant, and director of Ohio State University's Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island. He fears the carp's impact is likely to be greater on Lake Erie than anywhere else in the Great Lakes.

Lake Erie is the shallowest and warmest of the five Great Lakes, and is by far the most biologically productive -- supporting a multi-million dollar sport fishing industry on the Ohio side and a huge commercial fishing industry on the Canadian shores. There is concern the carp will out-compete the perch and walleye in Lake Erie causing a disastrous economic impact on the fishing industry.

Asian carp are actually four different types of the fish and some can reach 100 lbs. They were originally raised as farmed fish in the lower Mississippi. Like so many other invasive species, they got into the Mississippi and moved all the way up to Chicago. What is interesting about the carp is they are known to leap out of the water when spooked by motorboats. There are pictures on the Internet showing them hitting boaters, anglers and jet skiers.

If the Asian carp move into Lake Michigan, it will be interesting to see how long it will take for them to make their way to Lake Erie.

## Changing history one misquote at a time!

Read on the Internet: William Henry Harrison said, "Don't give up the ship."

"Don't give up the ship," the dying command of James Lawrence in 1813 aboard the USS Chesapeake. The quote was put on a flag and used by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry in the Battle of Lake Erie.

## Put-in-Bay Welcomes Mackinac ITINERARY

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th

10 a.m. Miller Ferry from Catawba to Put-in-Bay  
 Compliments of Miller Boat Line  
 10:30 a.m. Arrive Put-in-Bay School  
 10:45 a.m. "Meet the Teams"  
 Introductions and Activities - Put-in-Bay School  
 Multi-purpose Room / Gymnasium  
 Noon Lunch Buffet - Tipper's Lounge  
 \$5.50 All Players and Guests  
 1 p.m. Perry's Monument Visitors Center  
 Compliments of Jeff Helmer, Perry's Monument  
 2 p.m. Crystal Cave & Heineman Winery Tour  
 Compliments of Eddie Heineman  
 Heineman's Winery  
 2:45 p.m. Fort aMazen' Fun Activity  
 Compliments of Pinky Batt, Perry's Cave  
 3 p.m. Perry's Cave  
 3:30 p.m. Pre-Game Snack  
 (Sack Full of "goodies")  
 Put-in-Bay School Multi-purpose Room  
 4 p.m. Community Christmas Bazaar  
 (Tony's Place, Resale Shop, Butterfly House,  
 Isola Day Spa, Cellar Cache)  
 Check-in at Hotel / Condos  
 6 p.m. Girls Basketball Game Tip-off  
 7:15 p.m. Boys Basketball Game Tip-off  
 8:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner  
 in the Multi-purpose Room  
 Compliments of Sue Thwaite, Skyway Restaurant

9 p.m. Adults "Get Together  
 @ Tippers Lounge and/or Skyway  
 Students "Get Together" @ the School

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th

8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Multipurpose Room  
 Compliments of Basketball Moms  
 9:15 a.m. Island Tour  
 Compliments of Chip Duggan  
 10:15 a.m. Elementary All-Stars  
 11 a.m. Put-in-Bay Boys v. Cardinal Stritch Game  
 12:30 p.m. Pizza Lunch  
 Compliments Rec. Committee, Basketball Moms  
 2 p.m. Miller Ferry from Put-in-Bay to Catawba  
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# ISLAND TIME

## Events in December 2009

TH = Town Hall • PM = Perry Monument  
TwpH = Township Hall  
Schedule Subject to Change

- ❑ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ❑ Martini Mondays • Skyway • Every Monday
- ❑ Euchre • Wednesdays - 7p • Tipper's (Not Dec 23 or 30)
- ❑ Breakfast with Mrs Claus • Dec 5 - 10a • Skyway
- ❑ French Club Brunch • Dec 6 - 11a • Sr Center All are welcome!
- ❑ Pearl Harbor Day • Dec 7
- ❑ Late Night Ferry • Dec 8 - Lv Catawaba 7:30p
- ❑ Christmas Concert • Dec 10 - 7p • Gym
- ❑ Holiday Workshop • Dec 11 - 9a to Noon & 1 to 3:15p • School Multipurpose Rm
- ❑ Mackinac Island vs. Put-in-Bay Basketball • Dec 11 (Girls 6p, Boys 7:30p) • Gymnasium
- ❑ LEIC-BSC Christmas Bazaar • Dec 11 (4-9p) & 12 (Noon to 6p) • Tony's Place
- ❑ Wreaths Across America Project • Dec 12 - 1p • Monument then moves to cemeteries to lay wreaths on veterans' graves
- ❑ Tipper's Christmas Party • Dec 12 - 5 to 9p
- ❑ Community Christmas Dinner • Dec 13 - 5:30p • School Gym
- ❑ 4th Annual Ladies Night • Dec 14 - 6 to 9p • Island Hardware Store
- ❑ Late Night Ferry • Dec 14 - Lv Catawaba 7:30p
- ❑ LEIC-BSC Christmas Potluck • Dec 15 - 6p South Bass Island Lighthouse
- ❑ Holly & Ivy Ladies Tea & Cookie Exchange • Dec 16 • 2p • Skyway
- ❑ Christmas Decoration Judgng • Dec 18
- ❑ Audubon Christmas Bird Count • Dec 20
- ❑ Skyway Christmas Party • Dec 22 - 5 to 8p
- ❑ Tipper's New Year's Party • Dec 31
- ❑ Skyway New Year's Party • Dec 31

### December Meeting Schedule

- ❑ Arts Council • Dec 7 - 7p • Chamber Office
- ❑ Put-in-Bay Village Council • Dec 7 - 8:30 am • Town Hall
- ❑ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Dec 8 - 9:45a • Town Hall
- ❑ Park District Meeting • Dec 8 - 10a • T
- ❑ Bd of Education • Dec 9 - 7p • School
- ❑ Put-in-Bay Village Council • Dec 14 8:30 a • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Village Plan Com • Dec 14 - 1p • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Trustees • Dec 15 - 2p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Dec 14 - 7p • Chamber office in the Depot
- ❑ Township Bd of Zoning Appeals • Dec 16 - 7:30p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Legion • Dec 17 - 11:45a • Sr Center
- ❑ PIB Twp Port Authority • Dec 18 - 9a • Twp Hall

### December Church Schedules Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ❑ PIB Mass • Sun. - 10:30a
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- ❑ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a
- St. John @ the Bay**
- ❑ Sunday Services • 1:30p • Mother of Sorrows
- ❑ Christmas Service • Dec 24 - 1p • Mother of Sorrows

### Coming Events in January

- ❑ PIBYC Doldrums' Weekend • Jan 15-17  
Holiday Inn Express on Catawba

### Recycling Hours

- ❑ Weds • 10a - 2p • Transfer Station
- ❑ Sats • 10a - 2p • Transfer Station

**Birthdays of the Month**  
**Tammy Niese Knaser**  
**Dec. 15th**  
**Debbie Zura Harlan**  
**Dec. 15th**

# Holiday Happenings

## BREAKFAST WITH MRS. CLAUS - December 5th

The preschool and elementary children are invited to the Skyway for a pancake breakfast with Mrs. Claus on Saturday morning, Dec. 5th at 10 a.m. Bring your letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus and decorate some Christmas cookies. \$6 charge.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT - December 10th

This year's Christmas Concert (music students in grades K - 8) is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 10th at 7 p.m. Holiday songs start your holiday season off right.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DEC. 11th & 12th

The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy will host a Christmas Bazaar at Tony's Place on Friday December 11th from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 12th from Noon to 6 p.m. Tables are available for \$10 each. School and non-profits groups are free. Call Valerie Mettler at 285-8301 or e-mail at vmettler@verizon.net to reserve a spot. The LEIHS resale shop, Cellar Cache, the gift shop at The Butterfly House and Isola Day Spa will be open those times as well for your shopping pleasure!

Among those having items for sale will be Kelly Mohn from the PTA, Heidi Ladd with rack and table clothing with sequins, Kelly Faris and his island photos, Susan Byrnes and her island photos, Kim Pugh from the Puddle Duck with clothing and accessories, Jessie Green and her unique custom jewelry, Amy Huston with fish print t-shirts, Elizabeth Heineman with her homemade soup mixes, and the LEIC-BSC with syrup, backpacks, water bottles, suet, note cards, jelly, and Carmen's X-mas crafts.

## TIPPER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 12th

The entire Niese Family invites everyone to Tipper's Christmas Party from 5 to 7 p.m. on December 12th. It's early this year, so mark all your calendars and set your timers now. There will be a free food buffet, plus live entertainment.

## COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER - December 13th

This year's Community Holiday Dinner will take place on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at the Put-in-Bay School Gymnasium. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be catered by The Butler Did It. Everything, food, beverage, plates and silverware, will be provided. The only thing to bring will be your favorite Christmas dessert. You can also bring a hat, scarf or mittens for the Mitten Tree. These items will go to the less fortunate in Ottawa County. See you there!

## 4th ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT

### AT ISLAND HARDWARE - December 14th

Stop by Island Hardware on Monday evening, December 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. and have fun picking out some great gifts from their gift shop. You'll be pleasantly surprised with the selection, plus, as always, just a good time.

## LAKE ERIE ISLANDS CHAPTER - BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY POTLUCK - December 15th

The Lake Erie Island Chapter-Black Swamp Conservancy's Annual Christmas Potluck Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the South Bass Island Lighthouse. Bring a covered dish to share. The main dish, punch, table service, and mixers will be provided. BYOB. Please RSVP by calling Lisa Brohl at 285-5811 or by e-mail at leic\_bsc@ros.net. All are welcome to attend! The group had a very exciting year to celebrate! Maybe with an island champagne toast!

## HOLLY & IVY LADIES TEA PARTY & COOKIE EXCHANGE - December 16th

Ladies! Bring six doz. of your favorite holidaycookies to the Skyway and exchange them for a mix of your neighbors' cookeis. RSVP please. The event starts at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16th. \$10 Charge. Call the Skyway, (419) 285-4331, for reservations.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT JUDGING - December 18th

Make sure your home or business is decorated in time for the Annual Island "Judging of the Lights" on Friday, Dec. 18th. Distinguished seniors from the Senior Center will be driving around the Island and do the honors of judging the lights and displays. Will you be that someone with the "OH so very Prestigious Award" of Best Lights On The Island!? Good Luck Everyone.

## SKYWAY CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 22nd

Enjoy some holiday cheer at the Skyway on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd between 5 and 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by.

## TIPPER'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY - December 31st

Enjoy New Year's Eve at Tipper's New Year's Eve Party. There will be live entertainment, plus a champagne toast at midnight.

## SKYWAY NEW YEAR'S PARTY - December 31st

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## Milestones

### Dedicated to Edward Markel

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Wanting for a home,  
full of family and love  
A father he became,  
answered prayers from above  
Relishing all days,  
that he spent on this earth  
Dad he was to me,  
since the day of my birth

Months by his side,  
painfully watching his fate  
Asking God to protect him,  
keeping angels in wait  
Repressing my tears,  
as his last breath slipped  
away  
Kissing his forehead,  
saying I'll be with you one day  
Each and every day,  
his shadow I still see  
Living in my memory,  
in my heart he shall always  
be

From your daughter  
with love, *Tammy*



RIGHT: Here is the picture of Jason Michael Welch and Alyssa Nicole Bopp reading their Gazette at the altar right after the wedding ceremony this October 24th in Berwick, Pennsylvania. Gazette readers might remember Jason was the first one to ever propose in the Put-in-Bay Gazette. A year ago in October, he put an ad in the paper with Alyssa's picture and the question "Alyssa, will you marry me?" While visiting island friends Corky and Jerry Flint and having dinner at Axel & Harry's, Alyssa saw the ad. She obviously accepted Jason's proposal. It was Alyssa's first-ever trip to Put-in-Bay. The couple is looking forward to coming back for a visit next summer.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Wayne Duez  
Melissa Smith  
Amy Wasson • Bob Burket
- 2nd Gay Pippert  
Jim Roesch  
Nora Ladd
- 3rd Cyndee Altoff  
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Michelle Maringer  
Margaret Robinette
- 4th Aaron Patton • Beth Burns  
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Linda Shull
- 5th Russell Brohl  
Jeanne Bixler  
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- 6th Ashley Sweeney  
Bill Jellison  
Shawn Wm. Stonerook  
Richie Scarpelli
- 7th Neoma Woischke  
Craig Cerny
- 8th Kelly Faris  
Michelle Pugh  
Jane Market • Kevin Scott
- 9th Ryan Stoiber  
Miranda Riddle  
Michael Byrnes  
Michael Lipsky
- 10th Jeanne Kozlowski  
Stan Snider • Talii Steidl
- 11th Lisa Brohl • Ed Sergi  
Caitlin Market • Carol Pohl
- 12th Chuck Lunt  
Margot Rupp
- 14th Emily Morrow  
Corlyn Kindt  
Elyse Drake
- 15th Tammy Knaser  
Debbie Harlan  
Beth Batt • Alex Tigges
- 16th Sue Seaberg  
Billy Nainiger  
Anita McCann  
Macy Wolfe
- 17th Sue Duff • Joey Wolf  
Tony Kowalski  
Mary Case  
Karyn Diskin Lyle
- 18th Christy Frederick  
Russ Brohl • Lori Stevens  
Corey Meyers
- 19th Rose Kahler
- 20th Seabrook Riddle  
Edward Luecke  
Clarence Crowe
- 21st Nick Faris  
Tom Seaberg
- 22nd Travis Kowalski  
Kevin French • Carol Root
- 23rd Paul Ladd • Kira Hubner  
Audrey Sheehan  
Pat Baker • Bob Kindt  
Mary Roesch
- 24th Sara Booker Sheehan  
Joe DaPore • John Dodge  
Shawn Dages
- 25th Jason Root • Sarah Wasson
- 26th Joan Booker  
Mark Matousek  
Mike Matousek  
Marge Rudd  
Tom Brennan
- 27th Annette Luecke  
Barbara Heineman  
Dale McKee  
Zoly Urge  
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- 18th Michael & Susan Byrnes
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- 24th Robert & Donna White
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Islanders lined up in the gym at Put-in-Bay School one day in November to get H1N1 flu shots. The shots, provided by Ottawa County, were free. One cottager came all the way from the Columbus area to get a shot because they weren't available in her area. Two other islanders reported they couldn't get the shots at Cleveland Clinic because they were out. 250 doses were administered.

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Ty Winchester reports the 3rd Annual Cakes for a Cause day at Pasquale's Restaurant was a huge success. \$1800 dollars was turned over to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer fund in the name of the Put-in-Bay Community. Ty says this was the biggest year ever. His employees worked for free the last day of the season, plus Pasquale's donated all the food. A big thank you goes out to all those who came in and supported this event Pasquale's final day of 2009.

**Middle Bass East Point Preserve**  
 By Lisa Brohl

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District, assisted by the Trust for Public Lands, was awarded a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant on September 28th for \$70,000, and mailings went out to Middle Bass property owners, Put-in-Bay box holders and other groups to solicit donations and pledges for the Swartz property on Middle Bass Island's East Point. Bird banders Tom Bartlett and Ron Minard visited the site to gather data on migratory birds. In thirty years of banding, this is the first Nelson Sharp-tailed Sparrow Tom has banded! Dr. Robert Krebs (mussels) and Dr. James Marshall (nesting birds) also surveyed on site this season.

The Trust for Public Lands and LEIC-BSC assisted with the preparation of a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant that was submitted on November 20 for the remainder of the purchase funds. With recent grants, pledges and donations our fund raising total is getting much closer to the amount needed for a Clean Ohio match. Pledges and donations came from Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay residents in addition to the Firelands Audubon, Friends of Magee Marsh, and the Ohio Ornithological Society. The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy is still accepting pledges and donations toward the project if you would like to help!

The group has received positive responses about setting up a Middle Bass Nature Preservation and Education Committee, which is being formed by Brian Betz. Members of the committee will include Susan Sapecki, Blanca Stransky, Gregory Hicks and Roberta and Susan Jones.

We thank Brian, Diane and Mary Betz and Kelly Faris for their help with mailings and Neal Hess from the Trust for Public Lands for his efforts in writing grants and preserving the property. We really appreciate all who have written letters of support, made pledges or helped in some other way with this project. On December 7, decisions will be announced about Clean Ohio awards. Keep your fingers crossed for an early Christmas present!

Merry Christmas from Bob Gatewood

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Trenton and Carissa enjoyed the PIB Gazette while in Hawaii. Their parents, Dave and Tracie Murduck have a cottage on Middle Bass Island.

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# Milestones

## OBITUARIES

### Terry Lee Starr

Terry Lee Starr, 65, of Clearwater, Florida and formerly of Findlay and Put-in-Bay, Ohio, left this earth and made his journey to Heaven on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, with his wife and family by his side. Terry was born on December 14, 1943, to LeRoy and Marcella (DeSmith) Starr in Findlay, Ohio. On October 19, 1961, he married the love of his life and soul mate Jeannie Fornes at St. Michael Church-Downtown Findlay. In Terry's life there were many accomplishments including eleven businesses, one of which is Fornes Brake Service which is still family-owned and operated for the past eighty years. He also got his pilot license and loved to fly and travel with his wife. Terry and Jean had a cottage on the West Shore of Put-in-Bay for many years and operated a small gift shop across the street from their cottage just around the corner from Mitchell Rd. on West Shore Blvd. Terry was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, B.P.O.E.#75, Knights of Columbus and the U.C.O.A. All of Terry's life he loved to take care of people anyway he could. He and Jean always shared and opened their home to family and friends and have had many good times. Terry touched the lives of many people, no one was a stranger. His employees were like family. He was always joking and coming up with one-liners out of the blue. His children's friends were also his friends. His friends in Florida are too numerous to mention. Terry will always be remembered for his love of tropical shirts, so his pall bearers will be attired in Terry's shirts. We will all miss him and never stop loving this man. Terry was the proud father of four children, Tammy (Rick) Fields, Cindy (Tim) Wolford, Dave (Tonya) Starr and Ricky (friend, Brenda) Starr; five grandchildren, Dustin Fields, Shannon Wolford, Kayla Wolford, David Starr, Jr. and BreAnna Starr. He loved his pets, Benny, a black lab, and Katie, his cat, treating them like humans. Both are with him now. Also surviving are his mother, Marcella Starr; brother, Michael R. (Shelley) Starr; sisters, Sandy (Gary) Rice and Kay (Tom) Lambert; and many nieces and nephews along with in-laws. Preceding Terry in death was his beloved father, Lee Starr; nephew, Josh Lambert, whom he loved so much; father-in-law, Clarence Fornes; mother-in-law, Vernillia Fornes and sister-in-law, Janet Malloy. The Starr family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the many doctors, nurses, hospice workers and family who have helped care for Terry. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, October 17, 2009, at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church-Downtown Findlay, with Father Michael Hohenbrink, celebrant. Burial followed in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, 907 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420.



Terry Starr

## BIRTHS

### Eleanor Layne Blumensaadt

Andy Blumensaadt and Robin LaPlante welcomed into their lives a 6 lb. 11 oz daughter, Eleanor Layne, born at Bay Park Hospital on September 17th. Grandparents are Dawn and Viace Malta, Michelle and Rob LaPlante, Alexa Kirsch and Todd Blumensaadt.



Eleanor Layne Blumensaadt

## BIG BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

### Debbie Zura Harlan

If you see Debbie Harlan on December 15th, wish her a happy 50th birthday, and while you're at it.....

### Tami Niese Knaser

If you see Tami Niese Knaser on December 15th, wish her a happy 50th birthday.



ABOVE: Eddie Markel having fun on Middle Bass.

### Edward "Eddie" Markel

Eddie was born in Cleveland, OH, on July 5, 1927, in the home of his Slovenian immigrant parents. Being a full-blooded Slovenian, he was raised making homemade wine with his father and listening to Polka music. After his father passed away, Eddie kept the tradition alive and continued making the homemade wine. He loved his wine and shared with all that loved it as well. In keeping with his Slovenian Heritage he became a member of S.N.P.J., K.S.K.J., S.D.Z., A.M.L.A. and Utopian Lodge #604. In 1945, PFC Edward Markel was drafted into the United States Army. He became a soldier in the 7th Division 17th Infantry Regiment. Part of his tour was spent overseas in Korea where he was stationed for ten months. An Honorable Discharge was given to PFC Markel in February of 1947. In May of 1949, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves where he became a Corporal in the Headquarters Co. 83rd Infantry Division, in which he served through November, 1952. Eddie was very proud to be an American and to have served his country. In 1948, Edward and Hope were married and began their lives together. Hope was the happy homemaker while Eddie was employed at Reliance Electric as a machinist. Not only did they raise their three daughters Karen, Cindy and Lisa, they also adopted a little boy named Tommy and a little girl named Tammy. He retired from Reliance Electric after working there for 37 years. Upon his retirement he dreamed of spending all his time on Middle Bass Island, which he fondly referred to as his "Shangri-La." Middle Bass Island first became a part of Eddie's life in the late 1950's when he was told the fishing was great in that area. Over the next ten years, he visited the island as often as he could until he finally found his own piece of paradise located on the East Point. In 1967, he achieved his dream and purchased the only pink cottage on the North Shore and became a member of the East Point Manor Club. After 1980, it was no longer just his weekend getaway, it became his residence from March until November. He always reminded you how many days before "island time" because when that first boat left the dock, he was on it and stayed as long as he could into the fall. Many may remember seeing him driving around the East Point on the one of a kind "Pink Chariot" that he rode to visit many of his island friends. Throughout his years on the island he helped to build many of the break walls and helped with the up keep on some of the roads. He would also cut grass on his John Deere tractor for some of the island residents. With donations from many of the Middle Bass residents he raised pheasants for many years. Often times people would hear of the pheasants and make a special trip just to come see them. After years of trying to re-populate the area with them, he decided to quit after realizing the fox and other predators were the only ones benefiting. One of his greatest pleasures while on Middle Bass was driving his 1931 Model-A car around the island and participating in many of the Island Antique Car Parades. He loved to show off the island by taking family and friends for tours while explaining how much he loved his paradise. During the Middle Bass softball games he had a chance to show off his cooking talent by grilling hot dogs and passing out suckers from his never ending bag. Once a year Eddie opened his home to a group of Barber Shoppers that performed on Middle Bass each year. They honored him for his generosity by making him an honorary Barber Shopper. On many occasions he also offered a safe haven to boaters who became stranded once their boats hit the reef on the East Point of the Island. Many of these stranded boaters returned to Middle Bass just to see him and to visit the island he introduced them to. When anyone on the island was in need they all knew they could count on Eddie to help out. Annually "Eddie's Rib Roast" was held on Middle Bass in the month of September to bring his family, friends and neighbors together. Over 100 people attended this year making it a very memorable party and a great time for all. Eddie also had many musical talents which included playing the accordion, bass fiddle and the infamous "Gutt Bucket." He would take the "Gutt Bucket" to Lonz's Winery and play while being accompanied by the piano as everyone would dance around him having a great time. 61 years of marriage was celebrated by Eddie and Hope this year. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed. As of December 1st, there are 120 days until "island time," and he will be on the first boat!



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ABOVE: Jim and Maria Wehrheim from Fox's Den read their PIB Gazette while hiking the Red Rock Croutry outside of Sedona, Arizona in October.

## Island voters anxiously waited

When islanders voted in November, they used those fancy ballots, which were read electronically by two fancy machines. High tech has made it simple because the count is electronic rather than done manually. With that in mind, those watching for the results on the Ottawa County Board of Elections' website kept wondering why it was taking so long for the results to be posted. Finally, about 9:30 p.m., two hours after the polls closed, the results suddenly appeared.

It turned out election officials chose not to announce partial results that night, and instead waited until all the precincts in the county had reported. An election official was quoted as saying about the delay, "We were just waiting for Put-in-Bay results to come in and they had to actually get theirs and phone them in."



Ralph Geiss discovered this unlucky Lake Erie water snake on the lakefront of his cottage at the Put-in-Bay Airport. Apparently, he slithered into a hole in the steel, then tried to slither out another one, got himself stuck and, not being able to go forward or backward to escape, died.

## Friends of Stone Lab promoting endowments

The Friends of Stone Laboratory (on South Bass/Gibraltar Islands) are promoting two endowments to assist students with tuition fees at the lab. The Stone Laboratory is the nation's oldest freshwater biological Field Station. For more than 25 years, the "friends" group has been dedicated to improving the education, research and outreach conducted there. Donations will be accepted at the Ohio State University, Office of University Development, 1480 Lane Avenue, Columbus, OH 43221. And remember, in the spring, volunteers spend a weekend cleaning and repairing facilities on Gibraltar Island to prepare the lab for returning students. This is a great way to help out and get involved. Contact the Ohio Sea Grant College program at OSU, if you are interested in participating.

## How things might have been different!

Something came to light this past month which truly could have changed how Put-in-Bay might have been developed. An old map, probably from the early 1900s, was discovered showing the "Delaware Ave. Extension." Everyone knows how Delaware Ave., Put-in-Bay's main street, runs from the Bathing Beach by the Monument down to the intersection with Catawba Ave. and ends. The old map was drawn to show Delaware Ave. continuing to the west. What that means is Put-in-Bay's main street would have run through the Doller House backyard, behind the houses on Bayview Ave., the Crew's Nest, the Dodge House and Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, and finally ending up coming out on Bayview Ave. between the homes of Billy Market's and Larry Herold. It is believed the Doller family didn't quite like the idea of Bayview Ave. which runs from Mossback's to the Miller Boat Line corner along the waterfront. The extension idea must not have flown with the other property owners on Bayview. Had this extension been put in, there is no doubt the development and history of Put-in-Bay would have changed dramatically.

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Photo Rendition of Extended M/V Put-in-Bay - Courtesy of John Rees





Halloween is always fun for the young people on the island. A group is seen here trick or treating at the home of Put-in-Bay Gazette editor Kendra Koehler. Quite honestly, we couldn't tell who all the kids were, but nonetheless, they were having fun!

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## New septic and sewer system rules agreed on for South Bass Island

The Put-in-Bay Township Trustees, the Ottawa County Commissioners, the Ottawa County Board of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to tighten the rules on private septic systems for South Bass Island. The agreement will require new developments to have sewer access. In addition, the order will limit the Ottawa County Health Department's ability to issue permits for individual sewage-treatment systems, state EPA officials said.

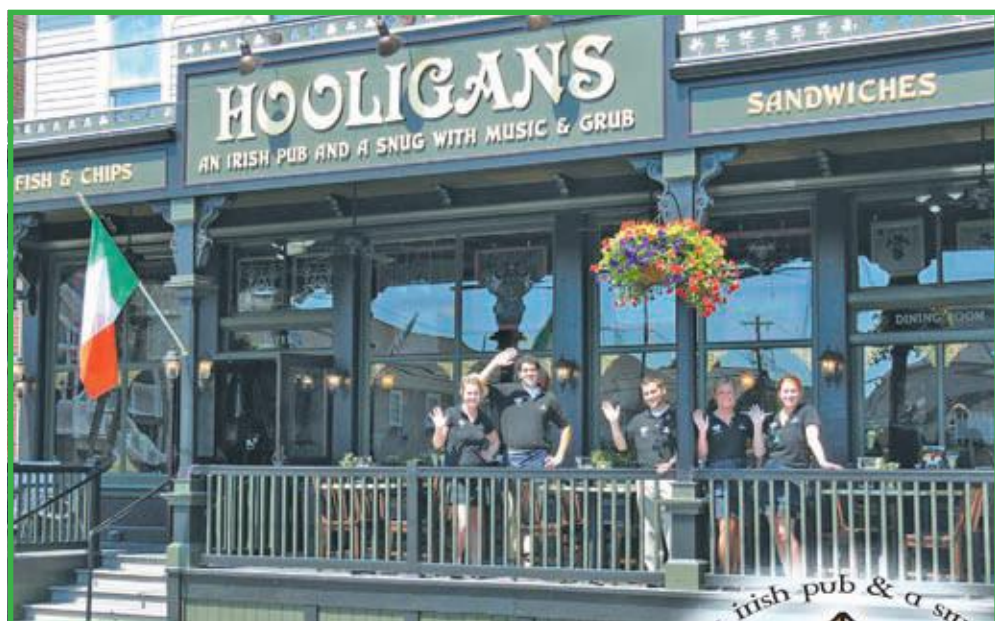
The agreement has taken sometime to negotiate, but island officials are happy because the agreement does not require the entire island to be sewered as the EPA first wanted. The estimated cost for that would have been \$40 million. Under the current agreement, sewers will be installed as demand for development calls for, and as always, if a new sewer line goes by a property, the owner will be required to tie in.

### Agreement will slow island development

The agreement between local officials and those trying to protect the health of residents and visitors to South Bass Island will probably slow island development somewhat. The reason is simple. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to build new sewer lines, especially through the rock that makes up much of South Bass Island. Only big developers have the deep pockets needed to install sewers to the outskirts of the island. Given the makeup of the island and current zoning regulations, there are few large properties left which can support the extension of sewers. Most of the businesses on the island are already on sewers. There are rumblings about a sewer going from the Village out Langram Rd., but, in spite of grandiose plans for the entire island on paper, there hasn't been much call for extending sewer lines.

### Thank you everyone!

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Resale shop this season. Thanks to all the volunteers, customers and donors. We are looking forward to a great 2010. Thanks again, *Kendra Koehler*



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## Money stolen in island home break-in

An island family reported their home was broken into over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. The thief or thieves broke a window to enter the home. Drawers were gone through and several hundred dollars, and prescription drugs were stolen. Make sure your property is secure this winter when you leave the island.



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## Hello from Sugar Island – Oct 2009

Island Information – New found real estate was discovered after the past three southwesterly blows. Zebra mussels, fish hawks and crawdads are fighting for squatter rights of the newly found real estate.

Most importantly, we have never seen the water level so low at the end of September. I walked to Middle Bass with only one small 10-foot section with water 6" deep. It was nice to walk to the general store.

Other than that, the water snakes and fox snakes are nestling in for the winter. The wolf spiders are quite healthy, a few bigger than my hand. The fox squirrels are holding on to their nuts or gathering their nuts.

We did get another new roof on one of the cottages with the wind, but the water level dropped 64" in 12 hours. The old chain of ponds resurfaced off the east side of Sugar.

That's all from Sugar.

S.I.T.L.

Enjoy, Geb Keny, Jr., Shirley Keny and Bob Sizeloufz

P.S. We always enjoy the Gazette!

## This & That

Kendra Koehler and Pat Thwaite visited Ruth Booth at her home in Cleveland in November. By the way, Ruth celebrated her 80th birthday on the 18th of October.

Someone who often listens to his scanner mentioned how the police will read a person's social security number over the radio when calling in to headquarters. The number can be picked up by anyone who has a police scanner. It's kind of interesting to note islanders can't even get their neighbor's P.O. Box number because of right to privacy laws.



Put-in-Bay School Students of the Month  
 Junior Michala Wertenbach and 1st Grader  
 Elena Schroeder.

## November's Students of the Month at PIB School

November Students of the Month at Put-in-Bay School were first grader Elena Schroeder and Junior Michala Wertenbach.

Elena was nominated by a teacher who wrote, "Elena is a joy to have in my classroom. She is a hard working, intelligent young lady. This student is unselfish in that she helps her fellow classmates without being asked. She puts forth tremendous effort and excels in all areas of academics. She not only completes her regular classroom assignments, but additional assignments that are at a higher level. She is a kind and generous student toward both teachers and peers. It is for these reasons that I would like to nominate her for Student of the Month."

Michala Wertenbach was also nominated by a teacher. "Michala has been given many opportunities to improve upon her own efforts at achieving self-confidence and academic improvement; however, not always taking advantage of those opportunities, until recently. Her desire to improve upon effort seems to have flourished and her confidence in her own capabilities shows in her schoolwork and in her rapport with others. This student's positive attitude has become contagious as her efforts have impressed others around her."

## A big thank you in advance

When Put-in-Bay School principal Steve Poe started working on logistics for the visiting Mackinac Island boys and girls basketball teams who will be playing the Put-in-Bay Panthers on December 11th, he planned for the visitors to stay in the school gym to help with their expenses. He soon realized there were only two showers for 30 people.

It didn't take long for members of the community to step up and solve the problem. Mark Mathys from the Put-in-Bay Resort & Conference Center offered six complimentary rooms at the Bay Lodging House, plus a special room rate of \$70 a night for Mackinac islander fans coming to cheer on their team. Sue Thwaite from the Skyway and South Shore Condos also helped out with four condo units for visiting team, plus is providing a spaghetti dinner on Friday night. Tipper's volunteered to handle the lunch on Friday.

Thanks you, guys! That's the island spirit!

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## Billy's ARK



This photoshop rendition of the "in-the-process-of-being" expanded M/V Put-in-Bay with its new 40 ft. section appeared on the Internet this past month. Notice the giraffe and elephant on deck. The work on the boat is probably going to be delayed because plans now call for it to be repowered before being put back into service.

## Work progressing on lengthening Miller's Put-in-Bay 40 ft.

Work is progressing nicely on the lengthening of Miller Boat Line's ferry M/V Put-in-Bay. The ferry left Put-in-Bay and headed for Cleveland where it is being cut into two pieces and a 40-foot section inserted.

If you'd like to see some of the progress being made, you can log on to Facebook and become a fan of Miller Boat Line. There are pictures of the ferry at the shipyard on the Cuyahoga River.



This new 40-foot section is being inserted into Miller Boat Line's M/V Put-in-Bay in Cleveland.

## Research finds connection between sediment plume, Lake Erie Microcystis bloom

The amount of sediment you see flowing into Lake Erie from the Maumee River could predict the size and scale of harmful algae blooms in late summer, according to a new study from the University of Toledo. Ohio Sea Grant researcher Dr. Tom Bridgeman has found a connection between the two phenomena, determining the sediment plume, in fact, creates a perfect incubator for the blue-green algae.

Bridgeman and his graduate student Justin Chaffin collected Microcystis samples during a large bloom that took place in August and September, 2008. Through testing, they verified mudiness in the water acts as a protective shield for the cyanobacteria, particularly when the water is mixed by breezes blowing across Lake Erie's surface.

Because Microcystis has the ability to regulate its buoyancy, more than 90% of the cyanobacteria can be found at the surface on calm days, further shading other varieties of algae. However, bright sunlight will actually damage the blue-green algae, regardless of the amount of mud in the water.

"On calm, sunny days, Microcystis floating on the surface became damaged quickly, showing loss of up to 50% of photosynthetic capacity in samples collected between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.," Chaffin explains. "Even after 2 to 5 hours of recovery time in the dark, traveling to the lab for testing, much of this damage was still unrepaired."

Chaffin also determined the Microcystis had plenty of nitrogen but were still phosphorus deprived, indicating phosphorus levels determine how much the blue-green algae will grow. The result underscores the importance of determining the source of the phosphorus that has plagued Lake Erie for decades, in addition to limiting the amount of sediment that gets into the river by implementing erosion-controlling management practices.

To read more about this Ohio Sea Grant and Lake Erie Protection Fund research, visit <http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/documents/twineline/v31i3.pdf>

The Ohio State University's Ohio Sea Grant College Program is part of NOAA Sea Grant, a network of 30 Sea Grant Programs dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of marine and Great Lakes resources. For information on Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab, visit [ohioseagrant.osu.edu](http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu).

## Have a Wonderful & Memorable Holiday



Holidays bring back fond memories of island days gone by. Here are Gustav Heineman, Olga Kindt and Norm and Helen Heineman trimming grapes in a vineyard on Mitchell Rd. in the early 1940's.

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## “Islandy” Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season

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Among the “best buys” for those who frequent the island are the season ferry passes and commuter ticket booklets. Miller Boat Line has a great season pass special for \$305 if you buy before year’s end, which is a substantial savings off the regular price. See the Miller ads in this edition for details or call 1-800-500-2421, or locally at (419) 285-2421, for information. Passes make great Christmas gifts. There are also frequent floater tickets and reloadable gift cards available, plus new this year are Season Parking Vouchers, see details below.

### GARDEN CLUB BASKETS TO BEAUTIFY PUT-IN-BAY

Want to surprise someone with a really beautiful gift this holiday season? How about a hanging flower basket for one of the 42 lamp posts surrounding Put-in-Bay’s downtown park for the 2010 season. This is a fund raiser for The Put-in-Bay Garden Club which will beautify the community following the example of Vermilion, Ohio, and Niagara on the Lake and Leamington, Ontario. See the Garden Club ad on this page for more info.

### JET EXPRESS PASSES

Travel frequently to the island? There are season passes for the Jet Express available. Call (800) 245-1JET for information. Buy by Dec. 21st and save.

### FIVE NOVELS ABOUT PIB

If you have a reader on your list, make sure they have one or more of Bob Adamov’s novels “Rainbow’s End,” “Pierce the Veil,” “When Rainbows Walk,” “Promised Land” and “The Other Side of Hell” wrapped under the tree. The novels take place at Put-in-Bay and other exciting locales and are wonderful additions to any PIB aficionado’s library. Log on to [www.BobAdamov.com](http://www.BobAdamov.com) for more info.

### KELLY FARIS PHOTOS

Kelly Faris can supply you with beautiful island photographs which make great gifts for those island lovers. Contact him at (419) 285-4772.

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### JESSIE’S JEWELRY

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### CELLAR CACHE

The Cellar Cache will be open for your gift shopping every weekend in December, plus for those last-minute shoppers. It will be open daily the week before Christmas. For those shopping at Tony’s Bazaar next door on the evening of December 11th and afternoon of December 12th, it will be open then, too. If none of these hours suit you, call Joy at 419-285-2738 and she will open for you by appointment. There is such a selection of fine gifts, you’ll find no need to leave the island to shop. Great Sales!

### GIFTS FROM ISOLA DAY SPA

Isola Day Spa has gift certificates and spa gifts available for your Christmas shopping. Buy a \$150 gift certificate and get a \$25 gift certificate free. Call Sonya Niese at (419) 285-4060 for information. The shop will be open for Tony’s Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 11th and 12th.



Jason, Chris, Joy, Barb and Tom Cooper all went on vacation to the Pass-a-Grille area of St. Pete Beach, Florida, in November. They’re pictured reading the Gazette next to the lush tropical landscaping by the pool of their rental house. Jason just had to report he thought the temperature was in the mid to high 70’s and sunny that day!

### ISLAND TIME WRIST WATCHES

If you’ve got a good sense of island time, and a good sense of humor, you’ll want to give an Island Time Wrist Watch. You’ll love these bracelets that show you the exact time to relax on island time. See the ad on the next page.

### FOR MIDDLE BASS SHOPPERS

The Middle Bass Island web site store at [www.middlebass.org](http://www.middlebass.org) offers a variety of different island books and items. You’ll find this web site a great source of island info, history and pictures.

### RESALE SHOP GIFT CARDS

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### LOST STORIES OF PUT-IN-BAY

If you like reading about island history, check out the book “Lost Stories: Yesterday and Today at Put-in-Bay.” To order, send \$24 to Put-in-Bay Ventures, P.O. Box 67, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456. Price includes sales tax and shipping costs.

### SKYWAY GIFT CARDS

Buy a Skyway Gift Card for \$100 and get \$20 extra. This is a great deal, so stop by the Skyway and take advantage of this great opportunity this holiday season. Skyway Gift Cards are available in any amount.

### MORE ISLAND SHOPPING

Not everything closes up in December, so keep in mind you can still enjoy some island shopping. There’s the Bazaar at Tony’s on December 11th and 12th, Ladies Night at Island Hardware on the 14th. If the Resale shop isn’t open, you can call Kendra Koehler at (419) 341-2725 and she’ll have it opened for you. For last minute shoppers, the gift shop at The Butterfly House will be open Dec. 21st from 6 to 8.

### MAINLAND SHOPPING

If you’re on the mainland, you might want to stop by GSE Jewelers. They’ve got some interesting island items, too, plus a Bead Trunk Show on December 10th, 11th and 12th. You’ll find beads for Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island.

### AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS, EBAY

If you need more “islandy” gifts, try going on the Internet auction website eBay and doing a “Put-in-Bay” search. You’ll be surprised what you can find. Old postcards, collectible souvenirs, prints and lots of other unusual Put-in-Bay stuff.



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- Jane Coates Wildlife Trail - a protected wooded area on South Bass Island which includes a variety of trees such as Black Cherry, Sugar Maple, Blue Ash, Common Hackberry, and Basswood.
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- Jane's Wildflower Extension - a section of woods added to the original Wildflower Trail.

- Petersen's Woods - a 1.5 acre natural wetland area protected on Middle Bass Island.
  - Middle Bass Island Nature Preserve - working with residents to purchase and protect an 8-acre parcel of natural, shoreline on Middle Bass Island. This area, if it becomes a reality, will be the first park in the State of Ohio primarily accessible by kayak and canoe.
  - Nature Camp - school age children participate in a variety of outdoor activities, developing an appreciation of the environment.
  - Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center - a co-operative undertaking with the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, the center is open to the public and its displays help to instill a sensitivity and appreciation for the environment.
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Remember a gift membership not only will benefit someone this Christmas, but will benefit future generations.



Steve and Jill Cooks from Shore Villas with their guide reading their Put-in-Bay Gazette between the heads of Apollo and Zeus on Mt. Nemrud in Easter Anatolia in Turkey. Just remember, you, too, can have a picture of yourself reading the Put-in-Bay Gazette when you travel to far off lands. Email your digital photos and little info to [pibgazette@thirdplanet.net](mailto:pibgazette@thirdplanet.net).

## Donate now to help refurbish Junior boats

Wouldn't you know it? Just as the number of 8-12 year old sailors increases, the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club's Opti fleet is aging. Last summer, sprit rivets and tiller extensions were letting go weekly. Repairs were made, but more work always needed to be done. Fiberglass, gel coat, and elbow grease will tidy up the hulls, but air bags and shock cord must be purchased and new sails are needed. A few additional safety upgrades will ensure there is a full fleet of eleven boats. Just \$250 per boat is needed to recondition each of the six oldest Optis. Your tax- deductible donation before January 1st will enable the club to take advantage of off-season pricing and complete all safety upgrades before June. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Thank you for your past and future support.

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LEFT: This is some of the crew that picked grapes on the island for Heineman Winery this fall. Left to right are Diane Bianchi, Caroline Koeher, Angie Heineman (seated), Louis Heineman, Susan Byrnes, Bob Reynolds from Catawba, "Cousin Jen" Larcey and Angel from Bulgaria.



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## School News by Steve Poe

### Your Donations Can Help Others

The Put-in-Bay School Computer Club is asking everyone to save General Mills box tops and Campbell's Soup labels. You can drop these off at the school office. Mrs. Cerny's Computer Club will, in turn, redeem these items for things such as computer software and cameras.

The Put-in-Bay P.T.A. would like your help in supporting the Ronald McDonald House by collecting aluminum pop/pull tabs. Funds earned through the pop tab program are used to buy fresh food, pantry, and freezer items for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

People can send their tabs to school with a student or drop them off at the office. If you have any questions about this program, please contact PTA President Kelly Mohn.

People can do their part in protecting our environment. The school Environmental Club collects household batteries and small ink jet cartridges. Mrs. Genzman sends these items to be recycled and the Environmental Club receives money in return. Again, either send these items to school with a student or drop them off at the school office.

### Good Luck Mr. Pitts

Mr. Larry Pitts has served Put-in-Bay School as our part-time guidance counselor and curriculum director since the start of the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Pitts recently accepted a full-time curriculum director position at Bellevue City Schools, starting January 4th. Larry's dedication and hard work will be missed and we wish him the best of luck!

### Board Member Changes

Board President David Bianchi and board member Steve Riddle chose to not run for another term on the school board and will be leaving the board at the end of this month. Their hard work and support has helped orient a new administration, offered direction on several building renovations, and provided tools that enabled our teachers and students to meet high academic standards. The many positive changes that have taken place at the school would not have been possible without their leadership. Replacing David and Steve on the school board will be Mr. Scott Pugh and Mrs. Joy Cooper.

### Mark Your School Calendar

- Tuesday, Dec. 1st - Girls Basketball at Oak Harbor -4:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. late ferry)
- Thursday, Dec. 3rd - Jr. High Basketball at Danbury - 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 3rd - Girls Basketball at Sandusky - 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 5 GIRLS BASKETBALL V. ST. JOE - 10 a.m. at PIB
- SATURDAY, DEC. 5 BOYS BASKETBALL V. OTTAWA HILLS - 11 a.m. at PIB
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 Jr. High Basketball at St. Joe - 5:00pm (7:30 p.m. late ferry)
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 Board of Education Meeting - 12:05 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 10 Christmas Concert - 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 11 GIRLS BASKETBALL V. MACKINAC - 6 p.m. at PIB
- FRIDAY, DEC. 11 BOYS BASKETBALL V. MACKINAC - 7:30 p.m. at PIB
- SATURDAY, DEC. 12 BOYS BASKETBALL V. STRITCH - 11 a.m. at PIB
- Sunday, Dec. 13 Rec. Committee Christmas Dinner - 5 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 14 Boys Basketball at New Riegel - 5 p.m. (7:30 p.m. late ferry)
- Tuesday, Dec. 15 Girls Basketball at St. Joe - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 17 Boys Basketball at St. Joe - 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 18 Early Release - Dismiss School at 12:30 p.m.

## Mackinac Island to play at PIB

One of the big events on the island this December will be the visit of the Mackinac Island boys and girls basketball teams who will be playing their Put-in-Bay counterparts on Friday, December 11th.

The Mackinac team is scheduled to arrive on Put-in-Bay on Friday morning. Before playing late afternoon and evening games, they will tour Perry's Monument Visitors Centers, Crystal Cave and Heineman Winery, and Fort aMazen' and Perry's Cave. After the games, which will be played between 5:30 and 9 p.m., there will be pizza and refreshments in the school's multi-purpose room for the players.

The next morning, breakfast will be served at the school multi-purpose room. This will be followed by an island tour, and, if the Mackinac team wants to, they

can attend the Put-in-Bay boys game versus Cardinal Stritch at 10 a.m. In the early afternoon, the visitors will head back to the mainland on the Miller ferry and make the long trip home.

This isn't the first time a Mackinac team has been to Put-in-Bay. They came to Put-in-Bay back in the 1990s, and the Put-in-Bay team also played at Mackinac Island. When it comes to matching teams up, these two teams are probably more similar to each other than any other teams they play. Both are from islands, and both have about the same number of students in their schools. With this even match, the games should be exciting. Plan now to attend!.



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# Letter addresses concerns about Middle Bass East Point park

To whom it may concern,

11-14-09

Many of the residents who live on the east point of Middle Bass have concerns regarding the purchase of the Ted Schwartz property by the Lake Erie Island Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy. Many of us, as the adjacent property owners, as well as the property owners on the roads that lead to the Schwartz property feel we have been left in the dark with many unanswered questions regarding the proposed use of the 7.8 acres. We are asking that before any commitment is made by the involved parties, our concerns are at least addressed.

One of the topics brought up in our neighbor to neighbor conversations is the concern of our roads. They are not designated by state, county or township, and the East Point

Manor Association no longer exists. Who owns our roads and where does the liability of the roads fall if some tragedy were to happen? For years the residents have assumed the responsibility of the road maintenance, but again there are many unanswered questions.

We don't understand why this is getting "slipped in" while we are busy closing our homes for the winter. We are just now finding out this project has been under way since early in the year and we are just hearing about it now? Many of us have yet to be notified and many have never heard of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

There was no open forum or town hall meeting and many feel uncomfortable and even deceived by this lack of information.

We know we cannot stop the sale of the Schwartz property, nor is that what we are asking. What we are asking of you as either elected or appointed officials representing the residents of East Point as well

as all of Middle Bass Island, is to address the attached list of questions. Please consider our concerns before moving forward with this project.

Thank you, Concerned Middle Bass Residents of the East Point

## Black Swamp Concerns, Questions and Answers

Editor's Note: The concerns and questions from the Concerned Middle Bass Residents of East Point are in italics. The responses, in regular type, are from Lisa Brohl who represents the Lake Erie Island Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy.

*• Why did Black Swamp Conservancy wait until most of the property owners closed their homes to send out notice of the plans for the Schwartz property?*

As a private entity, BSC does not need to send out notices prior to acquiring land. What was sent out was a donation request, which we would have preferred been delivered before residents began shuttering their homes. The more people who receive it the better.

We did have the project mentioned at the East Point Manor Association meeting in June. A letter of support from them was written for our project for grant submission. We have received pledges of over \$5,000 from residents of East Point and Middle Bass.

We hope to have an informational meeting in the spring if we are successful with our grant applications. With our updated property owners list, we will be able to mail information out as well.

*• Not all adjacent property owners received notice of the projected plans for the Schwartz property, why?*

Donation requests were sent to those we had addresses for. No one was purposely omitted. We used a mailing list given to us by island residents for other functions we checked against the most recent Ottawa County Tax Duplicates. We are updating that list now with those appeals that were returned. We also had an article in the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

*• It is stated in the letter that the "public park will be accessible by foot or kayak" where is the foot path that leads to the property?*

The reference to foot traffic is for residents of the East Point of the Island who may wish to visit the property. There will be no facilities to allow for or encourage other types



Diane Nemec, center, from Mitchell Rd., says thank you to her friends, (left to right) Debbie and Roger, Larry Cundiff and Luella Kacirek, and George Cisar for helping her clean her yard up from two trees she had cut down. They had everything straightened up in just under two hours. Diane says, "I appreciate your time and effort."

of access other than kayak or foot traffic from East Point area residents.

*• The address of the Schwartz property is North Shore Dr., what will stop the increase in traffic on that road?*

Cars will be prohibited from the site. There is currently a sign warning that the North Shore Drive is a private road with no public access. That sign would remain. Our signage would be on our property, probably by the waters edge and at the entrance.

*• How will that traffic be controlled?*

Traffic would be controlled as it is now for the private road. Cars will be prohibited from the site.

*• Will the East Point homeowners have any liability if a tourist is injured on the roads?*

No more liability than you currently have. It is highly unlikely tourists will walk to the park. It will primarily be utilized by East Point residents and kayakers.

*• Will the Black Swamp share financial responsibility with regards to the maintenance and upkeep of the roads?*

As a property owner, we would be subject to the same requirements and privileges of any other property owner in the East Point Manor Club for road maintenance as it is a private road. We understand that contributions are voluntary at this time. We would not be increasing the vehicle traffic on North Shore Drive.

*• The Property will be sold for approx. \$1,200,000.00.*

*How will that impact an East Point home owner's Property taxes?*

The purchase price will likely be between \$1,000,000 and \$1,100,000, which is in line with the purchase of nearby properties of similar size and location, such as the East Point Stone Manor property. The purchase price will not affect your taxes any more than if the property were purchased by a private individual.

*• How many acres of Middle Bass are not paying Property taxes because of not for profit status?*

The Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy only owns approximately 2.5 acres on Middle Bass currently. We do not have figures on other non profits. It may be worth noting how much of the Island is dominated by landowners who maintain their residences as second homes.

*• How many of those acres are parks?*

All of our acreage currently are more technically preserves with no developed facilities. One of the parcels has restricted access also due to Association rules. Petersen Woods we hope to eventually have a small boardwalk so people can view the wetland and the Bald Eagle nest without standing in the road. Otherwise no development is planned for our current preserves.

*• Will the Black Swamp pay any taxes?*

As a 501c3, Black Swamp enjoys tax exempt status, the same as a church. We hope the value of our preserved lands for open space and the enjoyment of residents and visitors will outweigh the loss of taxes in the future. Currently, the taxes for the property were only \$1,400 for the half year- this is for lake front property.

**Continued on page 24**



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**Cathy Van Liere**



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# Questions, concerns and answers about Middle Bass East Point park continued from p. 22

**• Define Public Park?**

A park is open to the public during daylight hours. We should have used the word "preserve" instead of park in our mailings as that more accurately describes the use we plan for the area. This area will be called the Middle Bass East Point Preserve and the primary purpose is wildlife habitat protection. There will be limited public facilities including a small footpath on the property itself and access by water. We will encourage the regrowth of forest on the site and maintain a small area in grasses for migratory bird habitat by a late fall mowing in that area.

**• Once this plan is put in place what will stop the state from deviating from this plan and turn the property into a campground or other use not yet disclosed?**

The State does not and will not own the property. They cannot develop a property they do not own. If we are successful in this grant application, there will be deed restrictions placed on the property by our granting agency, the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Most of our properties have restrictions on development and we are held to what we propose in our grant. No campground would be built. The property will eventually have a conservation easement in place to restrict any future development.

**• How will this impact the infrastructure of this Island?**

It should have no impact on the infrastructure other than in a positive manner. If the Schwartz property were split into several lots and developed, or developed with high density residential (i.e. condos or duplexes), the Island infrastructure demands would be much greater, including traffic and wear and tear on North Shore Road.

**• Define nature camp?**

Nature Camp is an environmental educational program held every summer on Middle Bass Island for island resident and property owners children and grandchildren. The Middle Bass School Board sponsors the day camp for younger children. We have an overnight campout for the older kids but they have been camping on Mr. Roesch's property and we have been very happy with that arrangement.

**• We are zoned Residential. Do parks and recreation fall under that zoning?**

Parks are an allowable use in both agricultural and residential zoning districts according to the Put-in-Bay Township Zoning Codes.

**• Who and how will this property be policed?**

As with any property, if there is a disturbance you should call the local police and they will respond. It is not expected to be any additional problems with the limited access.

**• Who and how will this property be maintained?**

Black Swamp and Park District volunteers until such time as other arrangements are made.



A little bird banded on Middle Bass Island recently.

**• At whose expense will the Schwartz property be cleaned up and groomed into a nature preserve?**

Black Swamp and Park District will apply for grants to do this work as they have with several other Island properties.

**• How much is the state's control over the Black Swamp?**

None.

**• How will that state control impact the existing environment of the East Point as we know it today?**

None.

**• Does the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp have employees?**

No. Our main office in Perrysburg has two and a half employees including a stewardship employee who writes an annual report on each of the properties they hold an easement on or own.

**• Will Middle Bass or East Point have any financial gain from the funding of Black Swamp, or will we just pay for it?**

Residents will pay for nothing involved with the project. We are bringing investment into the Island for this project and will likely create jobs (i.e. house and building demo and restoration activities) and potentially new business opportunities (i.e. kayak outfitter and Chamber of Commerce support) in the process.

**• What provisions will be made for the disposal of human waste?**

At this time, there will be no toilets available on site. There are many park areas that do not provide them. Maybe we will want to try to raise money for a composting toilet or the like in the future. We would have no plans for putting in more developed facilities.

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## Changes Coming in 2010 for PIB Community Sail Program

For many families, the traditional five-week sail program is simply too much of a good thing. Increasingly, young children are juggling extended spring sports seasons, 4-H, scouting, specialty camps, jobs, swimming and sailing. And then there's that time needed to just be a kid. At the other extreme, there were Opti sailors on the water last summer five days a week clamoring for more. So, to address the needs of those who commit 100% to sailing while still including those who prefer a variety of summer activities, the Learn-to-Sail program will be broken into two sessions.

A one-week race clinic will be held at the beginning of the season for those interested in racing off-island and/or participating in the I-LYA Junior Race Week. The regular Learn-to-Sail classes will follow for the next four weeks. In addition, junior racing will run through the summer and continue into August for interested sailors. To help implement this extended program, Sara Booker will be

chairing the 2010 sail program.

The goal with these changes is to continue to provide, through the swim and sail programs, quality water safety education to the greatest number of children. We are confident real progress can be attained in a four-week sailing session while keeping the emphasis on having fun. Changes are not finalized, but to help with your planning, here are some tentative dates and a schedule:

June 10: One-Week Race Clinic begins; Five-Week Evening Endurance Swim Classes begin

June 21: Four-Week Learn-to-Sail begins; Four-Week Morning Swim Classes begin

Registration forms and updated program details will be available online at [pibswimsail.org](http://pibswimsail.org) beginning March 15, 2010. Forms will also be mailed to families who participated in 2009. To be added to the mailing list or for answers to your questions, email [pibswimsail@gmail.com](mailto:pibswimsail@gmail.com). Registration forms and tuition will be due May 1, 2010.

## Thanks for your support

Each year, communities come together for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk events to bring help and hope to people battling blood cancers. This year, the Northern Ohio Chapter of the LLS held three walks, one each in Cleveland, Akron and Toledo. Valerie Mettler, Sandi Glauser and Carol Ann Erford participated in the Toledo walk on October 17, 2009. In addition to turning in \$1954 raised online and individually, we also turned in over \$600 in money raised by selling paper balloons at Tony's Place and Heineman's Winery -Kudos to Elizabeth and Marsha!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of caring friends, families, islanders and visitors, proceeds from all the Northern Ohio walks are projected to exceed \$330,000. This is wonderful. Funds raised by the walkers provide \*Life saving blood cancer research \*Financial assistance to cover patient expenses like transportation, medication, and testing \*Free educational materials and events for patients and their families \*Local programs-such as First Connection, a peer to peer counseling program \*Comprehensive, personalized assistance through their Information Resource Center.

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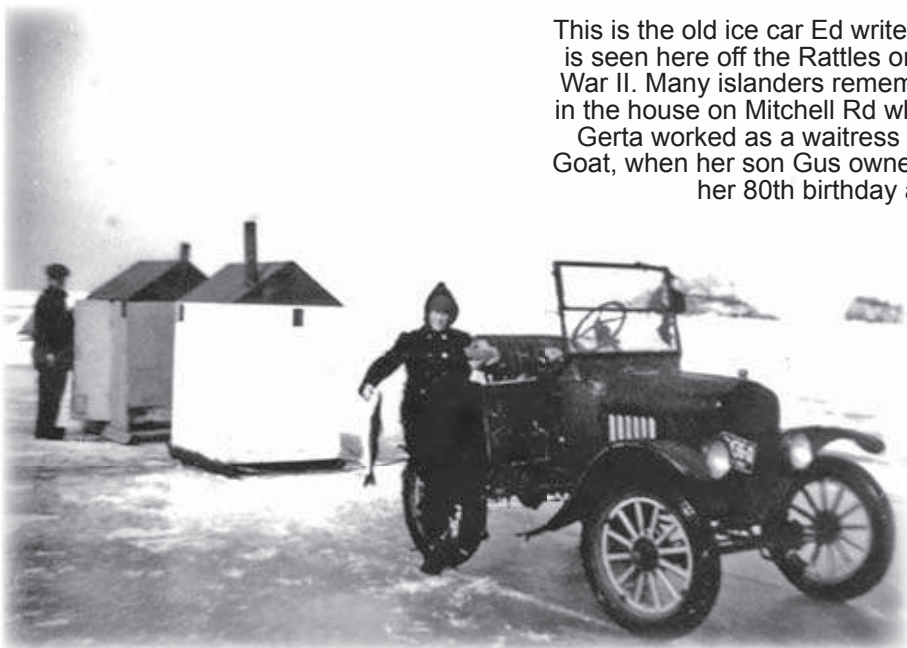
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This is the old ice car Ed writes about in the letter below. The car is seen here off the Rattles on Rattlesnake Island during World War II. Many islanders remember Ed's mother, Gerta. She lived in the house on Mitchell Rd where Russ and Lisa Brohl live now. Gerta worked as a waitress at Cooper's Restaurant, now the Goat, when her son Gus owned it. We remember her celebrating her 80th birthday and still working there.

**Short-term memory**

A Middle Bass islander was chatting with some visitors from Put-in-Bay shortly after the election and was boasting and telling them about how he did not support the Town Hall levy at PIB. Funny, but it seems South Bass islanders sure supported Middle Bass with their taxes when money was needed to build the Middle Bass airport several years ago.

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**Letter to the Editor**

Dear Editor:  
 I came across this old picture and thought it might be of interest sometime when you need something to fill a space in the Gazette. This picture is Fred and Gerta Cooper, my mom and dad, fishing by the Rattles off Rattlesnake Island. It was taken about February, 1943. My mom sure was pound of that 5 pound "Pickrel." She was a great fisherman (or lady), most often out fishing my dad.

The old Model T has a little history, too. For a school project, three of us high school boys bought this old 4-door touring model and made it into "trick car." We did it under the supervision of Supt. Harold Kiplinger, and a little help from my dad. We shortened the drive shaft so the rear wheels were up near the front hood. The body was left hanging out the rear and we put a skid on it. We put individual brakes on the rear wheels so when the front wheels were off the ground, you could steer it. When the project was over, I bought out the other guys, cut off the body and made an ice car out of it.

When I got back from the war, I asked my dad where it was. He said, "Oh, I didn't have room to store it, so I put it in the scrap drive."

"Fond Memories. - Ed Cooper"



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## Community Choir

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# Island Diary November 2009

**Sunday, Nov. 1st** - St. Paul's Episcopal Church had its Vestry meeting following the morning service. Axel & Harry's closed for the season after a Sunday brunch. Mr. Ed's has closedown party. Bill Eldrige leaves Mr. Ed's after more than a decade to take a job on the mainland.

**Monday, Nov. 2nd** - Miller Boat Line schedule goes into late fall mode.

**Tues., Nov. 3rd** - It's Election Day and there is a voting machine glitch at the Senior Center. Marv Booker and Pat Thwaite have guests over to check the election returns.

**Wed. Nov. 4th** - It's a cold rainy morning and temperatures on the island fall into the high 30's. Elixir plays at PIB School and the school open house takes place showing off the new improvements made during this past summer.

**Thurs., Nov. 5th** - Members from the PIB PTA meet a Tipper's to get everything ready for the Harvest Dinner on Friday evening. About 5 p.m. there's a big rainbow stretching from Lonz Winery on Middle Bass over the Monument into Back Bay.

**Fri., Nov. 6th** - A delicious Harvest Dinner is served at Tipper's.

**Sat., Nov. 7th** - The annual Turkey Party takes place at Heineman Winery. It's a beautiful day and there are lots of visitors on the island, many looking for a golf cart for rent to get around on. Only a couple of rentals are open to meet their needs, but then, it's November and not July.

**Sun., Nov. 8th** - Caroline Koehler (PIBHS Class of 2004) is in New York City visiting relatives before flying to Europe for the winter.

**Mon., Nov. 9th** - Put-in-Bay Village Council meets.

**Tues., Nov. 10th** - Paul Cupach catches a nice walleye off the dock at East Point Cottages. Is Paul following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Bill Massie?

**Wed., Nov. 11th** - Timmy Niese is doing site work at the former Batt home on Erie St. The members of the Put-in-Bay American Legion Post hold their annual Veterans Day dinner at the Senior Center. A big thank you to Tipper's for providing the dinner. Brian Thwaite is practicing riding his unicycle at the Skyway.

**Thurs., Nov. 12th** - Larry Knaser is busy working on the water line leading from the street to the Island General Store.

**Fri., Nov. 13th** - Who did we see walking his dogs, Rita and Dacu, from his East Point home to downtown and back at 1 a.m. in the morning? If you want a little hint, Rita is named after Rita's Cantina at the Boardwalk. Later that day, the dog walker takes Pat Thwaite, Andy and Jen Slane and Mark and Mary Myers to lunch at Kelleys Island in his boat.

**Sat., Nov. 14th** - Workers aren't letting this beautiful



Left to right: Member of Elixir, Gerry Rensel, Chris Petee and Mike Petee, played at Put-in-Bay School on Nov. 4th.

day go to waste. By 8 a.m. they are working on the new Villas at the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center on Loraine Ave. Carl Sliva is working at the Hardware Store while The Cooper family, Tom, Barb, Chris, Joy and Jason, are in Florida. It's also Halloween trick or treat night on the island. It's Bingo and Feather Party night at the Town Hall.

**Sun., Nov. 15th** - Passersby discover one of the island deer lying dead in the front yard of Don and Margaret Gump's rental property near the airport. Mike Steidl leaves the island to attend the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Expo in Las Vegas.

**Mon., Nov. 16th** - The Put-in-Bay Brownies met

at the Town Hall after school to earn their "Try It" badge in cooking. The were learning how to bake apples. Brad Lampela from the PIBPD was busy replacing the water pump on the old squad car used on Middle Bass. Chief Lampela is trying to keep his police budget down, but expensive repairs on the fleet of old police vehicles are really putting a dent in it.

**Tues., Nov. 17th** - If you were up at 6:30 a.m. watching the Turner Classic Movie channel on cable TV, you would have seen former West Shore residents Ann Harding and Harry Bannister in the 1929 movie, Her Private Affair. 250 H1N1 flu shots were given free to islanders who stopped by the school gym. At one point the line was pretty long. The big old ash tree at the Crew's Nest was taken down.

**Wed., Nov. 18th** - Linda Parker is busy working on her computer doing the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy newsletter.

**Thurs., Nov. 19th** - Dave Gruet is busy at the water plant doing paperwork most of the day. Assistant PIB Volunteer Fire Chief Mark Wilhelm is busy at the fire station over the lunch hour helping out with the building's furnace servicing.

**Fri., Nov. 20th** - The Oberlin College Choir presents a concert at Put-in-Bay School. Jake Market, a member of the choir, helps end the presentation by conducting the choir as they sing the Put-in-Bay High School Alma Mater.

**Sat., Nov. 21st** - The day is sunny with just a little haze. The sky and flat calm lake blend seamlessly together at the horizon. Lynne James and Sue Thwaite are beachcombing for beach glass along the South Shore. Friends gather at the Skyway to celebrate a very special birthday for Pat Thwaite.

**Sun., Nov. 22nd** - Marv Booker took his boat to the mainland to have it pulled for the season. We see our first Christmas lights. They are on the Crew's Nest.

**Mon., Nov. 23rd** - Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority Chairman Terry Burns learns the official count for the Port Authority levy which was to be used to pay off the airport property, showed it failed to pass by only one vote, 221 to 220.

**Tues., Nov. 24th** - It's a wonderful day on the island for November. Russ and Lisa Brohl head to Kelleys Island with Craig and Annemarie Eriksen for some pre-holiday fun. Workers are gutting the Arndt/Batt house on Erie St. so it can be renovated this winter. They are also working on the foundation of a new building to be built next to Harriet's House B&B right next door.

**Wed., Nov. 25th** - It's a rainy morning on Put-in-Bay. There is not a soul at the school since there are no classes because of Thanksgiving.

**Thurs., Nov. 26th** - It sure is quiet on the island. Billy Market is playing dockmaster at the Lime Kiln Dock for the two scheduled boats of the day.

**Fri., Nov. 27th** - If you came over to the island on the first boat from Catawba, you would have found a pretty good line-up of cars and other vehicles. Who would have ever thought there would be semis coming to the island over the Thanksgiving weekend.

**Sat., Nov. 28th** - The Mark Friebe family from Put-in-Bay airport left the island on a morning ferry after spending the holiday on South Bass Island. The Steidl clan boards the ferry to spend thanksgiving weekend with the "mainland Gramma and Grampa.

**Sun., Nov. 29th** - Chris Ladd was on the mainland getting the Mervine ready to pull out of the water. The Mervine was used to haul gasoline and fuel oil to Put-in-Bay for many years before Cantankerus. Chris has had the old fuel barge for sale, but there are no takers and he's considering scrapping it. Temperature on the island is in the high 50s and there's a nice steady evening rain.

**Mon., Nov. 30th** - It's the last day of the month, and it is noticeably colder. Billy Market says the 10-day weather forecast is showing some below freezing daytime temperatures on the horizon.



Harry Bannister and Ann Harding shortly after leaving the island and going to Hollywood to work in the movies.



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Left to right: Marty Faris and Barb Chrysler fact check the Gazette in front of the 9th District US Representative Marcy Kaptur's office in Washington, D.C. Congresswoman Kaptur arranged for a tour of the White House and the Capitol and provided tickets to both houses of Congress. Barb and Marty also visited Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the Memorials, and the Vietnam Wall. On the return home, they stopped at Shanksville, Pennsylvania's Memorial to Flight 93.





ABOVE LEFT: The 100-plus year old house former owned by Mick Arndt and more recently by the Batts is being gutted by Terry and Teresa Bodenbender. It will be remodeled and used for rentals. ABOVE RIGHT is one of the old carts used on the Dodge Dock (now the Crew's Nest office dock) to haul coal off the coal barges when the black stuff was used for heating. Rob Hard from The Bike Shop restored it to like-new condition, and it looks great.

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## Merry Christmas from the Put-in-Bay Senior Center

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around South Bass Island. You can feel the excitement in the air! Lights are being strung, wreaths and garland are being hung, the sweet smell of cookies in the oven, shiny bows and ribbons, carolers singing and bells ringing, that's right - 'TIS THE SEASON! Pretty soon downtown will be twinkling with lights and Christmas Cheer. Our "Winter Wonderland" is almost here.

We have lots of fun activities planned for you "Brave Souls" who will be "ON THE ROCK" for winter. Programs are scheduled all week, morning, noon and night. If you haven't been down to the Community Senior Center in a while, you don't know what you're missing. Please come and join in one of our many activities. We'd love to see you!

Just a quick run down for the month - Aquamation Classes (Water Aerobics) begin Tuesday, Dec. 1st at The Crew's Nest (need membership to attend). Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Strength Training Classes are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge Group plays Tuesday nights, Poker Wednesday nights, Card Party & Games every Wednesday afternoon, Knitting Club and Book Club meet Tuesday afternoon, and Mah Jongg plays every Friday in the afternoon. EMS is at the Center every Monday morning at 10:00am to check blood pressures. This is a great time to stop in during our morning Coffee Social, enjoy some pastry and visit with friends.

Something New! All seniors on the island are invited to join us at Tipper's for lunch, Thursday, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 10th at 12 noon. Transportation is available; just call 419-285-5501. Lunch cost is \$3.00.

Friday, December 4th Cleveland CAVS vs. Bulls - we're watching NBA Basketball on the big screen. 8pm Senior Center.

Friday, December 11th - Time For Some Island Rivalry!

PUT-IN-BAY PANTHERS vs. Mackinac Island - Come show your support and cheer on our team! Go PANTHERS!!

Start decorating your houses now. The Annual Island "Judging of the Lights" will be Friday, Dec. 18th. A fine group of distinguished seniors will be driving around the Island and honoring someone with the "OH so very Prestigious Award" of Best Lights On The Island! Good Luck Everyone.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Much Love, Candace Pucci, Activity Director

PLEASE NOTE: If any seniors need assistance or help of any kind during this winter, please do not hesitate to call the Senior Center. We are available and have resources for you. Example: Home Delivered Meals, Transportation to Bank or Post Office, Grocery Shopping, Snow Removal, Help in the Home, etc.

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### MONDAYS

9 am - Strength Training  
 10 am - Coffee Social  
 10-11 am - Blood Pressure Checks by EMS  
 7 p.m. - Making Chocolate Candy

#### TUESDAYS

9 am - Aquamation @ Crews Nest  
 1 p.m. - Knitting Club  
 1 p.m. - Book Club  
 7 p.m. - Bridge

#### WEDNESDAYS

9 am - Strength Training  
 1 p.m. - Card Party & Games  
 7 p.m. - Guys Poker Night

#### THURSDAYS

9 am - Aquamation @ Crews Nest  
 Noon - LUNCH at Tipper's (12/3 & 12/10)  
 11:30 am - American Legion Lunch (12/17)  
 9 am - 3 p.m. 60+ CLINIC (12/17)

#### FRIDAYS

9am - Strength Training  
 1 p.m. - Mah Jongg  
 8 p.m. - Cleveland CAVS vs. Bulls Game Night (12/4)  
 5 p.m. - PIB PANTHER BASKETBALL (12/11)  
 7 p.m. - Christmas Party & Judging of Lights (12/18)

#### SUNDAY - Dec. 6th

10 am - 3 p.m. French Class Brunch @ Center

## Our big goof last month!

Last month, thanks again to the wonders of technology, the Put-in-Bay Gazette's November issue was mailed one day later than it should have been. It was due to a human error, which we will blame on technology. Last month's issue was done on a new computer generated in a new layout program for us called InDesign.

Everything went extremely well, and on the last day, when PDF files are sent over the web to the printing plant, things went just a little too well. What normally would have taken us six hours to do using our old program and computer, happened in about two and a half minutes. We were so dumbfounded and excited with the extra free time on our hands, we actually had time to get out and do a little work around the house and enjoy the day.

The next morning, the workers in the pressroom in Sandusky needed one little thing to get the papers addressed and ready for mailing. Oops! In our excitement, we had forgotten to make up the mail report they needed. We had to return to the island, and that night made up the report so they could then proceed with the mailing the next day.

Human error? Technology? Take your pick. We're blaming it on technology!

## PIB PTA News

The Harvest Dinner was a great success. Thank you to all who helped with the food, working the dinner and cleanup. A BIG Thank You to the Nieses for letting us use Tipper's Restaurant for the evening.

We will be holding a "Holiday Workshop" Friday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at the school for school kids to buy special gifts for the holidays. The shop will be relocated to Tony's Friday evening from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from Noon to 6 p.m. Please call Kelly Mohn at 419-341-2976 if you would like to volunteer your time to help with this event.

Our December meeting was December 3rd at 3:15 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at the school to assemble fruit baskets for the seniors.

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## You gotta show your ID to vote, but not to run

Island voters are getting used to showing their driver's license or other form of ID when they vote. Even though you've known the poll workers for years, you still had to pull out your ID before they'd give you a ballot.

Put-in-Bay Village Council candidate Jeff Koehler found it quite ironic someone can get their name on the ballot, but never once show anyone a stitch of identification, including the officials at the Ottawa County Board of Elections.

"I had to show my ID to vote for myself," he said.

## Kelleys Island News

by Leslie Korenko

The year is drawing to a close. The signs are clear: colorful porch furniture has been put away, straw bales and bags of leaves appear on water meters, cars and golf carts go into garages, and the islanders who stay the winter are hunkering down and stockpiling supplies. The warm, beautiful weather of November is leaving us as winter approaches.

### FERRY

The most evident sign of winter's arrival is the big change in the ferry schedule with just four round trips each day Sunday-Thursday (starting at 7/7:30 a.m., last one at 4/4:30 p.m.) and four on Saturday and Sunday (first at 9/9:30 and the last at 4/4:30). Friday and Saturday also have just four round trips (start 7/7:30 a.m. and last 6/6:30 p.m.). There is just one boat on Dec. 24th and 31st (5/5:30 p.m.) and Christmas is a holiday with no service. But the big news is that January 3rd has been set as the last day of service as the ferry shuts down for winter maintenance.

### HUNTING

Duck hunters abound and it is odd to wake up to the sound of guns popping in the distance. Deer season is open and by Nov. 24th, 55 deer were already tagged. The year's final owl census is underway. During the course of his banding project, Tom Barlett has banded over 4,000 birds.

### ELECTION RESULTS

The island has 374 registered voters and 236 ballots were cast in the election, which means 63% of the eligible voters actually voted. There will be a new face on Council as Lance Marchky joins the team. The results were: Pat Seeholzer (199 votes, 84%), Gary Finger (167 votes 70%), Lance Marchky (164 votes 69%), Dennis Kaminski (119 votes 50%), and Ted Klonaris (84 votes, 35%). The other issues were: Compensation to Veterans passed (190 to 34), Livestock Care Standards passed (159 to 65); Mental Health Replacement-passed (153 to 73); and KI EM Medical-passed (195 to 39). The casino vote was a little closer with 120 for and 114 against. For the School Board: Kim Watkins (180 votes), Pete Legere (171 votes) and Fred Walcott (136 votes) were elected. The last Council meeting of the year will be Saturday Dec. 12th.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The VFW potlucks start up on Sundays. The school play, always an entertaining evening, will be December 21. The school board also announced they will, for the 10th year, request that 3 mills of outside school millage for 2010 not be



ABOVE: Left to right: Kara Nicholson, Steph Thompson, Sue Thwaite and Laura Barnum, boated to Kelleys Island from Put-in-Bay early in November and had their picture taken with Gary Finger from the Pump.

collected. This represents an approximate 18% savings on the school portion of the real estate tax bill.

It appears the Country Store will change hands again as Council reviewed a request to transfer the liquor permit back to Kuchar. Pat Cooney will likely rejoin the Water Board to fill a vacant seat. The Board of Education is considering applicants for the seat formerly held by R. Quinn. Streets & Sidewalks is looking at extending the no parking area to the east side of Division St. and installing new sidewalks across from the Country Store. Council had another rare executive session for "personnel issues."

And with this, we bring the Kelleys Island news for the year to a close. Happy Holidays!

## PIB Arts Council's 2010 events

In 2010, the Put-in-Bay Arts Council will host three concerts on June 30, July 21 and August 12. The Arts Council will also host "Arts on Erie," a week of workshops, performance art and music beginning June 27 and ending July 4. The group will also support 21 at the Bay on September 9 and 10. The Art in the Park in 2010 will feature local artists and some of the 21 at the Bay painters.

The Arts Council is also assisting the new Put-in-Bay Garden Club in its efforts to help beautify South Bass Island. Sally Duffy is the Garden Club liaison to the Arts Council.

Everyone is welcome to attend Art Council meetings. The next meeting is December 7 at 7 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce office in the Depot.

Pat Thwaite (center) celebrated a very special birthday at the Skyway one evening in November with Kelly Faris and Marv Booker among others.



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LEFT: The Oberlin College Choir performed at PIB School gym on Nov. 20th. At the end of the program, Jake Market, a member of the choir, led the group in singing the Put-in-Bay School Alma Mater. It was wonderful!

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### Kroger Rewards helps PIB Swim/Sail

Here's some interesting information about Kroger's Reward Program and how it can benefit the PIB Swim/Sail program. Marilyn Paselsky, a member of the PIBSS Board, worked hard on making the island swim/sail program a beneficiary of your Kroger purchases.

The Kroger Community Rewards Program is supporting PIB Community Swim & Sail Program. What this means is when you shop at Kroger (any location) you can direct Kroger to donate a small percentage of your purchase to the Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sale program.

You must have a Kroger Plus card and can enroll your card online at the Kroger Community Rewards website. There will be instructions and a direct link (around the first of the year) to the Kroger site on the swim/sail website (pibswimsail.org) to help walk you through the short enrollment process.

Swim/Sail is a small program and every

little bit counts. Kroger is committed to giving some of their profits back to the community-- in this case, Community Swim/Sail. Register your card now and help shop your way to better funding for water safety education.

### Reni Miller receives the Betty Neff Award

Reni Miller, a past Commodore and Auxiliary President, at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, was the recipient of the Betty Neff Award at the PIBYC Change of Watch in October. The award recognizes outstanding volunteers who contribute much time, energy, support and enthusiasm to the club. Reni has been instrumental in not only volunteering over the years, but has inspired new members, as well as long-term members, to volunteer in club activities. She is presently the "right-hand" to her husband and Club Manager, Past Commodore Kris Miller.

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On Friday, November 20th, Mrs. Genzman's first grade students hosted a "readers theatre" and Thanksgiving feast at the school. Their parents enjoyed three mini plays as they watched these young students show off their reading skills. Afterward, everyone enjoyed turkey with all the trimmings. Each first grader read aloud all the things they were thankful for. Pictured left to right are Nora Ladd, Talii Steidl, Lucille Niese, Marshall Stacy, Blake Booker, Dylan Jump, Elena Schroeder and Lucille Schneider.



## Mini-Moss on the Rock

Jake Batt will be on the island over Christmas break and will be able to look at your computer if you're having trouble with it. He can work wonders speeding it up and making it work better. Call him at (419) 341-1332.

Bob Gatewood reports one of his songs, "Swell" from his first CD, was used in a movie now out on DVD, "Hero Tomorrow." Bob said it was really something to hear his mu-

sic in a movie. Look for the DVD when you're out.

Dick and Margaret Baker from Fox Haven on Catawba report they only made 29 trips to Put-in-Bay in their boat this season. Their record is 42 trips in one season.

Dee Dee Duggan took the Butterfly House ladies, Mary Pugh, Cathy Van Liere, Joyce Ketchum, Susan Mattingly and Barb Drushel to Sevierville, Tennessee, to attend the International Gift Expo of the Smokeys. There were over 800 vendors there, so the search for gift items had to be fun. Dee Dee's husband, Mike, was left home with their four kids all by himself for an entire week! For this extreme call to duty, he let Dee Dee allow him to go to Las Vegas for several days to attend the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Show.

Miyo Hristovski, from Adventure Island, and his wife, Maria from MaMa Maria's, also headed for Las Vegas the third week in November to attend the same show.

Speaking of Las Vegas, Billy Market headed to the fun city the week before Thanksgiving to check out the casinos.

Bob Schmidt is doing fine!! (Age 89) He's recovering nicely from gall bladder surgery and temporarily living with his daughter, Michael Price, in Brunswick, Ohio. He's hoping to reside in Soldier & Sailors Retirement Community in Sandusky for the winter. If you'd like to give him a call, he'd be glad to hear from you! His cell phone number is 419-341-1778.

Pinky Batt tells us the gift shop at The Butterfly House at Perry's Cave will be open on Monday, December 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. for your last minute Christmas shopping. The shop will also be open during the Holiday Bazaar on December 11th and 12th.

Elections were held for two new board Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce board members in October, and the ballots were counted in November. Winners were Anita McCann and Ty Winchester in a very close race with Jennifer Blumensadt from Mossbacks and Jason Cooper from Island Hardware.

If you get your trash picked up by Lake Disposal, you'll want to know Anthony won't be picking trash up on Monday the 28th of December due to the holidays, but will be on the job picking up trash on Friday, January 1st.

We just happened to stop by the Senior Center the day in November the island veterans have their monthly luncheon meeting. Chef John Wrobbel was in the kitchen frying fresh perch. There was plenty to go around and John offered us a sample. Wow! The vets hit the jackpot that day! This was some of the best perch we've ever enjoyed. Thanks, John, for cooking for the Legion members and letting us try a sample.

After the Oberlin College Choir performance on Friday, Nov. 20th at the school, Julene Market invited the group over to her house for cake and cider. As a surprise to her mom, the Choir sang "Happy Birthday" and a song they performed at the gym, "Mary Ann." Mary Ann loved it! Other guests included Scott and Susan Market, Rich Myers, Mary Ann McCann, Melinda Myers, Jane Market, Marsha and Annie Parker.

Bill Massie let us know he sadly put down his 19-year old dog Scheeba recently. Sheeba was a golden lab and a great companion over the years for Bill.

We hear Denny Rechtenwald from Harriot's House will be having a buckeye tree planted somewhere on the island to replace the one removed at his Erie St. property. Go green!



Valerie Mettler read her Put-in-Bay Gazette with a Northern Saw-Wet Owl that was banded on Kelleys Island one night in November by Tom Barlett, a retired teacher from Tiffin, Ohio, and the Kelleys Island Audubon group. This type of owl is relatively tame, and it sat with Valerie for several minutes.

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## Impressive changes at Put-in-Bay School

All summer long, islanders saw there was construction work going on at Put-in-Bay School as they drove by, but it wasn't until the Open House on Wednesday, November 4th, everyone got to tour the school and see the impressive changes.

On the outside of the school there was a new fire escape, improved landscaping, a bump-out at the library, a shingled roof over the offices and library, plus sealed and striped parking lot.

There were big changes at the library. There's a librarian counter, reading area, new entrance and much more room.

The front entrance off Catawba Ave. was refurbished to its original look. Ceiling projectors were installed in four classrooms, and halls and offices were carpeted.

In the gym, the floor was refinished, changing rooms and lockers were installed on the second level, the music room was repainted, and closed-circuit television was installed. Two of the best things were lowering the old stage floor to a safer level and redesigning the off-stage area for storage use. And, in recognition of Jim Poulos who donated a large amount of the money to build the facility, a plaque was mounted in the gym.

These changes certainly improved the school for our island children. We congratulate the school board members and staff who had the foresight to make these positive changes.

## Island Decembers Past

### December 1946

Harold Hauck received his private pilots license. He would later move to Put-in-Bay and go on to become a commercial pilot, logging more hours on Ford Tri-motors than any other pilot.

### December 1988

The Island Players were busy rehearsing for their Christmas play, Scrooge. One of the job openings advertised in the Gazette was for a Put-in-Bay Township Zoning Inspector. The job paid \$200 per month. Jane Market had a tanning business on the island, and if your tan wasn't dark enough, you could go to Perry's Electric Beach at the Perry Holiday for your tanning bed needs. Pat Chrysler was running a passenger ferry service on his boat, the West Reef. Adults were \$10 one way to the mainland. Kids under 12 were \$1. Wednesdays were "Gas on Sale Day" at Parker's Garage. Teri Winchester was the president of the PIB Chamber of Commerce, and Greg Hughes was the vice-president. The island dump was open Wednesdays and Saturdays.

### December 1999

Caroline Koehler (PIBHS Class of 2004) broke her ankle while playing roller blade hockey on the basketball/tennis court behind the school. She was Life Flighted off the island to Firelands Hospital.

### December 2000

William H. Macy, star of the movie Fargo, is developing a CBS series that would star his wife, former "Sports Night" leading lady Felicity Huffman. The project, "Put-in-Bay," is based on the real-life experiences of Huffman's best friend, Mary McCann, who has lived in the small Ohio town of Put-in-Bay for decades. The offbeat one-hour family drama centers on the relationship between a daughter (Huffman) and her father. Macy and his writing partner, Steven Schachter, will write the script, and Schachter is set to direct the pilot. McCann will have a small part.

Sue Amrine was the first person on the ice this season when her son-in-law, Joe Kostura, stopped his airboat out on the frozen lake and asked if anyone wanted to be first on the ice. Sue volunteered and got out and walked around the airboat on December 20th.

### December 2001

The Put-in-Bay Police Department was facing a funding shortage after voters turned down a 1-mill levy the month before to fund the department. The PIBPD released statistics for 2001 showing there was a total of 1,374 arrests between Jan. 1st and Nov. 1st. There were also 714 parking tickets issued. The largest number of arrests was for open container (326).

Bid packages for the addition and remodeling of Put-in-Bay School were available for contractors. Bids were opened on December 18th.

### December 2003

Village Administrator Dave Gruet notified the mayor and village council the special census results were received. The seasonal housing units were 74.2% of the total housing units in the village. The ordinance for the Gross Receipt Tax required 62% of the village's housing units to be seasonal in order for the tax to be collected. When the 2000 census results were released, the village didn't qualify to collect the tax. A special census was called to rectify the results, which everyone knew were not correct. The special census found there were 187 seasonal housing units out of a possible 252 total units.



One of the really big changes at Put-in-Bay School is the stage area in the gymnasium. The stage level was lowered and storage areas were reworked. School Board member David Bianchi (center) is shown here talking about the changes to (left to right) Mike Steidl, Kelly Faris, Martha Faris, Dee Dee Duggan and Heidi Ladd.



ABOVE: Muriel Sneller and Barb Cooper behind the new counter at the totally remodelled library at Put-in-Bay School. Islanders and visitors will find the changes very comfortable and appealing.

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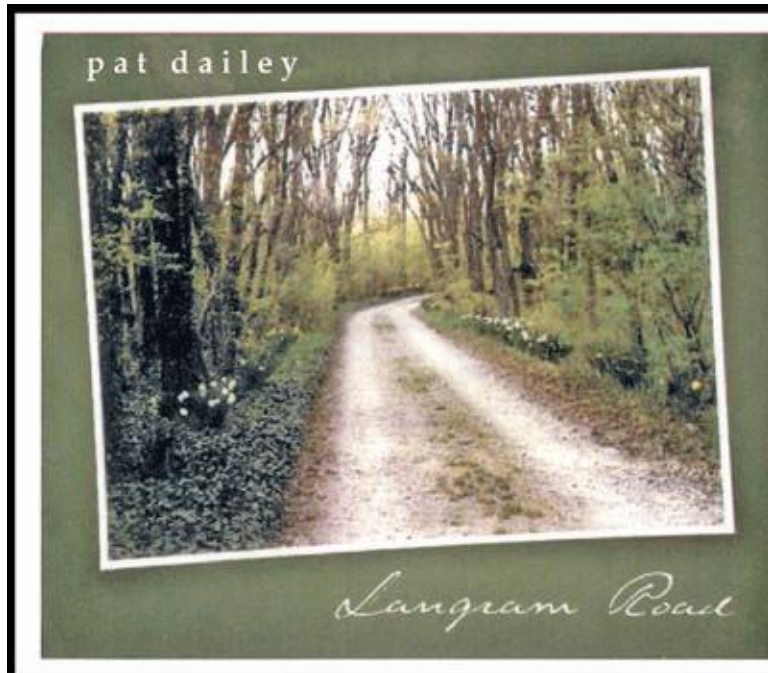
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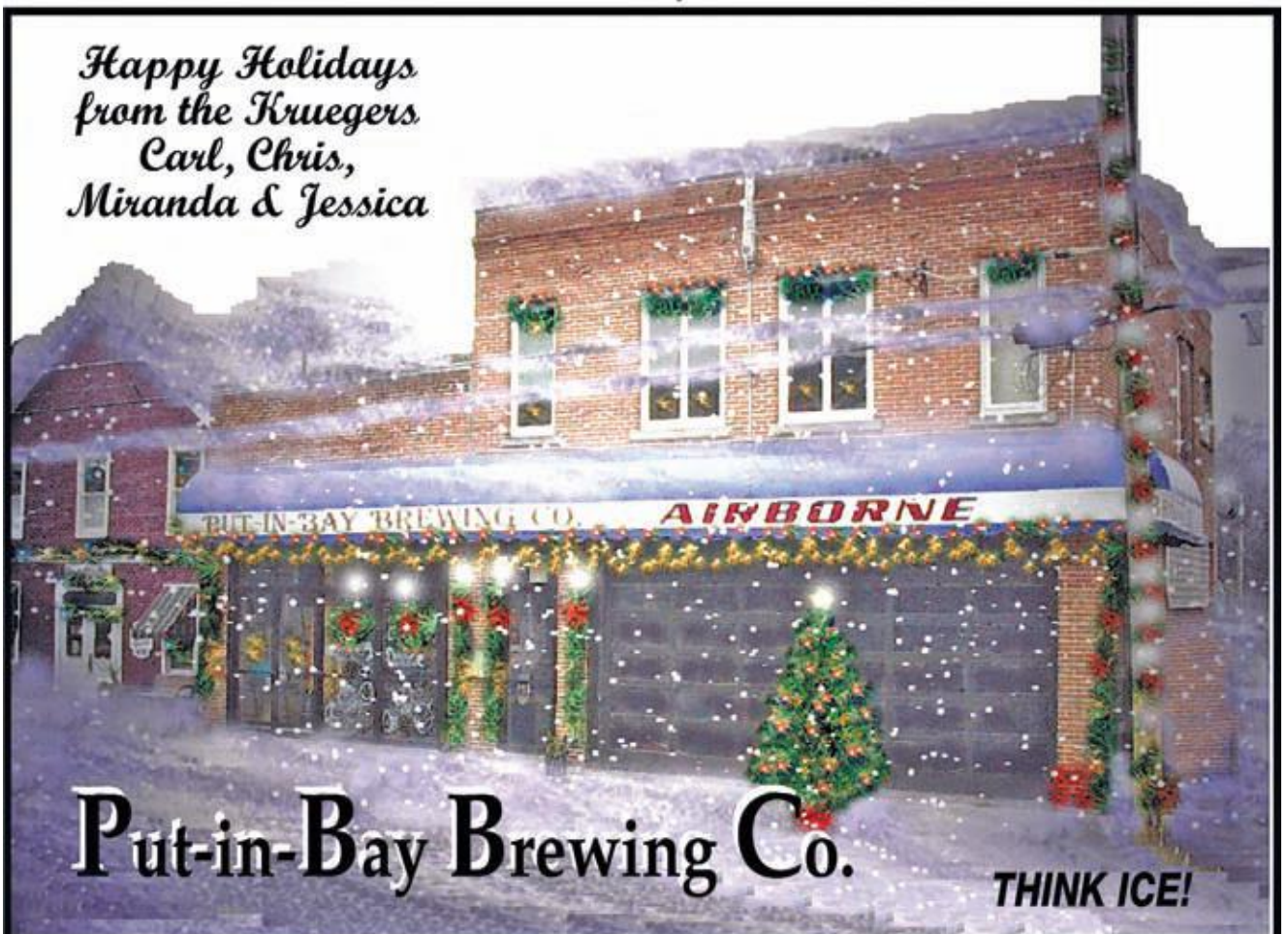
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## Kelleys Island to benefit from lake funding bill

Kelleys Island is in line to receive money from the Great Lakes restoration bill signed by President Barack Obama on Oct. 30 that seeks to restore the health of the Great Lakes. Among many other things that will help the Great Lakes, the \$475 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects Erie MetroParks will receive money for its project to purchase 77.5 acres of land in two parcels on Kelleys Island under the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. The land is located next to Kelleys Island State Park.

LEFT: Enjoying the Veterans Day Dinner at the Senior Center and PIB Vol. Fire Dept. were (left to right) Dave Frederick, Gary Wilhelm, Mark Barnhill and Howard Martens.

*Holiday Best Wishes & Happy New Year*

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## A little "HUMOR," or is it the truth?

I was sitting in the waiting room at Firelands Hospital when an elderly couple came in. They were both obviously hard of hearing and were talking rather loudly to each other. I became aware of the fact she was reading Bible verses to him.

After awhile, he was called in to see his doctor. She immediately started a conversation with me and made the comment one had to get up early to make a 7:30 a.m. appointment.

I said, "Yes, we get up at 5 a.m. to make the 7 a.m. boat."

"Oh," she replied, "Do you live on the islands?"

"Yes," I replied - "Put-in-Bay. Have you ever been there?"

"Oh, no!" she said, "Not for thirty years at least! There's nothing to do over there but sin!"

I about gagged on my last sip of coffee! Who would have ever thought?

- Bill Timmerman, The Cargo Net

## Wreaths Across America Project Dec. 12 at PIB

The National Wreaths Across America Project honoring veterans at Arlington National Cemetery and 402 other locations will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Put-in-Bay. The event will begin at Perry's Memorial at 1 p.m. with a short ceremony and the laying of the wreaths for the soldiers of from the War of 1812. It will continue at Maple Leaf and Crown Hill Cemeteries with laying wreaths on every veteran's graves.

Brian and Susan Thwaite started the project this fall after seeing news stories about Wreaths Across America. They wanted to have Put-in-Bay involved with remembering and honoring our island veterans. The goal was to collect enough sponsorships to purchase a wreath for every veteran on the island. This goal was achieved very quickly by the generous donations of many islanders and visitors. Blanca Stransky, Superintendent of Perry's Memorial was asked to join in the project to include the soldiers.

Everyone is welcome to meet at Perry's Monument and help lay the wreaths at Maple Leaf and Crown Hill. Refreshments will be available at the sites followed by a gathering at The Skyway. If you have any questions, please call Brian or Susan at 419-285-4031. For more information on this project please go to [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

# Season's Greetings

No matter where you celebrate Christmas this year, we hope it's filled with peace, love and happiness.

We're sending our thanks & best wishes to everyone who has passed our way this year.

We truly appreciate your support & look forward to seeing you in 2010.

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