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This panoramic print is available for purchase at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum, across from the town hall. Stop in and see their Hotel Victory exhibit and get a souvenir!

REMEMBERING THE HOTEL VICTORY

If you're making a list of important Put-in-Bay historical treasures, you would probably top the list with the Battle of Lake Erie, the building of Perry's Monument and the tale of the Hotel Victory. The famous battle was won, the Monument still proudly stands today after more than 100 years, and the Hotel Victory story is often a topic of island conversation in spite of the fact it burned to the ground 100 years ago this month. So here's the story of the Hotel Victory, billed at the time it was built as the largest summer hotel in the world.

In the late 1880's, Put-in-Bay saw two businesses thriving...grape growing and wine making, plus the development of the island as a tourist destination. Islanders were approached by John Tilloston, from Toledo, with a visionary proposal to build the Hotel Victory, an opulent 625-guest-room hotel in the woods on the south end of the island. He was able to recruit enough investors that on September 10, 1889, the anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie, a cornerstone laying ceremony took place with a reported 8,000 people in attendance.

CONSTRUCTION

A 100-acre site overlooking Stone's Cove on the southwest side of the island was chosen for the location. Twenty-one of the acres would be used for the hotel and grounds, while the rest were subdivided into small cottage lots.

Prominent Toledo architect E.O. Falls designed a Queen Anne-style three-story building with multiple dormers, towers and turrets, planning the hotel's facade to create a favorable impression as tourists approached the hotel via steamer. The primary building measured 600-ft. by 300-ft., three-story building with high corner towers around an enclosed courtyard. Attached was the large dining, kitchen and employee housing structure. Workers had to install 16.5 acres of flooring, 16,000 sq. yards of carpeting, 7 acres of shingles, 7.5 miles of baseboard, 1 mile of wainscoting, 1,700 doors, 2,500 windows and a steam heat system. New electric power from the hotel's own generating station supplied the power for three elevators, individual call buttons in each room and 6,000 incandescent light bulbs to light the hotel.

George Feick of Sandusky was awarded the construction contract and work began with a sawmill and planning mill right on the site. A tent city with a dining hall and dormitories was set up for hundreds of workers. When the first guests arrived in 1892, workers were still busy in some of the areas of the hotel.

Besides the guest rooms, there were the large 1,200-person dining room (115 ft. by 85 ft.), the 10-table billiard hall, the assembly room for conventioners, a ladies lounge, a lobby, private parlors, a wine cellar, shops, a green house, a barbershop, a 30-ft.-long bar, a soda fountain, bell boy stations, a newsstand and even a photo dark-room. There were hundreds of tables, chairs, night stands, beds and other furnishings. The kitchen was equipped with the most modern equipment of the time. Plus the hotel was heated with steam heat.

Outside, the grounds were attractively landscaped. A boardwalk with areas to stop and enjoy the view ran the length of the shore. Paths, one with a rustic bridge spanning the ravine that runs through the property, were built. Benches were placed, and there was even a "Trysting Place" which served as a rendezvous for romantic couples.

Although not part of the construction, developers realized there was a need to transport the hotel guests arriving

on steamboats in the downtown harbor to the hotel a mile away. A trolley line was built from the docks to the front door of the hotel. There was a half-way stop at the caves.

HOTEL VICTORY OPENS

As with many projects, cost overruns shot the price of hotel to one estimate of \$28,000,000 in today's dollars, but that didn't stop the hotel from opening. A courtyard-view room for two on the third floor with a shared bath down the hall was the equivalent of \$957. If you wanted a lake-view room with private bath on the first floor, it would cost just over \$2500 for a couple for a week in today's dollars.



Pen and ink drawing of the Hotel Victory.

The hotel opened on July 12, 1892, and by September the hotel was bankrupt and had to close. It reopened in 1893, but closed again in early August due to financial problems and remained closed for the next two seasons. In 1894, a Toledo News reporter wrote "The immense structure is not simply but a home for bugs, rattlesnakes and June bugs. The windows are so thickly covered with June bugs that it is impossible to look through them, and Victory Park - J.K. Tilloston's dream - is today a cow pasture. A match or cigar stub carelessly thrown near the structure would start such a fire as was never seen before on the island."

In late 1895, the hotel and its contents sold at a sheriff's auction. The hotel and grounds sold for just over a half million dollars and the furniture sold for just over two hundred thousand dollars in today's dollars.

Without the huge debt load, the hotel opened again on July 20, 1896. The hotel was promoted then on a large scale to bring in new customers and conventioners. One of the guests was the widow of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

The unfinished interior work was completed and the hotel entered its glory years. In 1898, a 30-ft wide and 100-ft. long, covered, lake-water-filled swimming pool called the "Natatorium" was built. It was the first pool in the country which allowed both men and women to swim together.

Another interesting thing happened in 1898. Five mild cases and one serious case of smallpox were discovered amongst the hotel's mostly "colored" help. Dr. John Bohlander, a physician from the island, quarantined 200 guests and 250 employees at the hotel. The quarantine was successful and the disease was spread to only 27 mild cases. Unfortunately, when one of the hotel's employees was diagnosed, he ran screaming from the building and jumped off one of the cliffs along the shoreline where he died on the rocks below. He was the only fatality. Interestingly, a Hotel Victory brochure several years later advertised "All White Servants."

In 1899, brothers and hardware merchants C.W. and J.W. Ryan, purchased the Hotel Victory and brought in T. W. McCreary as the hotel's general manager. McCreary went about revitalizing the troubled hotel. He not only had a genius for promotion, but was also the "perfect host". Visitors found



The "Natatorium" at Hotel Victory.



Hotel Victory main dining hall.

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Safe Island Task Force - A Job Well Done! From Peter Huston, PIB Chamber of Commerce

Put-in-Bay, Ohio- Another wonderful summer weekend with beautiful weather, greeted visitors that came to (the South Bass Island and) downtown Put-in-Bay Saturday, July 27th, on the weekend once called "Christmas in July". There were no seasonal decorations or Santa hat revelers, instead families, couples and empty nesters made their way to Put-in-Bay for an enjoyable day.

Two tour groups came for the day, an Amish church group from Indiana, and a charter group of 150 from Detroit. Both groups commented on their great day on the island. Peter Huston, Director of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce (visitputinbay.com), also noted that the island tour train, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial and other island

attractions seemed to enjoy a strong day of visitation too.

In 2018, large number of visitors came to the island for the unofficial "Christmas Party", and it had felt overwhelming to many of the residents. The area news media focused on the unruly "street party" crowd. Last years biggest weekend of visitation was the impetus for change. Island business owners, the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce (visitputinbay.com) and concerned citizens got together and formed the Safe Island Task Force. The SITF, led by local business owner and resident Brad Ohlemacher, met regularly throughout the year working through the myriad of issues and possible solutions to better manage the islands peak visitation days.

The positive net result of that effort was that this year's "biggest weekend" became a typical summer Saturday. SITF worked on messaging, signage and social media to help connect visitors to our island community and

rules of engagement. Part of that effort is to have a visible number of safety personnel on hand including Ottawa and Erie County Sheriffs on the islands peak summer days.

So Saturday started slowly with new traffic flow plans put in to action by the Put-in-Bay Police which were designed by Police Chief Steve Riddle. Special duty officers were present through out the downtown directing traffic and providing a visible presence as well. Along DeRivera Park, in the center of the village, Delaware Ave was closed which allowed it to become a casual walking area. This successfully reduced golf cart and taxi congestion from years past. The new traffic plan worked very well and by 2 p.m. the standard traffic flow was restored. The Put-in-Bay Police followed through on their plan to be friendly but fair in the enforcement of open container, driving under the influence, and other public safety violations governed by local and state laws.

As the day went along, spurred on by the great weather, more boaters and day visitors made their way to the island. By late Saturday afternoon South Bass Island looked and felt like a normal Saturday. Business owners were happy and people were enjoying island hospitality. Frosty Pizza co-owner Ryan Stoiber shared on social media "Thank you all for the hours you worked this year to keep our wonderful island safe. The whole islands owes you are gratitude."

Chamber of Commerce "Ask Me" volunteers handed out island maps and answered questions to arriving visitors. Michael Bell, former Toledo Mayor and member of the Safe Island Task Force, said "on a scale of 1-10 that (from his perspective) the day was a 10".

The Safe Island Task Force work is not done, with other big visitation days still ahead. They will continue to meet and work on further long range plans to manage growth and visitation. The overnight community response on social media has been extremely positive.

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Hotel Victory continued from front page

a visibly revitalized and refreshed Hotel Victory as the 1900 season began. McCreary became the longest-running manager at the Hotel Victory, which experienced the peak of its popularity and success during his 1899-1907 tenure. McCreary's unceasing publicity efforts established the Hotel Victory as THE PLACE to stay, making it worth the higher rates the hotel charged to meet its costs and offset the fact that it had a short season. He was also great at attracting group meetings to supplement the usual



Front of the Hotel Victory with trolley car.

crowd of tourists. He also touted the many activities, entertainments and safety measures taken to insure for the comfort and entertainment of guests.

THE AMENITIES

To keep guests happy, the hotel had a house physician, a dentist, a tailor, a dark room for amateur photographers, a manicurist, a ladies' shop for fancy goods and toilet articles, an ice cream parlor (soda fountain), a barbershop and public baths, a livery with "pleasure wagons," a telegraph office and long distance telephone access, a stenographer, a newsstand, a laundry, a pool room, a lounge

for the ladies, a conference room and more. For activities, guests could take a "constitutional" on the grounds, swim in the natatorium, ride the water toboggan, go on moonlight hayrides and trolley parties, watch the sunsets, go fishing (and have your catch cooked for your dinner), and enjoy the benefits of "Strontium Spa Water" directly at the spring, reported to be in the lobby. The water claimed to be the greatest of all the hotel's attractions was touted as one of the best remedies ever discovered for all forms of brights disease and help with Paddock disorders, whatever they are.

The Victory had a symphony orchestra and band of musicians employed throughout the season. In addition, there were children's parties and dances in the ballroom.

Guests could also "get behind the scenes" and visit the hotel kitchen, pantry, storeroom, cold storage, wine cellar or laundry, as well as investigate the other workings of the "great hotel." Guests could also leave the grounds and enjoy all the other tourist attractions of Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass.

THE WINGED VICTORY STATUE

McCreary hired the German sculptor, Alfons Pelter, to design the Victory Monument for the hotel grounds. Twenty-two feet high, the bronze monument featured a winged woman holding a wreath in one hand and a staff in the other. The "Winged Victory" monument was surrounded by a stone balustrade, the ruins of which can still be seen today. The Vice-President of the United States, Charles W. Fairbanks, attended the unveiling ceremony in 1907.

Unfortunately, McCreary also died in 1907, and Colonel B.G. Doyle took over the management. Two years later, the hotel closed again.

THE FINAL YEARS

By 1911, a Chicago newspaper reported that neglect and decay caused the hotel to look like a "haunted" place. Meanwhile, rumors had circulate about the hotel reopening or getting new ownership; however, a short-lived remodeling effort quickly halted because money was again a problem.

During World War I, the E.M.T. Automobile Company in Detroit purchased the hotel and began yet another remodeling effort before the Flanders Realty Company of Detroit eventually bought the hotel.

Flanders spent a reported \$40,000 for the hotel and another \$100,000 on remodeling it before



22 foot high "Winged Victory" statue.

opening it in 1918. The owners sought convention traffic and marketed the hotel as a great getaway for Army and Navy men on leave during World War I. Rooms cost \$1.50 and up, and crowds started to arrive at the hotel again.

In 1919, a Chicago group headed by Charles J. Stoops purchased the hotel and obtained a \$250,000 mortgage on it. There were great hopes for the hotel with the predicted post-war economic boom, but business was less than brisk and rumors of closure again surrounded the Hotel Victory.

HOTEL VICTORY BURNS

On Thursday night, August 14, 1919, shortly after the dinner hour, a fire started in the northwest corner of the third floor of the reopened hotel. The fewer-than-40 guests were able to escape unharmed. Looters, meanwhile, stole many of the personal belongings left behind by fleeing guests, pieces of the hotel's furnishings and anything else of value they could cart off. An hour later, the entire building was an inferno and no match for the island's fire department which concentrated on saving nearby structures. The flames, shooting more than 75 feet in the air, lit up the sky and could be seen as far



Hotel after the fire, August 15th, 1919.

away as Sandusky, Toledo and Detroit. Ashes reportedly landed on Kelleys Island. The next day there was nothing left but foundation ruins. Damage was estimated between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, or \$7,400,000 to \$14,800,000 today.

There was much speculation that the fire was purposely set to collect the insurance on the building, but it was later learned there was little insurance and that the fire was probably due to an electrical problem.

In any case, it was the end for Hotel Victory.

THE LAST 100 YEARS

The Hotel Victory site lay fallow and underdeveloped until the State of Ohio purchased the acreage in 1938 to build a new public park. The park site became part of the Ohio State Park System in 1951. One hundred years later, there are a few hints that something once graced the land now occupied by campers. The remains of the natatorium are most prominent, now fenced in for safety concerns. Nearby is the stone base of the bronze Winged Victory statue. The actual statue was carted off the island during the scrap metal drives of World War II. For many years, you could find small charred items such as pieces of broken plates, silverware, pottery and artifacts, but after 100 years, such finds are now rare.

SPECULATION

One can only speculate what would have happened with the Hotel Victory had it not burned. Mackinac Island's majestic Grand Hotel opened a couple of years before Hotel Victory. Although it also went through some hard times, it still stands today, a proud survivor of an era that started 130 years ago. Over the years it has been visited by U.S. Presidents and First Ladies, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, celebrities and dignitaries from all over the world. There have even been movies made at the Grand. Had the Hotel Victory not burned, would it have enjoyed a similar glory? With its financial troubles, Prohibition and the Great Depression may very well have been too much for the Hotel Victory to weather. Although if it had survived, could you imagine today's golf carts parked in front of the glorious structure, with visitors wanting to tour the grounds or have lunch in the huge dining room. Like the Grand on Mackinac, it would have been a glorious attraction for Put-in-Bay.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If your interest has been peaked and you want to know more about the hotel, there is a binder with photos and more information about the Hotel Victory in the office at the South Bass Island State Park.

You can also visit the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum downtown behind the Put-in-Bay Town Hall where there is a special display this season with loads of Hotel Victory memorabilia, photos, furniture and other items. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

State Park Ranger Renee Market will be marking the anniversary as part of Green Week activities in the State Park on Wednesday, August 14th, from Noon to 6 p.m. Plans call for outlining the exact location of the hotel so one can get a feeling for what was there. There will food, refreshments and beer and wine available. Everyone is invited to come out to this event.

There are also island history books which help tell the story, plus there are articles and photos on the internet. Islander Barbara Allen Cooper also wrote a booklet about the Hotel Victory.



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Lake Level Update

From Jeff Reuter

It should come as no surprise to anyone that Lake Erie and all of the Great Lakes (St. Clair included) are much above their average levels and most are close to, or setting, new record highs each month. In May and June we set a new record average monthly lake levels for each of those months. Each of those monthly averages was also a new record for Lake Erie for any month. It is almost a sure thing that we will also set new record highs in July. In August and September, it is highly likely that we will set new monthly records for those months, but it is also possible that those levels will be below the July record for Lake Erie (assuming it stays high throughout the month of July).

The following information comes from the 1918-2018 records of the US Army Corps of Engineers. On 5 July we were 2 inches over the level from one month ago (5 June), 11 inches over the level of 1 year ago (5 July 2018), 33 inches over the long term average for the month of July, 6 inches above the record average for the month of July set in 1986, and 68 inches above the record low set for the month of July in 1934. We really need some dry weather! However, even with dry weather, because about 90% of Lake Erie's water comes from Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, and St. Clair, and with all of those lakes at or near records highs, it is likely to take a while for Lake Erie's levels to decline significantly.

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<p>The Keys</p> <p>@ The Keys PIB 419-285-5397 f: The Keys, Put-in-Bay #TheKeysPIB</p> <p>On the Waterfront!</p>	<p>Dairy Isle Burgers & Fries</p> <p>@ DairyIslePIB 419-285-3506 f: Dairy Isle #DairyIslePIB</p> <p>On the Waterfront!</p>	<p>MON. - THURS. 1:00-4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>SMOOTHIE HAPPY HOUR \$1 OFF Fruit and Coffee Smoothies</p>	<p>The Keys -5to8pm- RAW BAR</p> <p>Fresh Oysters, Seared Scallops, Lollipop Lamb Chops BEER & WINE SPECIALS</p>	<p>The Keys -5to9pm- FRESH CATCH FRIDAYS Flown in Fresh!</p> <p>FRIDAYS - 6-9pm WINE til NINE Clos du Bois: \$5 Glasses & Half Price Bottles</p>	<p>Dairy Isle Burgers & Fries</p> <p>DISCOUNTED SUNDAES! ALL DAY, SUNDAYS!</p>

Island Calendar August 2019

Schedule Subject to Change

TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass
Twp Hall = Township Hall • MOS = Mother of Sorrows

- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Mons, Weds & Fri - 9:30a-3:30p
- ☐ Library Schedule of Events • See Page 36
- ☐ Senior Center Activity Calendar • See Page 37
- ☐ PIBYC Event Schedule Ad • See Page 6
- ☐ Resale Shop Open Daily • 11a to 5p
- ☐ LEIML Softball Games • Watch for Play-Off Schedules
- ☐ Village History Walk • Tuesdays - 1 & 4p • Meet Boardwalk
- ☐ BINGO Begins • Weds thru Mid-Aug • 8p • TH
- ☐ Stone Lab Tours • Thursdays - 10a & 1p • Meet at Boardwalk water taxi to Gibraltar 15 minutes ahead
- ☐ PIB Ghost Walk • Fridays - 7:30p • Front of Boardwalk
- ☐ Antique Car Parade • Sundays • 2 to 2:30p
- ☐ Bible Camp • July 29 to August 2 at 9a to Noon • TH
- ☐ Island Artisans Fair • Aug 5 & 6 - 11a to 4p • Town Hall
- ☐ Wild Tuesdays The Sun • Aug 6 - 1 to 3p • Nature Center
- ☐ Offshore Performance Thunderfest • Aug 2 & 3
- ☐ Vacation Bible Camp • Jul 29 - Aug 2 • PIB Town Hall
- ☐ I-LYA Sailboat Regatta • Aug 1 - 4
- ☐ J.F. Walleye 5K Retro Run • Aug 3 • Middle Bass
- ☐ Historic Lonz Winery Tours • Aug 3 & 4 • See Ad Page 7
- ☐ Wild Saturday Outreach Program • Aug 3 - 10a to 5p • Aquatic Visitors Center
- ☐ Center Tours • Aug 3 - 11a to 5p • Nature Center
- ☐ MBI Poker Kayak Day • Aug 3 - Noon to 4p • Mid Bass
- ☐ Old School Fire Department Extravaganza (MBIVFD) • Aug 3 - 6p • Lonz Patio (Middle Bass Island)
- ☐ Island Green Week • Aug 4 thru 14 • See Ad on Page 7
- ☐ Forrested Wetland Foot Bridge Dedication • Aug 4 - 2p • Middle Bass Island Fox Rd
- ☐ Ford Trimotor Rides • Aug 4 & 5 • PIB Airport
- ☐ Star Gazing Cruise • Aug 5 - 7:45p • Miller Downtown Dock
- ☐ Island Eco Tour • Aug 5 & 6
- ☐ Lantern Tour of Historic Hotel Victory Grounds • Aug 6 - 7:30 - 9p • South Bass Island State Park
- ☐ Thunderbirds Cars Visit to PIB • Aug 7
- ☐ Nature Center Pig Roast • Aug 7 - 6 to 9p • Goat
- ☐ I-LYA Power Boat Regatta - Aug 8 thru 11
- ☐ Island Auction • Aug 8 - 5p • Heineman Winery
- ☐ Gibraltar Island Tours • Aug 8 - 10a to 12p & 1 to 3p
- ☐ Brushing Up With History • Aug 9 - 6p • Lonz Pavilion
- ☐ SBI Lighthouse Tours • Aug 10 - 11a to 5p • Lighthouse
- ☐ Powerboat Regatta Softball Tournament • Aug 10 - 11:30a • Ball Diamond
- ☐ All-Animal Pet Parade • Aug 10 / POSTPONED
- ☐ Barbershop Quartets • Aug 10 - 7p • Middle Bass TH
- ☐ Pitch Black Kayak • Aug 12 - 8p • State Park
- ☐ Sip 'n' Paint Party • Aug 13 - 1 to 3p • Nature Center
- ☐ Meteor Shower at the Tower • Aug 13 - 8p to 12a • Lonz
- ☐ Hotel Victory Burning Anniversary • See Events Page 7
- ☐ August Sky Tour • Aug 14 • Monument
- ☐ Battle of the Bay Volleyball Tournament • Aug 17
- ☐ Sausage Fest • Aug 17 - 1 to 6p • Biergarten @ Goat
- ☐ Experience Ottawa County • Aug 22 • The Keys
- ☐ 2nd Annual Art Auction • Aug 23 - 5p/Preview 6p/Auction • Crew's Nest • Open to Public • Food & Drink Available
- ☐ Bash at the Bay Concert • Aug 29 • PIB Airport

AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Village Mayor's Court • Thursdays - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • Aug 1 - 4p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • Aug 5 • Fire Station
- ☐ Village Council Mtg • Aug 7 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • Aug 7 - 11a • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Aug 12 - 1p • Red Moon
- ☐ DeRivera Park Trustees • Aug 12 - 5p • Town Hall
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Aug 13 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Aug 13 - 10a • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Aug 13 - 10a • Twp Hall
- ☐ Lake Erie Island Conservancy • Aug 13 - 7p • TH
- ☐ Village Council • Aug 14 - 9a • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • Aug 14 - 12:10p • School
- ☐ Legion • Aug 15 - 11:45a • Senior Center
- ☐ PIB Property Owners Assoc Mtg • Aug 17 - 10a • Sr Cen
- ☐ PIB Twp Port Authority • Aug 19 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Aug 20 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Garden Club • Aug 22 - 4:30p • PIBYC

AUGUST CHURCH SCHEDULES

- ☐ **Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- ☐ PIB Mass • Sats 5:30p & Suns 10:30a • Mother of Sorrows
- ☐ After 10:30a Mass Fellowship & Refreshment in CSR MoS
- ☐ Middle Bass Mass • Suns - 8:30a • MBI TH
- ☐ Kelleys Island Mass • Sats 4p & Sun 9a • St Michael
- ☐ MofS Parish Council Mtg • Aug 4 after 10:30a Mass
- ☐ Youth Bible Study • Tuesdays - 7 to 9p • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ 5K Committee Mtg • Aug 17 - 9:30a • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- ☐ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 7:45a thru mid-Sept
- ☐ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a • Coffee Hour Follows
- ☐ Stillpoint Worship • Thurs - 5:30p thru Sept
- ☐ Sacred Ground Conversations • Thursdays 8a
- ☐ Taize Style Workshop • Thursdays - 5:30p

Church of Middle Bass

- ☐ Services • Sundays - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall

St. John @ the Bay

- ☐ Services • Sundays - 6:30p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Historic Weekend • Sep 6 thru 8
- ☐ Arts in the Park • Sep 7
- ☐ Harbor Illumination • Sep 7
- ☐ Bowl Painting Party • Sep 9 - 4 to 8p • Senior Center
- ☐ School Open House • Sep 9
- ☐ Clambake • Sep 14 • Fire Station
- ☐ New Year's @ the Bay • Sep 14
- ☐ Space Coast World Trade Council Seminar • Sep 20 • TH
- ☐ Miller Boat Line 5K • Sep 21
- ☐ Halfway to St Patrick's Day • Sep 21
- ☐ Vintage Sports Car Racing • Sep 24 thru 27

SUMMER RECYCLING HOURS

- ☐ Mons, Weds & Sats • 8a to 3p • Transfer Station

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

- ☐ Put-in-Bay's medication disposal container is located in the lobby of the PIB Police Dept. at the Town Hall

LIBRARY HOURS

- ☐ Mon, Wed & Fri 10a - 4p • Tues & Thurs 1 - 7p
- ☐ Sat 10a - Noon / Closed Sundays

Email items for the Island Calendar to pibgazette@frontier.com

Upcoming Island Events

Schützenfest at MBI Yacht Club

The MBIYC and BSC are having a Schützenfest on Saturday, August 3rd, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. A Schützenfest (German: marksmen's festival) is a traditional festival or fair featuring a target shooting competition in the cultures of both Germany and Switzerland. There will also be traditional German dancing and food. At a Schützenfest, contestants compete based on their shooting abilities, (in our case Airsoft guns) for example by shooting at a wooden representation of an eagle. The winner of the competition becomes the Schützenkönig ("king of marksmen") until the next year's competition. The Current King is Jim Osenbaugh! Can you dethrone him?

Middle Bass Vol. Fire Dept. Fundraiser

On Saturday August 3rd, the Middle Bass Island Volunteer Fire Department (MBIVFD) will hold its fundraiser, "Old School Fire Department Extravaganza," starting at 6 p.m. on the Lonz patio. Included with the \$40 admission are a pig roast, adult beverages, raffles, live entertainment and dancing. Tickets are available at the Middle Bass General Store.

Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day

On Saturday, August 3rd, at noon on Middle Bass Island the Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day will begin. Kayakers start and finish at the Middle Bass Island State Park west beach (no starts later than 1 p.m.). The paddle around the island includes three additional stops (the State Park Marina, the MBI East Point Preserve, and the Kuehnle State Wildlife Area/Petersen Woods Preserve). A welcome packet at the start has a description of the course and information about the stops. Stops are staffed with volunteers for safety and to distribute poker cards and snacks. The finish has a cook-out with hot dogs, chips and bottle of water while 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are determined. Proceeds benefit signage for the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's newest preserves on Middle Bass Island. (the rain Date is August 4) Registration is available at: <http://bit.ly/MBI-Poker-Kayak-Day-2019> Questions call Tina Larson at 248-320-4529. The cost is \$20 pre-registration and \$25 on site.

Ford Trimotor Rides

On Sunday, August 4th and Monday the 5th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Liberty Aviation Museum's 1928 Ford will be at the Put-in-Bay Airport available for rides. Contact the Museum for details at 419-732-0234. Advance booking available at www.eaa.org/shop/Flights/FlyTheFord.aspx or call 1-877-952-5395 or email at flytheford@eaa.org.

Stargazing Cruise August 5 @ 7:45 p.m.

On Monday, August 5th, at 7:45 p.m. loading will begin at Miller Boat Lines downtown dock for this season's Stargazing Cruise. The cost is Adults - \$20 and Kids - \$10. The stars will light up the sky as Cleveland State University instructor and astronomer, Jay Reynolds, will engage with the guests sharing information about the night sky, planets, and stars. Enjoy the show of outer space as the ferry boat travels around the Lake Erie Islands. Heineman Winery is donating wine. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be donated by Frosty Bar, The Put-in-Bay Gazette, and Cameo Pizza. Bring your own chair. Proceeds will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. Tickets are available at the Wildlife Center on Meechan Rd., or by credit card over the phone at 419-285-3037.

Lake Erie Islands Water Trails State Designation Dedication Ceremony

The ODNR will be holding a dedication ceremony of the Lake Erie Islands Water Trail for kayakers and canoers as a state designated water trail at the Oak Point Pavilion on Tuesday, August 6th, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Put-in-Bay Township Park District, along with their partners, the National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and Ohio Sea Grant created the Lake Erie Islands Water Trails guide. The brochure features five circular paddling routes and associated public access points around South Bass, Middle Bass, North Bass, Kelleys Island and the Catawba and Marblehead peninsula area. Access points to the nearly 60 miles of paddling trails are visible from the water and marked with color coded signs that coordinate with the guide by island. The Lake Erie Islands Water Trail partners, key stakeholders, elected officials and the general public.

Lantern Tour of Hotel Victory Grounds

On Tuesday, August 6th, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. there will be a free Lantern Tour of the Hotel Victory Grounds at the South Bass Island State Park. This family event will start with a beautiful sunset at South Bass Island State Park and end at the Hotel Victory Swimming Pool Pavilion. The tour will highlight various still-existing features of the Hotel Victory, a history of the grounds, and exciting facts about life at the Hotel. Tour provided by Naturalist and Island Resident Renee Market.

LEIHS Annual Island Auction

The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum's Annual Auction will take place on Thursday, August 8th, at Heineman Winery. Viewing time will be from 3 to 5 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 5 p.m. Featuring a very impressive selection of items donated by Put-in-Bay residents

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- 1st - 4th - I-LYA Senior Sail
- 1st - Food & Beer in Tent - 6 to 7:30PM
Live Music in Tent - 6 to 10PM
- 2nd - Food & Beer in Tent - 6:30 to 7:30PM
Dancing & Live Music - 6:30 to 10PM
- 3rd - I-LYA Ladies Cocktail Reception - 4 - 5:30PM
- 3rd - Food & Beer in Tent - 6:30 to 8PM
Dancing & Live Music - 6:30 to 10PM
- 4th - Awards & Closing Ceremony - 2PM
- 6th - 11th - I-LYA Power Regatta
- 7th - Commodores Welcome & Flag Raising Ceremony
DeRivera Park - 3PM
- 9th - I-LYA Ladies Luncheon - Noon
- 10th, 17th & 24th - Wave Sailing Series - 10AM
- 10th - IOBG Cocktail Reception 3 to 4PM
- 11th, 18th & 25th Adult Sailing Lessons - 10AM - Free
- 11th - Commodores Brunch - 11AM - Anchorage
- 16th, 23rd & 30th - Wave Sailing Series - 1PM
- 18th - Car Parade After Party
- 24th - Friday Dinner - Chicken Florentine - 6 to 8PM
- 31st - Annual Meeting - 10AM
Board Meeting to Follow

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Letter to the Editor

The Bernard McCann that has been portrayed as 'corrupt' or 'unethical' is not the Bernard McCann we know. We (Maria and Miyo Hristovski) wanted to reach out to everyone in order to convey how much we love and appreciate everything Bernard McCann has done for us and for our community on South Bass Island.

Throughout Bernard's life, he kept his family close and protected them as they flourished into the wonderful people they are today. He taught his children to work hard by not only growing their own personal career paths but also growing within the community they were born in, how to keep growing and to be prepared to spread their wings and fly. His children are pivotal members of our island community and have continued his legacy through endeavors of their own, always going the extra mile to support this community, as they often do. Even as his grandchildren have become of age, they have started to show those same traits as the generations before them, being amazing and charitable members of our society.

Our small island is a difficult place to survive, let alone thrive. Bernard is a part of the golden generation of builders and people who have cultivated this island to be the successful destination island it is today. He was a part of a group of islanders working on the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. From working on the docks while updating the Monument (because the government contractors refused due to ice and cold conditions) to becoming the mayor of our village, his work is awe inspiring.

We moved here in 1999 and have made Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island our home. Even just within the twenty years we've lived here, we have witnessed many projects completed by his administration that changed the face of our island and have made it possible to continue thriving. Before Bernard's influence, parts of the island did not even have clean water available to its residents and businesses. This incredibly limited any use of public utilities and created an economic disaster for local businesses. He completely renovated and updated the sewer and water plants up to today's EPA standards. Thanks to his negotiation skills, he was able to save the community any additional costs while improving the standard of living and the safety of island visitors. This saved the local economy that supports the lives of thousands of people.

Most of the seasonal traffic in our community is people in golf carts and on foot. It is pivotal to have well paved roads in acceptable condition. Our first responders and community members drive on these roads every day. The roads were not safe and were not usable by the general public. His project of repaving all the village roads created a safer environment for vacationers and residents alike.

When the town hall fell to disarray, it was Bernard's job to figure out a way to create a safe and functional environment for everyone on the island. He had to accomplish this without any funding from the government. He secured the funding by allowing a Verizon tower to be placed on the roof. Through his business savviness, he was able to both secure the funding needed for updates and created better cell reception for everyone on the island. This allowed better reception for both first responders dealing with emergencies as well as residents and visitors. Through that funding, he was able to create a space for our elderly, our children, island-wide activities and functions, functional offices for village officials and a space that represents his love for our community.

Through Bernard's own personal actions and willingness to donate his personal time and funds, many incredibly important projects and facilities are now available to the general public. His constant support of the volunteer firefighters, the police department, the local churches, cancer and medical fundraisers, island holiday functions, repairing the street lights around the park, creating public transportation that increases revenue with the Jet Express, maintaining docks up to standards; these are the ones we can think of off the top of our heads. When he owned roads that could be used by village first responders, visitors and community members, he donated it free of charge for use by everyone. He could have charged everyone for using it, or used the land for private means. Instead, this is the road that allows access to multiple businesses, homes, the post office, and our only gas station. He's been doing this, not for personal gain, but out of love for his village that he was born and raised in. Even during his first eight years of being Mayor, any small amount of income the village could afford him, he recycled it directly back into the village. When he retired the first time from being Mayor, he was asked back for an additional election because this village was failing without him at the helm.

Speaking from our personal experiences, he has affected our lives greatly for almost two decades now. We arrived as inexperienced young adults that had never been to the United States before, let alone a small island in Lake Erie. We began our island careers as one of his many employees but he consistently treated us as members of his family, which was so important when we are so far away from our families. Having a father figure when our own family was so far away helped this island community feel like home and he helped us feel as though we belonged here. He recognized those same traits of an entrepreneur in us that he had in himself too. He guided us throughout our early years on this island to show us how to stay focused on our goals and to maintain the right path on our own journey. From us, to our children and to all of our future generations, they will know that being a part of this great country is a gift that while we earned it ourselves, we were influenced greatly by his guidance.

As his friends, family and neighbors, we will always be there for Bernard. We know what's in his heart and his love for this community. With how much love he has in his heart for this island and its members, Bernard's actions were made to be as beneficial as possible for the island as a whole.

-- Maria and Marjan (Miyo) Hristovski

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and businesses, many of which will focus on Put-in-Bay History. There will be a cash bar and light fare. Proceeds benefit the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. Please call 419-285-2804 for more details. Items added daily, check <http://www.leihs.org/auction/> for a printable list of auction items.

5th Annual Pig Roast & Raffle

The 5th Annual Pig Roast & Raffle to benefit the Lake Erie Island Nature Wildlife Center will take place on Wednesday, August 7th, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Goat Restaurant. The cost is \$15 (pre-purchased), \$20 on site. Participants will be treated to a slow spit-roasted hog with corn and baked potatoes along with tasty sides donated by The Goat Soup and Whiskey. Popular island entertainers will feature performances of favorite songs. There will be a silent auction with a variety of unique island prizes such as a trip for two to Rattlesnake Island, ferry passes, a biplane ride, a five-course dinner for four at a local restaurant, and hand-crafted art work. Raffle tickets will be available at the Goat Restaurant on the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Wildlife Center on Meechen Rd., or by credit card over the phone at 419-285-3037. *Pre-Purchase of Tickets Recommended.

South Bass Lighthouse tours

Ohio Sea Grant offers free tours of the South Bass Island Lighthouse, on Saturday, August 10th, and on Sunday the 11th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Visitors can climb the lighthouse stairs to take in the view from the top of the tower.

Reese Dailey Band with Ben Dover and The Screamers at Boathouse

August 11th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Boathouse Bar & Grill on Toledo Ave. This is a benefit to help Alzheimer's with The Reese Dailey Band and Ben Dover and The Screamers! Much fun to be had by all on a Sunday Funday at Put-in-Bay! For more information, check out the Reese Dailey Band on Facebook.

Rekindling Victory: A Historic Celebration

Stop by the South Bass Island State Park on Wednesday, August 14th, between noon and 6 p.m. to mark the 100th anniversary of the fire that destroyed the Hotel Victory. The Hotel Victory stood on the south shore of Put-in-Bay for a glorious 27 years before the fateful night when it burned to the ground. For a century, people have been fascinated by the Victory and her mysterious end. Join Ranger Renee Market for a reception in its honor. Island natives and visitors alike can enjoy an afternoon with Victory alongside a special group of people who are intrigued by her beauty, mass, history and downfall. The celebration will be a casual picnic setting on the cliffs of South Bass Island State Park. Light fair, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Yard games, tours and local artist will fill the afternoon with entertainment. Guests are encouraged to dress for the time, circa 1919. Reception will be held in partner with Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center, South Bass Island State Park and other Island businesses. For more information on the event, contact Renee Market at 419-708-5798.

August Sky Tour

View the night sky from the Observation Deck at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial on Wednesday, August 14th, between 9 and 10:30 p.m. and learn how mariners navigated using the constellations and stars. NASA Ambassador Gene Zajac will present an astronomy program on the 317-foot tall open air Observation Deck. There is a \$20 fee for adults and a \$10 fee for kids (5-15) for the evening program. Tickets can be purchased through the NPS Fee Portal, recreation.gov up until 48 hours prior to the event. Tickets must then be purchased at the Ticket Desk the night of the event.

Sausage Fest - Polka, Polka, Polka!

On Saturday, August 17th, from 1 to 6 p.m., the first-ever "Sausage Fest" will take place at Das Lokal, the Biergarten on the front lawn of the Goat Soup & Whiskey. You are invited to enjoy food, imported Austrian beer, and the music of the Phil Yan Polka Band. Brats will be \$5 and hot dogs will be \$2. Fun for the entire family. What could go wrong?

The 2nd Annual Art Auction...

will take place at the Crew's Nest on Friday, August 23rd. This year, art pieces created from architectural items and artifacts salvaged from "Back Bay," the century-old home of the late Robert and Winnie Schmidt, will be auctioned off. The event starts with previewing at 4:30 p.m. Auction starts at 6 p.m. Food and drink tickets available. This event is open to the public and benefits the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. If you are interested in creating an artwork for the auction contact the museum at 419-285-2804.

Fee Free Day at Perry's Monument - Aug. 25th

In recognition of the National Park Service's Birthday, August 25 is a fee free day. Those visiting Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial will have FREE access to the Memorial Observation Deck.

Bash On The Bay

Kid Rock will be the headline entertainment act for the third annual "Bash At The Bay" on Thursday, August 29th at the Put-in-Bay Airport.

ISLAND GREEN WEEK

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day -12P
- Historic Lonz Winery Tours -11a
- Historic Aquatic Visitor Center Tours with Wild Saturday Out-reach Program -10a
- Tours also available 7th - 10th (Put-in-Bay)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- Historic Lonz Winery Tours -11a (Middle Bass)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- Put-in-Bay Eco-Tour & Fair -9a
- Wild Tuesdays "The Sun" at the Nature & Wildlife Center -1p (Put-in-Bay)
- Bonfire and Lantern Tour of Historic Hotel Victory Grounds -7:30p (Put-in-Bay)

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- Put-in-Bay Eco-Tour & Fair -9a
- Miller Boat Line Stargazing Cruise -8p (Put-in-Bay)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's Annual Pig Roast & Raffle -6p (Put-in-Bay)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- Historic Gibraltar Island Tour -10a or 1p (Boat from Put-in-Bay)
- Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Auction -5p (Put-in-Bay)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- Painting at the Lonz Pavillion -6p (Middle Bass)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Historic South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours -11a (Put-in-Bay)
- Historic Lonz Winery Tours -11a (Middle Bass)
- Kelleys Island Glacial Groove Tour and Geology Hike -1p

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- Historic Lonz Winery Tours -11a (Middle Bass)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

- Pitch Black Kayak -8p (Put-in-Bay)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- Painting on the Porch -1p (Put-in-Bay)
- Meteor Shower at the Tower -8p (Middle Bass)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- Rekindling Victory: A Historic Celebration -12p (Put-in-Bay)

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Listen to Larry

By Larry Schrader

News, Views and Comments from a South Bass Cottager...



LARRY SCHRADER

When most South Bass cottagers first settle into their island homes, they immediately turn their attention to improvements. Most cottages are well over 100-years-old. Upgraded and modern plumbing and electricity is always a priority. Many times leaky roofs or windows need to be replaced, sagging foundations shored up, or long-neglected attics need to be cleared of uninvited guests. Often, there is much work to be done before there is time to lounge lazily under that big oak by the lake.

Then, after the "bones" of the cottage are secure, there is always something more. For some, it may be an additional bedroom or bathroom to accommodate a larger family or weekend guests; perhaps an added garage or shed to store an antique car or a growing collection of water toys; maybe a larger kitchen or a new utility room. Over the years, we have made many changes to our little cottage. But one room that has retained its cottage charm is the kitchen. Oh, there have been a few little changes to repair a broken counter-top, a fresh coat of paint, and some new shelves for added storage. But it still has just a tiny stove, an old tile floor, crude wooden walls, and the original light fixture dangling from the low ceiling. And, much to the surprise of many of our guests, no dishwasher! It is unmistakably, a cottage kitchen.

Modern dishwashers are relatively cheap, just a few hundred dollars, and I am sure I could find a place to squeeze one in under the sink or counter. But for me, washing dishes is one of those uniquely cottage things, especially when guests are involved. Earlier this Summer, when my son was visiting with his family, we spent a few hours every evening in front of the sink, just a dad and his son, talking, singing, sharing, and oh, we did some dishes too!

Last week, 11-year-old granddaughter Emma joined me at the sink. She brought along her iPhone to provide some "sing along" music. She did her best to select some songs that wouldn't be too hard on Papop. We sang, talked, and laughed – in the end, she even agreed to listen to a few of my favorite songs. Even the younger kids like to join the action, rinsing cups and plates, getting as much water on themselves and the floor as they manage to keep in the sink.

Guests love to get involved. Recently, I was pushed out of the cramped kitchen as the crush of enthusiastic volunteers crowded around the sink. Like a South Bass Tom Sawyer, my job was quickly dispatched as I could only watch from a distance. Most everyone will pass the time engrossed in conversation, many will sing along to their favorite songs, attentive wives or girlfriends will surreptitiously sneak some dishes back into the soapy water after a quick rinse reveals a less than thorough washing.

I've been known to take advantage of some of these private moments to offer a little unsolicited, but priceless, fatherly or grandfatherly advice. I've caught young college students sharing a kiss; friends reminiscing about old times; and children eager to plan the next day's fishing trip; all here, in front of that old kitchen sink.

Most nights, after guests have headed back to the real world, Mrs. Larry will make her way to the lake shore with a half-full wine glass from dinner to wait for the sunset, allowing me to spend a little time alone, washing, rinsing, reflecting on memories, special moments, good times, in that uniquely cottage kitchen.

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Captain class

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Dedication

There will be a dedication ceremony for the new American Legion Veteran's Memorial, in the DeRivera Park by the doughboy statue on Historic Weekend Saturday., Sept. 7th, at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Cauliflower Pizza Crust

If you're looking for healthy pizza, try a new cauliflower crust pizza at Cameo! Not only is it gluten free and keto friendly, it's also tasty and delicious!! In fact, one island woman ordered one recently and brought it back. She said, "You must have made a mistake. You gave me a regular pizza. I wanted a cauliflower crust pizza." She was surprised to learn there had been no mistake and that the delicious pizza she was eating was, indeed, the cauliflower crust pizza.

You Might Need Their Services

For the last several years, we have not had a window cleaning or carpet cleaning ad in the paper. In this issue we do. The ad for Whitmore's Window Cleaning on page 40 - B16 says they offer both inside and outside window cleaning, plus screen repair and cleaning, something we've never had an ad for. Whitmore's also advertise a carpet cleaning, furniture cleaning, power washing, gutter cleaning and chandelier cleaning.

North Bass Airport Gets Grant

The North Bass Island Airport is one of several airports in Ohio to be awarded a grant for infrastructure improvements. The airport received \$2,338,861 to rehabilitate a runway and an apron. In all, more than \$3 billion was allotted through the Airport Improvement Program for airports across the United States. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, a total of 276 grants were given out to 264 airports in 45 states, the Pacific Islands and the District of Columbia.

Island Welcomes

New Full-Time Seasonal Officer

Put-in-Bay welcomes new seasonal full-time police officer Henry Brettrager. Mayor Jessica Dress recently swore Officer Brettrager in and Chief Riddle issued him his new badge. Officer Brettrager comes to the island with over 30 years of law enforcement experience and he also teaches at several Ohio police academies. Welcome aboard!

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A Sleepy Little Town Says Goodbye

By Peter Huston



PETER HUSTON

sense of community here on the island, which would encourage visitors to respect it more. He was certain that if they knew that we were a community and not an attraction or amusement park, many of the stress points being complained about would be reduced. Pure Patrick.

We created "A Sleepy Little Town" video trying to incorporate his idea and he loved it, and played it all winter long on WPIB and during his live streaming sports shows. He said it was exactly what we needed to share about our community. His strong sense of community was unwavering and his persistence was Pure Patrick.

From my perspective, Patrick was a person that did not ever shy away from getting his hands dirty while seeking a way resolve a problem. He was willing to take action whether it was in person, on the air or by committee. The SITF met regularly all winter long and Patrick's enthusiasm and insights were one of the pivotal voices involved in sorting our island's identity and path forward. He often took the lead interacting with outside agencies and helping to craft our message, "One island, one voice". Of course when we were working on that idea he was worried about how North Bass and Middle Bass might feel about "One Island", that was also pure Patrick.

On a near perfect summer day as we filed out of the island's Mother of Sorrow church, our hearts and minds all connected with one single emotion of grief. The biggest out pouring of love and affection I have seen on the island in my many years here, all for the loss for Patrick N Myers. He was a man who made endless contributions to our island family. That was pure Patrick!

About a year ago, when our island community was reeling with unfocused anger and disbelief about the continued promotion and the subsequent over attendance of "Christmas in July" weekend, a meeting was held at the senior center. At that meeting we formed a new community action group that was later to be called "The Safe Island Task Force". One of the first hands to go up to volunteer that day was Patrick Myers. Pure Patrick!

Patrick was a "Community activist". Within a week or two after the first Safe Island Task Force (SITF) meeting, he had gone out and recruited former Toledo Mayor Mike Bell and retired Ohio State Trooper Aaron Walker to provide a broader off island and African American perspective on our island's growing pains. Patrick knew them from his days as an EMT and Firefighter training and convinced them to get in touch with our group. Pure Patrick!

Last August, after doing a live show from the softball game, Patrick explained to me that Put-in-Bay is a community of families, kids, grandparents and business owners, not just bars and attractions. Patrick told me about an idea he had for a video that would demonstrate our strong sense of community here on the island, which would encourage visitors to respect it more. He was certain that if they knew that we were a community and not an attraction or amusement park, many of the stress points being complained about would be reduced. Pure Patrick.

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In the fourteen years that I knew Patrick, he has been simultaneously an artist, activist, broadcaster, theater director, set designer, video producer, play by play announcer, volunteer, pit crew member, creative thinker, salesman, ferryman, sailor, husband, and friend. Pure Patrick.

I have to say that we were all very fortunate to have shared in just a little of Patrick's grace over the years, and his love of all things but especially family and community. He loved the island and the people here. As Father Nick Cunningham said it's not how you died, it's how you lived. Pure Patrick.

I am no more qualified than the next person to write an eulogy, but I can confidently say that no one was more qualified to speak for us all than Patrick. You might not agree with all he said but you could not avoid his infectious enthusiasm. He inspired us all. Pure Patrick.



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Barbershop Singing

On August 9, 2019, at 7:00 PM on the back porch of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Visitors Center, there will be a barbershop performance.

The tradition began in August 1948 when Frank Evans' barbershop quartet, "The Country Gentlemen," performed at the Middle Bass islander's pot luck supper. From that first taste, the program grew into an annual Barbershop Quartet event on Middle Bass the second week-end of August, with up to about 20 groups performing, including International Champion Quartets.

Sometime between 1964 and 1968, Mark Barnhill, a resident of South Bass Island and a member of one of the quartets, arranged that the barbershoppers would perform on South Bass Island on the Friday evening of that week-end. After trying different locations, the popular event settled into its current "home" at the Perry Monument, which provides a perfect setting for them.

This year, we will again enjoy the wonderful Barbershop Quartet Concert at the Perry Monument. The quartets will be performing on the back steps of the Visitors' Center at 7:00 PM on Friday, August 9th. This year they have chosen the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) as the organization they are supporting. Volunteers from the LEINWC will be handing out programs for the concert, and will gladly accept donations during intermission and at the end of the concert at tables set on the grounds. Please stop at one of our tables to get more information about the LEINWC and our building fund.

In case of rain, the concert will be held at the PIB School gymnasium.

Note: There will also be a concert on Middle Bass the same day in the afternoon at 1:30 at the Lonz Pavilion.

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More Money for the Islands

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has been funded to carry out emergency repairs to the pier and boat launch ramp area at North Bass Island State Park on North Bass Island. Currently, the dock is in such bad repair that the limited ferry service provided by Miller Boat Line has been cancelled. The main dock is the lifeline to the island. So if the ferry service ends there will be no way to get things like vehicles to the island or equipment to repair the airport or township roads. If the public airport is not maintained or usable, the FAA grants for the airport must be paid back.

The State’s Controlling Board also approved about \$317,000 for Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island in the harbor at Put-in-Bay. Most of the money will be used to buy water quality monitoring instruments.

Bad Siri

When Caroline Jackson picked up her phone the other day and asked Siri to order a take out pizza from Frosty’s. A half hour later, her husband, Scott, went down to pick it up, but there was no pizza ready. They had no knowledge of a pizza for Jackson. Scott just ordered another one and enjoyed waiting with friends who were enjoying the entertainment at Frosty’s. When Scott got home with the pizza, the phone rang. The person on the other end said this is Frosty’s and asked when they were going to come and get their pizza. What was going on? Apparently, Siri called Frosty’s Pizza in Mechanicsburg, OH, more than a 3-hour drive from Put-in-Bay. Apparently, this isn’t the first time this has happened to people ordering from our island’s Frosty Pizza. Oops!



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Ride Along!

On Friday, July 12th, Laura Fogg had a chance to ride along with the Put-in-Bay police. She posted this the next day on social media:

"Last night I had the opportunity to ride along with the Put-in-Bay Police Department from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.! If you ever have the chance to do this, I highly recommend it. You will become a more well informed citizen.

I saw the police help MANY people throughout the night who were unable to help themselves. I saw a lot of patience dealing with some difficult people.

I was surprised to learn how much paperwork is involved, how much interaction there is with EMS, ODNR and other agencies, how little compensation is given (starting wage is \$15 per hour) and that one of the detectives works for no wage whatsoever! He even pays for his own equipment.

I was also surprised to learn the amount of people who like to sing "Bad Boys, Bad Boys." People chant "let him go." Some people thank the police and others call them names.

Throughout the night, the police kept good attitudes, stayed focused, kind, patient yet stern. I'm proud to have the Put-in-Bay Police looking after our community!"



Laura Fogg with the Put-in-Bay Police golf cart.

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The Goat III Opening in US Virgin Islands

The Goat, Soup and Whiskey is set to open its third location joining Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and Keystone Resort, Colorado, in November 2019. The Goat St. Croix USVI will be located at Coakley Bay on the east end of the island. Formerly known as the Cultured Pelican, the restaurant is at the base of the Coakley Bay Condominium Complex. It is a 45 seat open air restaurant with a ten seat bar.

The east end of St. Croix has hotels, condos and Air B&B's for rent in every price range. The St. Croix airport is very convenient and located 25 minutes from Coakley Bay. Several airlines fly direct from Ft. Lauderdale and Miami including Spirit and JetBlue. Rental cars and taxis are also available at the airport. Remember that you drive on the left hand side of the road in the USVI.

St. Croix is an 85 square mile island with beautiful beaches and wonderful people, with an arid east end, and a tropical forest on the west end. We hope you will put St. Croix and Goat III on your list of future travel plans. Visit www.gotostcroix.com, www.stcroixtourism.com, www.visitusvi.com/stcroix, www.vinow.com/stcroix for more information about St. Croix.



This group from the Goat is heading to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands to open up a third Goat Soup & Whiskey. Left to right are Scott, Liesl, Cal and Caroline Jackson, Corey Williams, Derek Jackson, Jimbo Fortson, Jenny Stasko, Sydney Danner, Aurora Jackson, Saint Rivera, Marissa Rence, Kip Long, Easton Jimenez, Jack Connors, Jamie Hoffman, and Nick Kujala.



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Island Diary July 2019

Mon., July 1st - Islanders awake to the shocking news that Patrick Myers was found dead at his home on Mitchell Rd. the previous evening. A new modular home that arrived on Catawba before the weekend is ferried to the island now that the water has gone down a tad. "Big Eagle," a beautiful 172-ft. yacht with a crew of 10 is docked at the Jet Express Dock in the morning.



The 172 foot, 10 crew yacht "Big Eagle".

Tues., July 2nd - It's hot and humid, but dark gray clouds bring rain to the island in the afternoon to help cool things off a bit. Middle Bass is spared the rain. Greg Dobos from Clean Cut comes across a fox snake that is almost seven feet long and about as thick around as a Red Bull can. He posts it's the biggest one he's ever seen on the island.

Wed., July 3rd - The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Park District finalize the purchase of another 8.2 acres of wetland forest on Middle Bass Island thanks to the Clean Ohio Conservation and Coastal Estuarine and Land Conservation Programs!

Thurs., July 4th - Howard and Elaine Martens start their holiday by watering the downtown flower baskets. The Patriots Band plays a concert in the evening at the Monument a few short hours before the fireworks show over the harbor. Mark Ray has guests over to his rental cottage at Shore Villas to watch the fireworks on the water.

Fri., July 5th - There's a Ladies Auxiliary yard sale going on at PIBYC. The second haunted Put-in-Bay ghost walk takes place.

Sat., July 6th - Purple Martin banding with Tom Kashmir and Lisa Rock of the Green Creek Conservation Society and Paula Ziebarth of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy takes place in the morning at the Scheeff East Point Preserve. Afterwards, AmeriCorps intern Emma Young leads a shoreline cleanup at the preserve. There are lots of boats at the docks in the morning, but many boaters leave with reports of northeast winds coming. Bob White removes a (deceased) squirrel from St. Paul's dryer vent.

Sun., July 7th - Waters from the lake fill the low spots in Route 357 (Bayview Ave.) from the Crew's Nest to around Squaw Harbor and in front of the Monument. Kids have fun canoeing in the street in front of the yacht club, and the Sonny-S curtails ferry service between PIB and Middle Bass due to the northeast wind and flooded docks. The Ford Trimotor is at airport giving rides.

Mon., July 8th - Funeral services for Patrick Myers take place Mother of Sorrows. The Cornerstone Room is filled and the overflow gathers in the Undercroft of St. Paul's Church across the street where a video feed of the services is set up. Patrick is the first to be laid to rest in the new portion of Crown Hill Cemetery. An Irish wake takes place at the Crew's Nest Pavilion.

Tues., July 9th - Rich Zura (PIBHS Class of 1955) and his sister Sue (PIBHS Class of 1969) visit the home they grew up in on Concord Ave. now owned by Mike and Lyndsay Conshafter. Richard says he hadn't been to the island in 12 years.

Wed., July 10th - Put-in-Bay Village Council meets in the morning. Council, concerned about the decreasing revenue from the "Island Resort Tax," learns the State of Ohio Taxation Department will be on the island in September to deal with the non payers. The Round House softball team is playing the Middle Bass team at the field on Middle Bass Island.

Thurs., July 11th - The Diversity workshop takes place in the morning. Officials from Stone Lab officially release the harmful algal bloom report for Lake Erie for the 2019 season. The bloom forecast is a 7.5 (roughly between a range from 6 to 9), making it similar to 2017 and one of the 5 worst since HABS reports started. It's gorgeous weather in the evening for Eric Booker's 50th birthday party at the Boardwalk.

Fri., July 12th - It a perfect summer weather day on the island. There's a Curley's RibFest Cookout going on in the parking lot at the Island General Store. You can get a full slab of ribs for \$12. Out in George Stoiber's barn in Victory Woods, the museum is selling items which were left from an estate sale in Toledo. Nancy Bane is holding another big sale in her yard, too. At the Yacht Club, the young Community Swim/Sail Program youngsters are attending this season's award ceremony.

Sat., July 13th - The Erie County Sheriff's marine patrol along with the Coast Guard pull a couple to safety after their boat begins to take on water off Kelleys Island. Over at Lonz Winery, the Middle Bass Music Festival is taking place. A wonderful, perfect-weather Community Swim/Sail Program fundraiser cruise takes place in the evening. Toby Landreth takes honors as the best-dressed cruiser!

Sun., July 14th - Liesl Jackson, the daughter of Scott and Caroline Jackson from the Goat Soup & Whiskey, celebrates her third birthday early with a barbecue party at the Jackson's stone presshouse home near the airport. There are 46 cars in the antique car parade in the afternoon. The parade sponsors are Bill and Gail McCracken, Bob and Dianne Smith and Jack and Kathi Spayde. This is the fourth day in a row that you can say it's been perfect summer weather. Joe Charboneu, the Cleveland Indians baseball team's American League Rookie of the Year almost 40 years ago, is on the island.

Mon., July 15th - There are scores of young sailors on the island competing in the first races of the Junior Regatta. The Village Council meets to discuss future options for its Frederick property on Erie St. The monthly Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting takes place at The Keys for the first time. A couple of good downpours get the islands wet in the late afternoon. In a race from the Goat to Joe's Bar, Paul Jeris on a bike beats Mark Lekanka who is driving his golf cart. Dottie Sweeney (PIBHS Class of 1975) is on the island visiting old friends.

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12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:
August 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: August 7, 14

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 29: First boat leaves MBI at 11:30 a.m., PIB at 12:00 p.m.
Last boat departs MBI at 12:30 a.m., PIB at 1:00 a.m.
The Sonny-S will run the regular hourly schedule between those times.

Fridays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
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5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.

Saturdays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.
12:30 a.m.	1:00 a.m.

Late August (S)18, (M)19, (T)20, (W)21, (TH)22, (S)25, (W)28

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Impact of Flooding

By Sarah Barney

Lake Erie water levels are 13 inches higher than they were last year, and with the excess water comes severe consequences. Wetlands are flooded, beaches are eroded, and agricultural fields were not able to be planted. However, one of the most severe repercussions is the flooding of streets and yards. Bayview Avenue in front of Perry's Monument, Monroe Street by the Port Clinton Jet Express, and many others are still experiencing flooding although the rain has let up.

Seiches are primarily responsible for the flooding. A seiche is a type of cyclical oscillation in the lake caused by changes in atmospheric pressure. In other words, strong winds cause water to be pushed to one side, and when they stop, the water rebounds to the other area. In turn, the rebound causes the oscillation of the water back and forth.

Typically, when the seiche cycles occur, there is enough room in the lake for the water to go. This year however, there is simply no room left in the lake due to the high-water levels. In other words, seiches are normal and usually lead to flooding, but in past years, the lake has been low enough for the water to recede back into the lake. However, because of the lake water-levels being this spectacularly high, the flood water has nowhere left to go, and finds home in roads and people's lawns.

The highly increased amount of precipitation this spring is another factor for the amount of flooding and high-water levels. It precipitated 55 days out of 93 this spring. The water has resided in the Great Lakes.

Seiches are part of a cycle, but with the alarming side effects of climate change, the cycle is worsening. Part of the effects of climate change is an intensifying water cycle, explaining both the record-breaking high waters and the incredible amount of rain.

The flooding is especially terrible on Middle Bass



A home at Burgundy Bay on Middle Bass Island. It is completely surrounded by water.

Schneider Earns Scholarship

Dean Miller, President and CEO of First National Bank named Maximillian Schneider as a \$1,000 First National Bank scholarship recipient.

Students who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic achievement and personal excellence were chosen to receive these awards.

The First National Bank Scholarship was established in 2019 for customers of First National Bank. The applicant or the applicant's parents, legal guardians, or grandparents must be an established customer who has had a relationship with FNB for at least one year.

The \$1,000 scholarship is for a graduating senior who attends a school in their local market area and plans to attend a post-secondary accredited school for a 2-year or 4-year degree in the immediate school year following graduation. The eligible high schools located in their market area include Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, or Seneca counties.

Maximillian graduated from Put-in-Bay High School and plans to attend Miami University where he will be studying Computer Science. This summer, he is working at the Sonny-S Boat Line. Max is the son of John and Kathryn Schneider and lives on Middle Bass Island.

Quote of the Month

You know you're on Middle Bass when the wake you leave with your car is as bad as what you'd leave with your boat. - Glenda Ward

Island where some home-owners have not been able to get to their houses all year.

A popular neighborhood on the island called Burgundy Bay has been flooded all spring and summer. Fortunately, most of the houses' first level is the garage, meaning that the house levels are still livable. However, it is difficult for the home-owners to actually get to their houses because of the perpetual foot of water on the road.

The East Point area of the island has lost ten to fifteen feet of beach due to the high water. The once sturdy seawall is eroding away from the waves crashing into it.

The sewage treatment plant is struggling to process sewage because of all the lake water infiltrating the plant. Because of this, the island is facing water backing up. The General Store decided to ditch its indoor bathrooms and switched to porta potties, so they won't contribute to the sewage backups. The Middle Bass music festival also made the switch to porta potties.

Wildlife on the island has also been affected by the flooding. Fish that are meant to be in the lake have made their way into what was once forest, but is now a swamp. Ducks are happily swimming in people's lawns. Trees and shrubs are rotting on the bottom from the excess amount of water.

The flooding on some parts of the island is destructive, but Middle Bass is resilient. The islanders are still enjoying their weekly baseball games against the other Lake Erie Island teams. All of the businesses are open and encouraging visitors. Only a small portion of Middle Bass is flooded, so islanders are welcoming tourists to visit.

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Tues., July 16th - Kristin Stanford is at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center talking about snakes for the weekly Wild Tuesdays program. The kids get a hands-on chance to get to know snakes better. Lake Erie Islands Conservancy AmeriCorp Intern Emma Young leads volunteers who want to help mulch the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail. The HMCS Oriole anchors off the North Shore of MBI. It is a training ketch of the Royal Canadian Navy based in Halifax. It is the oldest commissioned vessel in the Canadian Navy. Beautiful. Christine Ontko at Freshwater Retreat & Remedies is conducting a soap making class at her shoppe!

Wed., July 17th - The July Sunset Tour takes place at Perry's Monument. It's a chance to experience a sunset from the 317-ft.-high observation deck on top of the Monument.

Thurs., July 18th - The Island Artisan Fair is going on at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. American Legion Post 542 heads to Middle Bass for their monthly meeting at the Middle Bass Town Hall. The meeting is followed by a pizza lunch at the Middle Bass Island General Store. Shortly after 4 p.m., a rainstorm goes over the island.

Fri., July 19th - The Put-in-Bay Jeep invasion begins on this very hot day. The heat makes us wonder what people did to keep cool when there was no air conditioning. Jack Zimmerman celebrates his birthday with close friends and family.

Sat., July 20th - It's Pink Day at the Bay. Tom LaPlante from Megabits, LLC is at the property owners meeting at the Senior Center to speak about the new powerful MiFi internet service on the island. The other guest speaker was Keara Stanislawczyk, a water quality technician from Stone Lab, who talks about the algae blooms that plague Lake Erie. The staff at the Goat gets its 2019 group photo taken in the morning. The Perry Group is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing with an evening visit to the top of Perry's Monument. Island astronomer Gene Zajac is on hand to talk about the Apollo missions to the moon.



Island families aboard the Sonny-S.

parade sponsors are Travis and Missi Kowalski. The post parade stop is at the Reel Bar.

Mon., July 22nd - It's noticeably cooler with temperatures at breakfast time in the 60s.

Tues., July 23rd - Former PIB summer cottage owner Lee Stifter is on the island celebrating her 90th birthday with family and island friends at her old home, formerly known as the Beebe House before being moved from Toledo Ave. to the east side of the Monument. 70 Vietnam Veterans from the Veterans Home in Sandusky enjoy a picnic in DeRivera Park. A wind squall goes through the islands after dinner and Bob Bahney clocks it at 54 mph.

Wed., July 24th - PIB's Solar System Ambassador Gene Zajac presents a talk about moon exploration at the Senior Center.

It's perfect weather for Lobster Mania at the Boardwalk or the Wagyu burger special at the Reel Bar.

Thurs., July 25th - The Port Authority holds a meeting to discuss having two Bash at the Bay concerts on two back to back days next season. Speakers from the ferry boat lines we're optimistic they could handle the extra passenger load. Comments from the audience were all in favor of having the event be two days long. A group from PIB heads over on the Jet Express to Kelleys Island to celebrate Theresa Finney's 60th birthday. Chip Duggan is giving a tour with the tour train over on Middle Bass. Spotted downtown Put-in-Bay, three guys wearing Santa or elf hats.

Fri., July 26th - The Put in Bay Nature Camp kids are seen kayaking in the harbor. An ice cream stop at Gibraltar Island was in order.

Sat., July 27th - This is the day everyone has been waiting for. The island is back to a normal Saturday in July and a dramatic, complete reversal of this weekend from the last few years. There were 70-90 riders taking part in the 5th Annual Middle Bass Island Tandem Bike Crawl. The "Our Survivors Party" party takes place at the yacht club. Members cook their own steaks.

Sun., July 28th - Antique Car Parade sponsors are Toby and Stephanie Landreth and the Getaway Inn at Cooper's Woods. There's a benefit for Jill Turner Fisher who is fighting breast cancer at Das Lokal, the Biergarten at the The Goat. A wonderful turnout for a wonderful lady.

Mon., July 29th - Happy 70th Birthday to Woody!!! Vacation Bible Camp begins at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. The Village Council meets to consider the denial of the IV Joint's business license, The IV Joint is a van that offers rehydration to people who party a little to much. In Santa Cruz, California, Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) completes her 4,000-mile Bike & Build coast-to-coast fundraiser bike ride. The 2019 Luau is taking place at the Keys in the evening.

Tues., July 30th - A group from Heineman Winery heads to North Bass on one of the Miller ferries to drop off spraying equipment and other supplies needed to work the vineyards there. Roger Rhoad from Cameo Pizza stops down at the Crew's Nest pool while recovering from spinal surgery. Here's to wishing Roger a speedy recovery! Did you see the parade of amphicars in Put-in-Bay harbor?

Wed., July 31st - Friends honor and remember the late Bob Wolford with "Bob Day at the Bay." Marie Schiller from Steyr, Austria, arrives on the island to visit the Scott and Caroline Jackson family. Steyr is where Caroline (PIBHS Class of 2004) attended high school for a year in 2001-2002. James Lewis from Mr. Ed's skydives for the first time with SkyDive Put-in-Bay.



Brokenhearted By Woody Widmar

Seventy has come and gone
Apparently no big deal
I spent the morning flippin' eggs
The evening in "The Field"
I planned this over a year ago
To get something I'd like
So I searched the Web and it
caught my heart
A bad-ass Harley trike
But as winter turned to spring
I blew out my left knee
Spent seven weeks in rehab
Doing intense physical therapy
A week before the big day
I went out and got it started
I didn't have the strength to shift
I sat there brokenhearted
So it's back to the gym
and shed more pounds
Then get both knees done
Another round of rehab
Before my first Harley run
They say patience is a virtue
I guess I'll have my tried
Put in the time and do the work
Oh yes, I will abide !!
Happy Birthday Auntie Cle
Happy 50th to Laura

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Our Changing Island

By Jeff Koehler

Earlier this season, I had to make a decision - boots or water shoes? - as I prepared to take the ferry to the mainland. Like everyone else, the high water this year has kept me guessing about the current state of the sometimes flooded docks. After reading Scott Market's post that BYOB now means "Bring Your Own Boots," I decided to just take my car back and forth when I go to the mainland. I can wear whatever footwear I want. Problem solved.

Those who rent golf carts on the island say they are having issues with carts that have been driven through the flooded streets. If you rent a cart, be safe and don't drive through deep water.

Have you noticed the surge of electric bikes on the streets of Put-in-Bay? I sure hope no one gets electrocuted riding one of those things through some of our sometimes-flooded streets.

You may have seen, you may have not, but I saw a guy on a motorized surfboard doing figure 8s through a mini-slalom course in the water off the north side of the Monument.

I stopped breaking and entering recently when I learned the Put-in-Bay police have solved a couple of crimes after reviewing video on security cameras. It sure wouldn't look good on my "permanent record" if I got caught, plus I want to "enjoy island time, not do jail time" like the new signs posted around the island say.

Can you imagine coming to the island from another country to work for the season and getting caught breaking and entering and then being charged for a first-degree felony, thrown in jail and have to post an \$70,000 bond to get out? Well, that's what one young man did this past month. I guess we all can't be on top of our game all the time.

Again this year, I have been keeping track of the countries people who I meet on the island come from. I started late this season, but my list is growing week by week. We are truly becoming an international destination.

Speaking of international stuff, remember all those painted Put-in-Bay rocks that people can hide wherever they go? When you find one, there is contact info on the rock to report your find on social media. A gal by the name of Silvia Borycova from Bulgaria found a Put-in-Bay rock at the Hatshepsut Temple in Luxor, Egypt.

And lastly, I think we should be promoting visitation to the island by touting "The High Water Experience! See Put-in-Bay before it sinks!" Just like Terry Winchester says, "When you've got lemons, make lemonade!"

A huge group celebrated a 60th birthday party at Crews Nest recently. The group rented all of Ashley's and part of the Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel while here. The couple on the left is Linda Harvey and Dominic Dell Angelo. The center couple is birthday girl Melissa and Mark Ondash. First seated row behind from left are Christine and Scott Ridgway, Dee and Rodney Zoyhowski, Guy Hisrich, Bob and Laura Luke, Sally and Steve Thomas from Las Cruces New Mexico, and Ben Ebel (seated behind). In the first standing row are: Jackson Ondash, Sammie Ondash, Chuck and Pam Lord Ondash, Laura Ebel, Pam Bergner, Kim Stumph. In the last row are Lisa and Chris Ondash, Sam Ebel, Jacob Ebel, Amy Hisrich, John Bergner, Nate Stumph, Lisa and Lary Scheffert and Daryl Stumph. Guests hailed from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, and Ohio.



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Local Educator Engages in Research Excursion on Lake Erie

Missi Kowalski, 7-12th grade science teacher at Put-in-Bay Schools and resident of South Bass Island, recently stepped off the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) research vessel Lake Guardian.

Kowalski was one of 15 educators chosen from more than 40 applicants to collect data alongside scientists from July 8 - 14 as part of the Center for Great Lakes Literacy's Lake Erie Shipboard Science Workshop.

"I'm so excited to have had this opportunity to learn more about Lake Erie and the topics that affect her waters," said Kowalski. "I loved getting to do authentic scientific research in the areas of algal blooms, microplastics, and zooplankton, all of which directly affect us as island residents. As the only science teacher in our district, I am always grateful for the chance to collaborate with like-minded educators. I am coming away from this experience with so many new ideas and resources to integrate into my classroom that I can't wait for the school year to begin so that I can share them with my students."

Thanks to facilitators from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana-Illinois Sea Grants, the workshop provided teachers an opportunity to work alongside four scientists on current Lake Erie research projects. Dr. George Bullerjahn from Bowling Green State University, Dr. Lorena Rios Mendoza from the University of Wisconsin Madison, Elizabeth Whitmore from Cornell University, and Ben Alsip from the US EPA Great Lakes National Program Office guided educators in learning about the impact of human activities on water quality.

Teachers evaluated the presence of microplastics and microbial DNA and RNA in surface water and sediment, enumerated zooplankton as a proxy for productivity, and measured chlorophyll to determine phytoplankton concentrations throughout Lake Erie's basins. Samples were analyzed in onboard laboratories or preserved for later processing in researcher's laboratories. Ultimately, educators will be able to take their experiences back to the classroom and inspire their own students to want to do scientific exploration of the Great Lakes.

"Educators were immersed in an intense week of Great Lakes science. They assisted with authentic data collection and processing that can be used to provide insight on the quality of Lake Erie's water. Using innovative sampling and monitoring equipment, teachers were provided with once-in-a-lifetime professional learning experience to explore science up-close and personal," said Angela Greene, Ohio Sea Grant Education Specialist, who helped facilitate the workshop.

In addition to gathering and synthesizing data aboard the ship, participants had shoreline experiences in Erie, Pennsylvania and Put-in-Bay, Ohio. They collected and sorted litter from a beach clean up, learned how to implement stewardship projects with students, and practiced Great Lakes classroom lessons. Teachers tweeted (#shipboardscience) and blogged (www.cgll.org/featured-blogs/) about the experience as well.

The Lake Erie Shipboard Science Workshop was supported by the US EPA through funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and Center for Great Lakes Literacy (www.cgll.org).

The Center for Great Lakes Literacy is a collaborative effort led by Sea Grant educators throughout the Great Lakes region. The Center fosters informed and responsible decision-making that advances basin-wide stewardship by providing hands-on experiences, educational resources and networking opportunities. CGLL promotes Great Lakes literacy among an engaged community of educators, scientists and citizens who can effectively contribute to the sustainability of the Great Lakes.

Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant are part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a nationwide network of 33 science-based outreach and education program.



(Left to Right) Kristin TePas (Outreach Coordinator from the Center for Great Lakes Literacy), Jennie Busch (Educator from Carthage, New York), Missi Kowalski (Educator from Put-in-Bay, Ohio) and Thomas DeHaas (Educator from Marblehead, Ohio) use the "Rosette" aboard the EPA's R/V Lake Guardian to collect water samples from various depths within the water column to later analyze for algae and microplastics.

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Middle Bass Music Fest a Success From Bruce Miles, Middle Bass Music Fest

On July 13, 2019, The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy hosted their 3rd music fest on the grounds of the Middle Bass Island Ohio State Park. This event started as a kernel of an idea and through the hard work of a handful of dedicated folks it has become a fun and exciting day for our entire middle bass community while supporting the Lake Erie islands Conservancy.

We had excellent weather and four wonderful bands entertaining the crowd on July 13th. Peter Huston acted as MC and kept the program running on schedule throughout the day.

I'd like to mention some key members of our organization and volunteer network who helped us pull off this wonderful program. This event could never happen without the support of our middle bass friends, family and neighbors. So thank you to everyone who pitched in to volunteer, donate, participate and just come out to show support of our program. I apologize as I'm sure we'll miss some folks along the way. We had approximately 40 volunteers and I can't possibly remember everyone who helped us. Darren Dunning ran the beer tent, Ann Hicks managed the gate and entry way, Nancy Welter was our manager and a key member of the event organization from start to finish. Lee Hisey did so much behind the scenes that we can't begin to thank him for all his efforts. Of course, I have thank Lisa Brohl for

all her efforts at coordinating various details throughout the planning and execution of the project. Jamie Berger, my life long friend and crazy good artist who designs our posters, tee shirts and does much of our promotional activities and take photos on the day of the event. I also want to thank my wife Kim for putting up with me talking about this all the time and volunteering her time the day of the event selling tee shirts. Gerald Shanley and John Shanz worked their butts off setting up and tearing down our tents and putting up and tearing down the chairs. Thanks to the Middle Bass School district for donating some of our dining patio tents. The Middle Bass Men's Intellectual Club did a great job selling beer tickets and handling the money from beer and wine sales.

We had 10 tables with folks selling books, art, food and crafts. Our two food trucks offered a great variety of meal options including pizza, BBQ and Lamb Chops.

Most importantly, I'd like to mention the organizations who help us financially. Jim Roesch and the The Middle Bass Dock Company, Lake Erie Shores and Islands, The Ohio Arts Council, Lake Erie Shores and Islands, Hisey Group Howard Hanna, South Shore Marine and the Middle Bass Island State Park, Chris Zeitler of J.F. Walleye's who won the Lonz tower climb and made nice donation to the conservancy. Russ Scharnsky won the 50-50 raffle.



Festival manager Nancy Welter gives 50-50 cash to winner Russ Scharnsky.

AUGUST ENTERTAINMENT

BEER BARREL

- 1 • Nick Brownell - 2P
Kenny Kidd - 5:30P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 2 • Nick Brownell - 2P
Wally & the Beavs - 6P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 3 • Ryan Dunlap - 11:30P
Allie & the Rockers - 2P
Wally & the Beavs - 6P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 4 • Mel Burns - 2P
Ryan Dunlap - 6P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 5-6 • Mel Burns - 2P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 7 • Mel Burns - 2P
Ryan Dunlap - 6P
Tom Yankton - 9:30P
- 8 • Mel Burns - 2P
Ryan Dunlap - 6P
The Menus - 9:30P
- 9 • Mel Burns Duo - 2P
Flannel Planet - 5:30P
The Menus - 9:30P
- 10 • Jacob Frish - 11:30A
Mel Burns Band - 2P
Flannel Planet - 5:30P
The Menus - 9:30P
- 11 • Mel Burns - 2P
Jacob Frish - 5:30P
Savannah Jack - 9:30P

- 12-14 • Jacob Frish - 3P
Savannah Jack - 9:30P
- 15 • Jacob Frish - 3P
Electric Circus - 9:30P
- 16-17 • Jacob Frish - 2P
56 Daze - 5:30P
Electric Circus - 9:30P
- 18 • Ryan Dunlap - 2P
Mel Burns - 5:30P
Tom Yankton - 9:30P
- 19-21 • Ryan Dunlap - 3P
Tom Yankton Band - 9:30P
- 22 • Ryan Dunlap - 3P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P
- 23 • Ryan Dunlap - 2P
Wally & the Beavs - 5:30P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P
- 24 • Bob Gatewood - 2P
Wally & the Beavs - 5:30P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P
- 25-27 • Nick Brownell - 3P
Erica Martin - 9:30P
- 28-29 • Nick Brownell - 3P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P
- 30 • Nick Brownell - 2P
Sun Burners - 5:30P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P
- 31 • Sun Burners - 2P
Venyx - 5:30P
Mustang Sally - 9:30P

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- 1-4 • Bad Charlotte - 9:30P
- 3 • Annual wqmx Country Day
Filmore - 1P @ Mist
- 5-8 • Gas Station Disco - 9:30P
- 7 • Corduroy Road - 1P
- 9-11 • Radio Tokyo - 9:30P
- 12-13 • Joe Woods Band - 9:30P
- 14 • Joe Woods Band - 1P

- 14-18 • Match City - 9:30P
- 19-21 • Light Up The Moon - 9:30P
- 21 • Light Up The Moon - 1P
- 22-23 • Radio Tokyo - 9:30P
- 24-25 • TBA - 9:30P
- 28 • The Locke Boys - 1P & 9:30P
- 29-31 • Bad Charlotte - 9:30P

THE KEYS

- 1 • West Side Steve - 2P & 7P
- 2-4 • Sunset Harmony - 2P & 7P
- 5 • Taylor Lamborn - 2p & 7P
- 6-8 • Cliff Cody - 2P & 7P
- 9-10 • Cliff Cody - 2P & 8P
- 11 • Cliff Cody - 2P & 7P
- 12-15 • West Side Steve - 2P & 7P
- 16-17 • Sunset Harmony - 2P & 8P
- 18 • Sunset Harmony - 2P & 7P
- 19-20 • Drew LaPlante - 2P & 7P
- 21-22 • Allie Market - 2P & 7P
- 23-24 • Travelin' Johnsons - 2P & 8P
- 25 • Travelin' Johnsons - 2P & 7P
- 25-28 • Drew LaPlante - 2P & 7P
- 29 • Allie Market - 2P & 7P
- 30-31 • Sunset Harmony - 2P & 8P

FISHBOWL

- 2 • David Lester - 7P
- 3 • Luke Rausch - 2P
DJ ICE - 7P
- 4 • Dean Ave Bus Tour - 1P
DJ ICE - 7P
- 7 • Karaoke w/DJ Swiss - 8P
- 9 • Amy Sailor - 8P
- 10 • Amy Sailor - 2P
- 14 • Karaoke w/DJ Swiss - 8P
- 16 • Troll Tribe - 8P
- 17 • Troll Tribe - 2P
DJ ICE - 7P
- 18 • DJ ICE - 9P
- 21 • Karaoke w/DJ Swiss - 8P
- 22 • Qwister - 8P
- 23 • Qwister - 2P & 8P
- 24 • Qwister - 2P
DJ ICE - 7P
- 25 • DJ - 9P
- 28 • Karaoke w/DJ Swiss - 8P
- 29 • Pat & Jamie Jamtastic - 2P & 9P
- 30 • Pat & Jamie Jamtastic - 2P & 9P
- 31 • Pat & Jamie Jamtastic - 2P
DJ ICE - 7P

MOJITO BAY

- 1-2 • Broken Transmitter - 4P
Chemical Wonders - 8P
- 3 • The Oliver Brothers - 12P
Willow Hill - 4P
Chemical Wonders - 8P
- 4 • The Oliver Brothers - 2P
Willow Hill - 8P
- 5-6 • Willow Hill - 4P
Allie Market - 8P
- 7-8 • Russ Baum - 4P
The Gryphons - 8P
- 9 • Brad Moore - 4P
The Monea Brothers - 8P
- 10 • Mike Drum - 12P
Brad Moore - 4P
The Monea Brothers - 8P
- 11 • Brad Moore - 2P
Mike & Allie - 8P
- 12-13 • Allie Market - 8P
- 14-15 • Willow Hill - 8P
- 16 • Joe Woods Duo - 4P
Willow Hill - 8P

FROSTYS

- 2 • Ria Lee & Stephen Metz (inside) - 2P
DJ Mike (patio) - 9P
DJ Kevin (inside) - 9P
- 3 • Pat Shepard (inside) - 2P
Ria Lee & Stephen Metz (patio) - 2P
DJ Mike (patio) - 9P
DJ Kevin (inside) - 9P
- 4 • Half Naked
Monkeys (inside) - 2P
Ria Lee & Stephen Metz (patio) - 2P
- 9 • Katie & Jordan (inside) - 2P
DJ Mike (inside) - 9P
DJ Kevin (patio) - 9P
- 10 • Pat Shepard (inside) - 2P
Russ Baum (patio) - 2P
DJ Mike (inside) - 9P
DJ Kevin (patio) - 9P

- 17 • Charlie Wiener - 12P
Joe Woods Duo - 4P
Flyin' Jays - 8P
- 18 • Charlie Wiener - 2P
Joe Woods Duo - 8P
- 19-20 • Allie Market - 8P
- 21-22 • The Gryphons - 8P
- 23 • Brad Moore - 4P
The Gryphons - 8P
- 24 • Jerry Sprague - 12P
Brad Moore - 4P
The Gryphons - 8P
- 25 • Brad Moore - 2P
Jerry Sprague - 8P
- 26-27 • Allie Market - 8P
- 28 • Russ Baum - 8P
- 29 • Russ Baum - 12P
The Gryphons - 4P
- 30 • The Gryphons - 4P
- 31 • Charlie Wiener - 12P
The Gryphons - 4P
Flyin's Jays - 8P

- 11 • Half Naked Monkeys (inside) - 2P
Russ Baum (patio) - 2P
- 16 • Rusty Bladen (inside) - 2P
DJ Mike (inside) - 9P
Chief DJ (patio) - 9P
- 17 • Rusty Bladen (inside) - 2P
Mike Drum (patio) - 2P
DJ Mike (inside) - 9P
Chief DJ (patio) - 9P
- 18 • Matt Dalton (inside) - 2P
Mike Drum (inside) - 7P
- 23 • Pat Shepard (inside) - 7P
DJ Mike (patio) - 9P
- 24 • Pat Shepard (inside) - 2P
Ria Lee (patio) - 2P
DJ Mike (patio) - 9P
- 25 • Ria Lee (inside) - 2P
- 28 • DJ Soulman (inside) - 9P
- 29 • DJ Soulman (inside) - 9P
- 31 • Half Naked
Monkeys (inside) - 2P
Mike Drum (patio) - 2P
DJ Mike (inside) - 9P
Chief DJ (patio) - 9P

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w/ Ron Howard - 9P
- 2 • Ray Fogg Show - 7P
- 3 • Collin Dussault - 1P
Ray Fogg Show - 7P
- 8 • Karaoke
w/ Ron Howard - 9P
- 9 • Ray Fogg Show - 7P
Corned Beef & Curry - 9:30P
- 10 • Corned Beef & Curry - 2P
Ray Fogg Show - 7P
Karaoke
w/ Ron Howard - 9:30P
- 11 • Corned Beef & Curry - 2P
- 15 • Karaoke
w/ Ron Howard - 9P
- 16 • Ray Fogg Show - 7P
Hillbilly Casino - 9:30P
- 17 • Drew LaPlante - 1P
Ray Fogg Show - 7P
Hillbilly Casino - 9:30P
- 18 • Drew LaPlante - 1P
- 22 • Karaoke
w/ Ron Howard - 9P
- 23 • Dave Clo - 8:30P
- 24 • Chris Logsdon - 2P
Ray Fogg Show - 7:30P
- 25 • Chris Logsdon - 1P
- 30 • Pete Jarvis - 2P
Hey Monea - 8:30P
- 31 • Pete Jarvis - 2P
Ray Fogg Show - 7:30P
Hey Monea - 9:30P

BOARDWALK MAIN DECK

- 2 • Jimmy Jack Duo - 7P
- 3 • Jimmy Jack Duo - 2P
Jimmy Jack Duo - 7P
- 16 • Abraham James - 7P
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- 31 • David Rice - 2P
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Check out the before and after photos!



Before clean up.



Before clean up.



After clean up.



After clean up.



These ladies were caught demonstrating how to safely water the flower baskets in the downtown park. Left to right are Emma Frame, Sara Frame, Donna D'Amico on the ladder and Kathy "Mrs. Larry" Schrader.



Left to right are Cody and Carlee Fletcher, Laurie Worline, Bill Gilock and Tim Barczack who were on the island on Friday, July 12th, and Saturday, July 13th, cooking up slabs of Curley's ribs. We have to say, "What a treat!"



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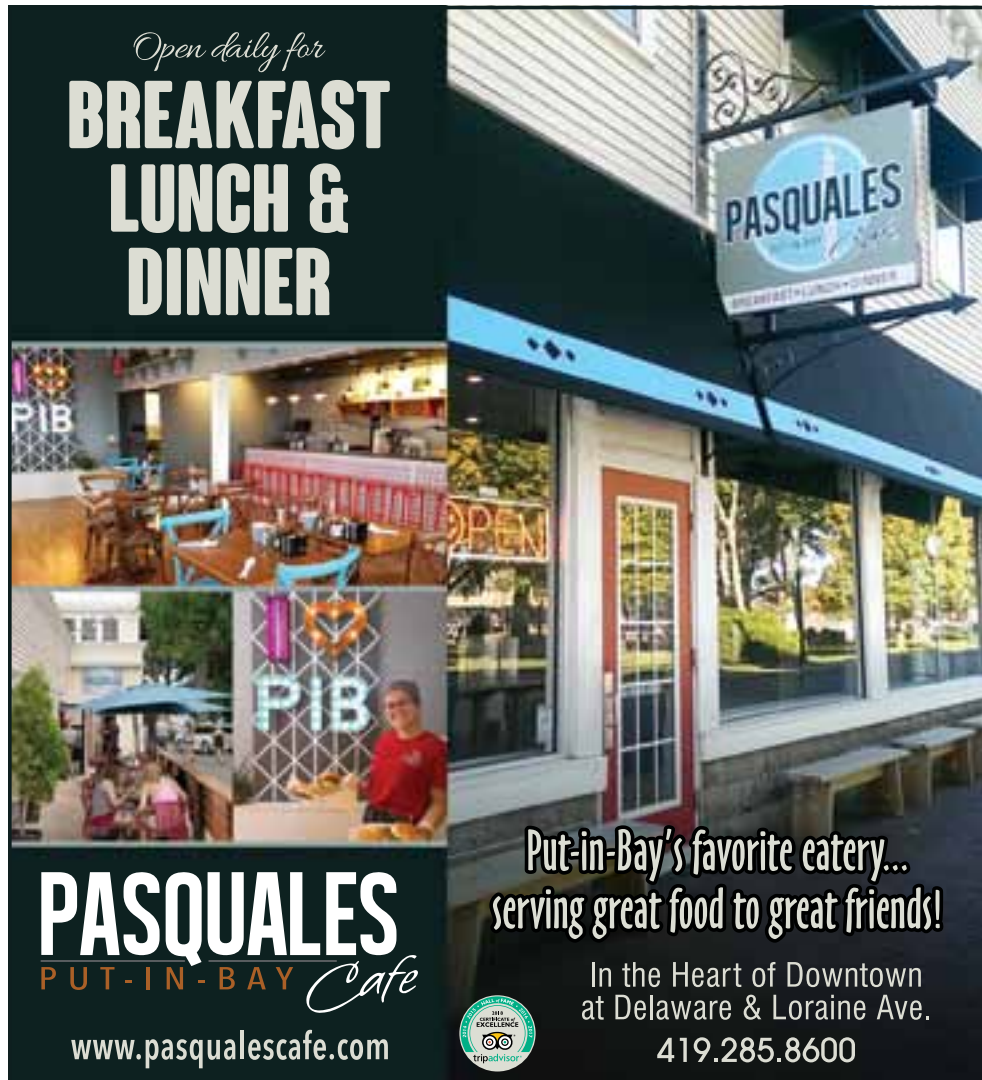
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Last month, Mike "Mad Dog" Adams was on the front page of the PIB Gazette celebrating 40 years of entertaining at the Round House Bar. In July, he had his first July weekend in 40 years off and you'd think he'd stay away from the island to relax, but Mike decided instead to have a family day at the Bay and see what it's like to play tourist. Mike brought his two young grandsons, Zach and Noah Wilson, to the island where he made sure they read the Put-in-Bay Gazette. During their visit to the Round House, young Noah surprised everyone by getting up on stage and taking to it like a fish to water.



Mike wants to thank his wife, daughter Shauna and son-in-law John, the GM Paula Garsteck, The Round House crew, and his friend Brad and his band The Bluff Canucks (who were performing that weekend) for giving the family the time and helping make these special memories for himself and his family. Thank You! Mike was back at work and being "Mad Dog" the next week.

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Last year, Empty Bowls by the Lake donated \$17,000 to help battle hunger and raise awareness. Thanks to the Put-in-Bay community for playing a big role in that.

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The Idiot and the Cove Reunion

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of my idiotic dive at The Cove on 21 June of this year could not have gone better. Thanks to Jeff Koehler's willingness to tell my story, I don't think I paid for a drink all weekend. I saw many old and dear friends like Scott Sneller, Roger Parker, Maisie Ruchala, June Stoiber, Billy Market, Mark "My Replacement" Kaiser and many others.

The weather was perfect! After I paid my tribute to Bruce Mettler, a true Put-in-Bay hero, I went to see my old friend Mike "Mad Dog" Adams giving it his all at my Alma Mater, The Round House Bar. He was kind enough to acknowledge my presence to the crowd. There is a reason he has been filling the round bar for 40 years and I was the bartender his first year there with his old partner, Fiddler Hal.

I want to thank the gentleman who owns The Cove property. It was very gracious of him to let me come to the scene of the crime and drink a toast to life, Bruce, South Bass Island and 40 years of thankfulness. The water was so high that for a minute a thought went through my tiny mind...should I give it another go? One thing I have learned and I leave you all with this - never make the same mistake twice and always be thankful for what you have. See you next year!

- Kevin Coleman



Kevin Coleman points to cliff he jumped off 40 years ago and broke his neck



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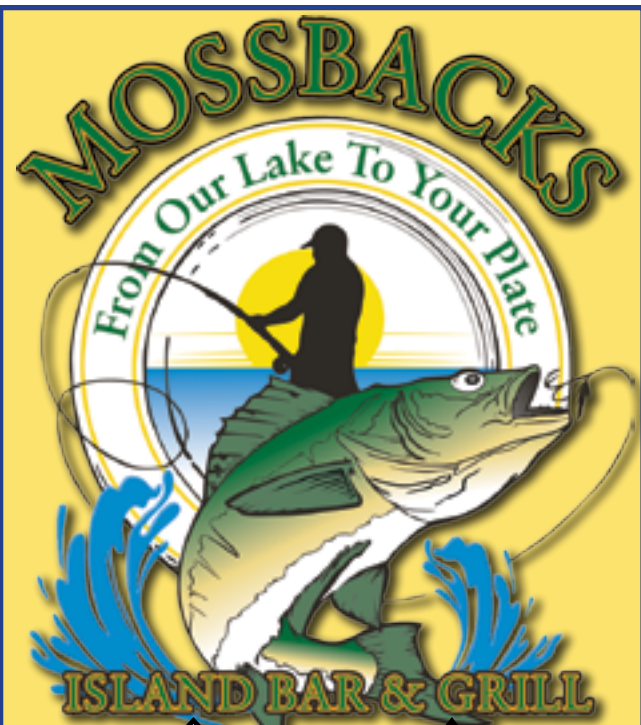
Photo Contest Winner - Ed Gudenas

The Put-in-Bay Gazette photo contest for June/July was a huge success with over 60 entries on our Facebook page. Photos ranged from pictures of rough water, different views of the monument, kids playing on the beach and on the Miller Ferry, agriculture and architecture on the island and even a view of Put-in-Bay from the Middle Bass Island dock. When all was said and done, our judges chose a winner, the image you see above by Ed Gudenas of Middle Bass Island. Ed will receive a lifetime online subscription to the Put-in-Bay Gazette to go along with his photo being featured on the cover. Runner up photos are pictured to the right from Billy Market and Miranda Smith. We'd like to extend a huge thank you to our judges for combing through the photos and to all our photo submitters. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more contests and giveaways in the future. Our next contest will be in September.



Left: Runner up photo submitted by Miranda Smith of Fremont.

Above: Runner up photo submitted by Billy Market of Put-in-Bay.



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Pelee Island Ferry Issues

The Ministry of Transportation says a full review will be carried out over the issues with ferry service to Pelee Island on the Canada Day weekend, the last weekend in June. Both the new Pelee Islander II and the Jiimaan ran into trouble, leaving some passengers stranded on Lake Erie for more than four hours. Fish flies (mayflies) clogged the cooling system for the Pelee Islander II on Sunday, June 30th, leading to engine problems. The new \$40 million ferry was taken out of service at which point the Jiimaan was called into action. It, too, ran into its own engine issues and forced the Owen Sound Transportation Company to put the decades-old, and smaller, Pelee Islander into service on Monday, July 1st. The Pelee Islander II was put back into service later on July 1st.



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Getting to Know: CC Wisniewski

By Sarah Barney

CC Wisniewski is part of what makes the Lake Erie Islands' community truly unique. The talented woman with a passion for teaching officially brought her teaching skills to Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island in 2017. Although she has only lived on the island for two years, her contributions are incredibly valuable.

Wisniewski grew up East of Cleveland in Mentor, Ohio, but throughout her life, she spent a lot of time on Put-in-Bay.

Wisniewski's parents were avid sailors, so they were heavily involved with Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA). I-LYA and the annual regattas brought her family to Put-in-Bay for a few weeks each summer. Eventually, her parents bought a lake-front cottage which encouraged Wisniewski to spend even more time on the island.

After her parents passed, Wisniewski moved into her parent's cottage on the island and brought all of her teaching skills with her.

"[My husband and I] dropped our mainland lives, and moved up here."

Wisniewski is making wondrous changes for the Lake Erie Islands. She is one of two managers at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, along with directing the Put-in-Bay Community Learn to Swim and Sail Program.

Wisniewski also formed the sailing team at Put-in-Bay High School. She stated that the high schoolers' interest in the sailing team was present from the beginning.

"The kids were super excited," she said. To have a sailing team, a school only needs four people, and Wisniewski had six their first season. Now eight students have joined the sailing team. The team has been around for about two years, completing three total seasons: spring of 2018, fall of 2018, and spring of 2019.

Three or four weekends during the seasons, the team travels off the island to compete against people from all over the Midwest.

Wisniewski greatly enjoys coaching the team. Because the sailing team is fairly small, it gives Wisniewski valuable one-on-one time with her team.

"Basketball is the number one sport along with cross country and volleyball. It's fun to give the kids another opportunity they don't always have."

Wisniewski herself started sailing when she was very young. It's a skill shared though multi-generations of her family.

"I started sailing before I knew how to walk," she said with a smile.

She began to be heavily involved in sailing competitions when she was young, and at 18, Wisniewski started teaching sailing while still participating in competitions all over the country including Put-in-Bay.

In addition to coaching sailing, managing the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, and directing the Learn to Swim Sail Program, Wisniewski also teaches music on Kelleys Island during the school year.



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In middle and high school, Wisniewski participated in band where she fell in love with music. She chose to attend college in Rhode Island to be a music teacher. Wisniewski knew she wanted to be a teacher, and music was the perfect thing to teach.

"My parents were both teachers. It is in my blood," she claims.

After she graduated college, she was a kindergarten through eighth grade music teacher at a charter school in Cleveland. After she moved to the island, she wanted to find a way to keep teaching music, and Kelleys Island was the answer.

Wisniewski teaches in small groups to elementary kids. The groups being kindergarten and first grade, then second and third grade.

"We do all sorts of general music. Instrument playing, singing, movement, creating, all that kind of stuff." Wisniewski provides all different types of instruments for the kids to play with and to become familiar with.

She said, "All kids are innately musical so it's just kind of getting them to be confident with it."

Wisniewski found the Put-in-Bay lifestyle an easy adjustment. The supportive community has aided in the move, and the beautiful views of Lake Erie will never become old to her.

While she does miss the ways of a city, Wisniewski loves her life on the island, and the island is grateful for her many contributions in the community.

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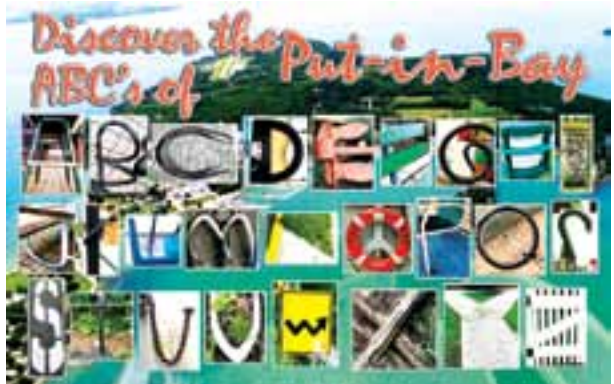
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Riddle of the Month

Last month we had this riddle from Kate Ptak in the paper...

While waiting for a ferry, my son thought of the following riddle: You are out fishing between South Bass Island and Catawba Island. A heavy fog rolls in and you lose all sense of direction. You have no GPS or other means of determining direction. A Miller Ferry appears out of the fog. You have no other clues to help determine direction. After looking at the ferry for a few seconds, you know the way back to your dock. How do you know which way to go???

Now that you've had a month to think about it, here is the answer: You see which way the cars on the ferry are facing. Leaving Catawba, all cars aboard face aft, so the ferry is headed to SBI. Leaving SBI, all cars face forward, so the ferry is headed to Catawba Island.



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News from St. John @ The Bay

Even as we move into the month of August, and school bells will soon be ringing, we invite you to join us on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Faith 5 worship with St. John@ The Bay Lutheran Mission. We gather at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Catawba Avenue. Providing leadership for worship will be Pastor Jim Lehman, along with Jim and Linda Stauffer.

On Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Jim and Linda will be gathering folks for Bible study at Mother of Sorrows. These studies have proven to be a blessing for those involved, come check it out.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP AT THE BAY

Our theme this year for Ecumenical Bible Camp is ... "To Mars and Beyond." Each day, Monday through Friday, July 29 through August 2. We will gather at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

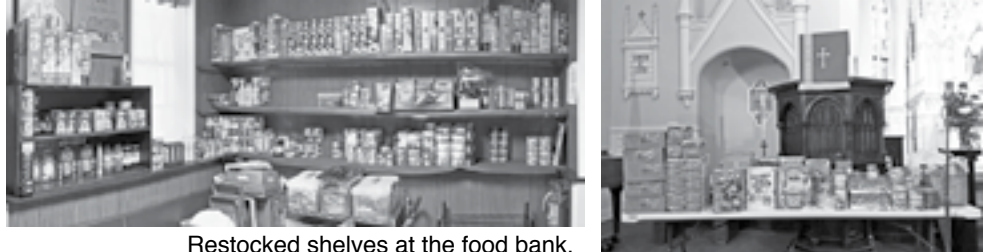
OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST - WORSHIP at 6:30 p.m.

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CRAZY AUNT CONTEST

During the month of June, St. John Lutheran Church in Port Clinton, inspired by the Holy Spirit, lived out our call to service for the sake of the world. We engaged in a contest between the Left Side and the Right Side. The challenge was to meet the needs of those who are working on the island this summer by providing food to restock the Put-in-Bay Food Bank. After several weeks, over 1000 items were collected, with the Left Side defeating the Right Side by one bag of Ramen Noodles. The food was delivered to the island on July 3 and the pantry restocked! Here's a couple of pictures that will allow you to see the effect of this call where what brings us joy meets the needs of the world.



Restocked shelves at the food bank.

Garden Club News

The mayflies have come and gone for another season. A big thanks to Donna D'Amico, Kathy Schrader and Sarah Schrader Frame for removing the Mayfly nets from the flower baskets on the lamp posts. Our efforts to keep the mayflies out of the baskets were helped this season as the lights weren't always lit in DeRivera Park. Thanks John Galvin!

On Tuesday July 23rd, a group of PIB Garden Club members, along with members from Huron Garden Club, attended a luncheon at the Catawba Island Club. After lunch, there was a presentation by Jim Stouffe of the Lake Erie Foundation on the state of Lake Erie.

The Toledo Botanical Garden was the destination for a group of members of PIB Garden Club on Thursday July 25, for a tour hosted by a ranger from Metroparks Toledo. The Botanical Garden also hosts an OSU Extension Program. A beautiful set of gardens, just a short trip away. Thanks to Susan Hildebrandt for a great trip.

Thank you to all our volunteers who water our park baskets everyday! We couldn't have the beautiful baskets without you. Also, a shout out to the volunteers who take care of the Garden Club gardens on the corners of the park, by the bathhouse and across from Frosty's.

There will be a meeting of the Garden Club on Thursday August 22nd, at 4:30 p.m. at the PIBYC. Please check our Facebook page or the PIB Garden Club website for details on the August meeting and all upcoming programs, activities, photos and any updates, www.putinbaygardenclub.com.



Donna D'Amico removing nets following mayfly season.



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Milestones

BIRTHS

Hazel Lilly Smith

Congratulations to Jamison and Alyssa Smith on the birth of a beautiful 7 lb. 7 oz. baby girl, Hazel Lilly, on June 27th. Alyssa worked at Put-in-Bay School as an elementary teacher, and Jamison worked with Scott Pugh at Put-in-Bay Electric and is an entertainer with the Flyin' Jays. Jamison and Alyssa recently moved off the island and live on the mainland now.

Nessen Staats-Kowalski

Nessen Quincy Staats-Kowalski was born to Gwen Kowalski and Caleb Staats on July 11th, 2019 at 2:07 p.m. at Lake West Hospital in Willoughby, Ohio. He was 7 lbs. 12 oz and 20 inches long. Gwen is the daughter of Ken and Trish Kowalski of Put-in-Bay and Strongsville, Ohio. Nessen's island great-grandparents are Bill (deceased) and Dolores Kowalski of Put-in-Bay who owns Saunder's Resort. Caleb is the son of Marilyn Staats of Willoughby, Ohio.

MARRIED

Miranda Riddle & Adam Bommer

PIBHS

Best wishes Miranda Riddle (PIBHS Class of 2010) and Adam Bommer who were married in Ellicottville, New York on Saturday, June 29th. A reception was held at the Tannenbaum Lodge on the slopes of the Holiday Valley ski resort. Miranda is the daughter of PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle and his wife Karen who own the Longhouse on Put-in-Bay Rd. Miranda attended Ohio University after graduating from high school. Adam is an infrastructure architect.

Abby Breier & Justin Chaffin

PIBHS

Best wishes to Abby Breier (PIBHS Class of 2007) and Justin Chaffin who were married on the lake in Vermilion on Saturday, July 13th. Abby works in human resources at Kingston of Vermilion. She has worked for Miller Boat Line in the past. Justin, who has his PhD from the University of Toledo has lived year-round on South Bass Island since 2012 and works at Stone Lab as a Senior Researcher and Research Coordinator. The couple honeymooned in Traverse City, Michigan, where they enjoyed some great fishing.

Forrest Trisler & Michele Street

Best wishes to Forrest Lee Trisler and Michele E. Street who were married on Saturday, June 8th, in the Duff Vineyard. Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the couple's property on Langram Rd. Forrest, the son of Bill and Carmen Trisler of Doller Ave., has worked as a Boardwalk water taxi operator here at Put-in-Bay, plus he enjoys fishing, especially ice fishing. He is currently the principal of Columbian High School in Tiffin. Michele is a teacher from Waldo, Ohio.

RETIRING

George Weisenbach

After over 40 years of appraising, George Weisenbach's wife Sharon finally talked him into retiring from Devco Appraisal Service. The Weisenbachs, longtime residents of East Point on Middle Bass, are active with the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. They wish to thank everyone who entrusted them with their appraisal needs and are planning to now enjoy their home in Florida as well as here with family and friends.

OBITUARIES

Robert "Bob" Wolford

Bob Wolford, a retired purchasing manager who was influential in bringing the ship now known as the Col. James M. Schoonmaker to the banks of the Maumee River, died on Friday, June 28th, at his home in Port Clinton. He was 76. He is believed to have died of a heart attack, said Donna Wolford, his wife of nearly 50 years. Bob was an engaged husband, father, and friend to many and had a hand in numerous community organizations, including Junior Achievement of Northwest Ohio and the Ohio State Alumni Club of Lucas County. His drive to stay busy kept him active into retirement. He co-anchored a local Internet radio show, and he and his wife, a retired teacher, picked up jobs working a dock and selling tickets in Put-in-Bay, Ohio, for the Jet Express ferries. Bob would often drive the Jet Express boat/car in the Sunday antique car parades on the island. The day before he died unexpectedly, he worked a full shift on the island and enjoyed a dinner out with friends, his son, Jon Wolford, said. "He lived life to the fullest until his last day," he said. "He was a 'Let's have fun' kind of guy," Mrs. Wolford said. "He wanted to be on the go and he wanted to be doing something all the time." Bob was born Dec. 27, 1942, to Robert and Dorthy Wolford in Newark, Ohio. He grew up in Granville and moved with his family as a teenager to Vermilion, Ohio, where he graduated from the local high school in 1961. He went on to obtain an associate's degree in engineering drafting from Stautzenberger College. His professional career established him in Toledo, with two years at Prestolite Automotive, nearly 10 at Houghton Elevators, and the bulk of his working years at Owens-Illinois, from which he would ultimately retire as a purchasing manager in 1999. He met his wife through mutual friends shortly before he moved to Owens-Illinois. They married on Nov. 30, 1973. During his years at Owens-Illinois, through his role with the International Park advisory board, he advocated for the city to purchase a retired lake freighter and redevelop it into a floating maritime museum. When Float-A-Toledo organized to handle fund-raising and other details toward that effort in 1986, Mr. Wolford was named to the board. Toledo purchased the retired freighter, then known as the Willis B. Boyer, in 1987, and Mr. Wolford volunteered to head the organization that would restore it to a tour-worthy condition. The ship spent years at International Park before it was rechristened in 2011 to its original name, the Col. James M. Schoonmaker, and moved a short distance to a wharf at the future National Museum of the Great Lakes the following year. "I think he was proud of that, definitely," Jon Wolford said. After Mr. Wolford retired in 1999, he and his wife moved to Port Clinton, where they became the dockmasters of their condominium association. In addition to their shifts with the Jet Express, which enabled them to enjoy plenty of time on Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island, he co-hosted a local Internet radio show highlighting regional entertainment for WPCR. On the "Buck and Chuck Show," he was Buck, a nod to his well-known enthusiasm for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He and friends in the area regularly traveled campus to tailgate before home games, his son said. Mr. Wolford was also involved in efforts every few years to bring the university's marching band to northwest Ohio, where they would perform a concert to raise money for scholarships. It was a favorite project for him, his son said. Mr. Wolford's deep community connections ensured that his social circles were especially wide, as his family has seen reflected in numerous notes and comments from friends in recent days. His son also said that he was close with his two grandchildren, recalling that his father was as proud as he was at his daughter's wedding. "He lived a full



Bob Wolford



Jack Whelan

life," Jon Wolford said. "He did a lot of things he loved to do." Surviving are his wife, Donna Wolford; son Jon Wolford; sister Gayla Smith, and two grandchildren. Visitation was at the Neidecker, LeVeck and Crosser Funeral Home in Port Clinton. Interment services will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Wood County Ohio State Alumni Association.

John A. "Jack" Whelan

John A. Whelan, age 93, former summer resident of Langram Rd., passed away in Cleveland on Tuesday, July 16th. Jack served in the U.S. Army during World War II, beginning as a motorcycle messenger and then as a tank commander. He was a 60-year member of the American Legion, 17 years at Put-in-Bay. Jack started off working in the coal mines in southeastern Ohio, ended up in food and retail management. Jack's first home on the island was a home near the corner of Bayview and West Shore. It was the mirror image of Lynn Schnoor's home next to the Put-in-Bay Winery. Ohio State purchased the property and tore the house down. Jack and his wife Clare then purchased a property that set back from Langram Rd. across from the airport. Jack was one of the founders of the Skip Duggan Antique Car Club that puts on the Antique Car Parades every Sunday on the island. He, along with John Borman and Jim Wilson, were the three Model T experts on the island. Jack was also a member of the 4 o'clock Club at Heineman Winery. Jack was the beloved husband of the late Claire (nee Granzier), loving father of Kathleen formerly of Put-in-Bay, dear brother of the following deceased: Catharine McLaughlin (Thomas), Mary Genevieve, and James Martin (Betty Holmes), and uncle, great uncle and great-great uncle to many. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 19th, at St. Malachi Parish in Cleveland.

Peter Lee Cowan

Peter Lee Cowan, 75, of Uniontown, OH, passed away on Saturday, July 6th. He was born March 19, 1944 in Portland, ME to the late Thomas and Barbara Cowan. Peter graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Business Administration and earned his MBA at the University of Akron and held various positions in businesses throughout Carroll County. He was an avid sailor, boater, pilot and outdoors man. As a young man, Peter earned the Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed spending time at his cottage on Middle Bass Island and enjoyed collecting cars and model cars, boats and planes. Peter was a member of the Carroll Lodge 124 F & A.M. Peter is survived by his wife, Pat, and longtime companion, Louise Bierdeman; children, Chad (Alison), Brigham (Alyson) and Nicholas (Beth); grandchildren, Zoe, Elliot, Annabell, Sarah, Samuel, Claire and Asher; sister, Jill Cowan McKenna and niece, Caitlin McKenna. Please visit www.reedfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Marvin Griffin

Marvin S. Griffin, 75, of Crystal Rock, died Wednesday morning, July 10, 2019, in Stein Hospice Care Center. He was born Aug. 24, 1943, in Sandusky, and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Marvin worked at Ford Motor Co., for 30 years and was police officer for many years, serving on three police departments; Put-in-Bay, Castalia, and Margaretta Township.



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Patrick N. Myers

Patrick N. Myers, AKA Mr. Put-in-Bay, passed away at 51 on Sunday, June 30th, 2019. Patrick was a person who could turn ideas, visions and dreams into reality. He was born August 6, 1967 in Toledo, OH the son of Richard W. and Patricia A. (Haley) Myers. Patrick graduated from Maumee High School heading out to the islands for a summer job in 1986. While first on the island, he entertained thousands of people on the Tour Train and Trolley, teaching people about the goodness and history of the island. Patrick left the island for a short time to pursue a career as a firefighter/paramedic with Xenia Fire Department and Sylvania Fire Department, but always felt the pull of the islands calling him back. Patrick soon made South Bass/ Put-in-Bay his permanent home. Often times he joked with friends and family about not wanting to ever leave even for a day trip to the mainland/AKA Real World. He married Melinda McCann on March 17, 2008. Like most islanders, he had several jobs and wore many hats: The Skyway, The Boardwalk, Miller Boat Line, and most recently, he enjoyed working for the Put-in-Bay Township. Patrick had an extremely creative mind and used this in so many ways. He was a director, producer, set designer, actor and lighting expert for numerous Community Theater productions. His focus was always on the young adults of the island, helping them reach their full potential. Patrick worked closely with Put-in-Bay School as the sports announcer for all the games, known to those who loved him as "The Voice of Put-in-Bay" for the Put-in-Bay Panthers. He began the first ever radio show "The Myers and Cooks Drive Up Show" on WPIB Radio, where he continued his creative work making his listeners laugh and educating them about the island all at the same time. Patrick was very community minded. He served on the PIB Twp Port Authority for many years, and he was instrumental in the Safe Island Task Force for the Chamber of Commerce, where he worked diligently to create a positive message about the island. Musically talented, Patrick also played many different instruments and sang. His love for the arts was always shared with others and he left behind many beautiful art pieces for all to see throughout the island. One of his most amazing pieces is still seen today at the Put-in-Bay Winery, where he and his wife Melinda worked together to transform a historic mansion into a beautiful island winery. Surviving are his wife: Melinda and his step-children; Alexandra (Conor), Erin.; Zoltan (Alex), mother: Patricia (Lee) Baker of Perrysburg; sisters: Mary (Rick) Bohn of Onsted, MI, Lisa (Rich) Jussup of Maumee, Melanie (Patrick) Horrigan of Monclova; brothers: Rich Myers of Put-in-Bay, Andy (Judy) Myers of Maumee; mother-in-law and father-in-law: Mary Ann and Mack McCann; brother and sister-in-laws: Michael (Anita) McCann, Mary (Neil) Pepe; nieces and nephews: A.J. Myers, Sarah (Ricky) Ramlow, Casey (Meaghan) Horrigan, Andrea (Andrew) Ankenbrandt, Melissa (Ross) Echler, Madeline Parks, Juliette Pepe, Lena Pepe, Anna McCann, Amanda McCann, Elizabeth McCann, Patrick McCann, Kade Rosenwald, Cole Rosenwald; great-nieces and great-nephews: Rose Ankenbrandt, Eby Echler, Liv Echler, Christopher Horrigan, Bailey Horrigan; and his French bull dogs: Handsome and Honey. He was preceded in death by his father and cousin Danny Haley. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 8th, at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Interment followed in Crown Hill Cemetery. A Celebration of Patrick's Life was held at The Crew's Nest Pavilion following the interment. Memorial contributions may be given to Put-in-Bay Arts Council or to the Patrick N. Myers Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com. Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service handled the arrangements.



Patrick Myers

Susan Parker

Susan L. Parker, 62, of Catawba Island, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 after a valiant struggle with cancer, which she fought with dignity. She was born in Euclid, OH, on April 6, 1957, to John and Margaret (Potokar) Turk. Sue worked first at the Boathouse and then at the Round House, then spent a winter here before moving to the mainland. Sue was the Student Assistance Coordinator for over 20 years for Port Clinton City Schools where she was beloved by students and faculty alike. She also worked for Miller Boat Line at the Catawba Dock. She loved going to the beach and especially searching for shark teeth on Manasota Key beach in Florida. Sue loved going to the theater and regularly attended performances at the Cleveland Playhouse and local and school productions. She was artistic, sported a great sense of humor, and loved shopping and kayaking. Sue had a large circle of friends and greatly enjoyed spending time with them. She was a member of Bay Point Resort near Marblehead, and had a special fondness for her dog, Goldie. On May 14, 1983, she married Matthew Parker, and he survives. Her mother, Margaret Turk, survives in Cincinnati. Also surviving are her children, Marshall Parker and Morgan Parker, both of Port Clinton; her sisters, Denise (Peter) Bowler, Akron, and Sandra Brendamour, Cincinnati. She was preceded in death by her father, John Turk. On Sunday, August 4, 2019, a Celebration of Sue's Life will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Catawba Island Township Community Hall, 3307 NW Catawba Rd., Port Clinton. Those planning on making a memorial contribution in Sue's memory are asked to please consider the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132. Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Port Clinton, is assisting the family with arrangements and encourages those wishing to send a condolence or share a fond memory to visit www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com.



Sue Parker

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Mark & Barbie Barnhill

There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Mark and Barbie Barnhill on Sunday, August 4th, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



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**By Paul Bolden,
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**HIGH WATERS PRESENT HIDDEN DANGERS FOR PIB
BOATERS**

As I mentioned last month, parts of PIB are literally under water. I was talking with Ken Fox the other day and he mentioned that this season's high water levels have encouraged some boaters to go where they shouldn't...and he's right! Here are two examples which have amazed me when I've seen it and a lot more boaters (emboldened by the high waters) are taking the risk! Between Gibraltar and Oak Point is a string of regulatory markers indicating rocks and shallow water. How shallow? Shallow enough for you to walk across and barely get your feet wet if you know where the rocks are. This hazard is also noted on nautical charts (we discussed both of these back in December). The rise in water levels have made it such that small and medium size boats can cross this zone with a high probability of not damaging their vessels. Another is the waters between Mouse Island and Catawba Point. Normally about 1 foot deep in parts, the increased water levels have encouraged some boaters to take the risk of crossing. Those who are aware of these hidden dangers are playing a dangerous game as water conditions and levels are varying daily.



PAUL BOLDEN

Another hidden danger is a large submerged rock to the left of the also submerged access ramp at the state park. During normal water levels this rock is only partially submerged and is visible enough to be avoided. I have long felt that ODNR should have this obstacle removed as it represents a navigation hazard in my opinion. As a result of the high water, this large rock is now completely submerged and could do serious damage to a boat should she hit it. Picture #1 shows the completely submerged access ramp and the circle indicates the location of the hidden rock. A very risky approach for this boater!



U.S. COAST GUARD CONDUCTS ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS

The US Coast Guard from Station Marblehead conducted a series of drills in Put In Bay harbor in June. These exercises took place on ferries from Miller Boat Line, the Jet Express, Kelley's Island Ferry Boat Line and the Goodtime1. Several area law enforcement agencies including the Put-in-Bay police department took part. Put-in-Bay is a major regional tourist destination and as such it is of the utmost importance that all area law enforcement as well as ferry personnel train and practice together to ensure the safety of visitors to the islands. The joint exercise covered four scenarios: a bomb threat, active shooter, brawl, and a report of a firearm on an uncooperative passenger. Interestingly, this was the first time that I had been on all four ferries in one day as each drill was conducted separately on each vessel.

Picture #2 - Aboard the Islander, Miller Ferry personnel assist the Coast Guard in subduing an unruly passenger during a brawl.



Picture #3 - Jet Express crew members assist Coast Guard boarding party. Uncooperative passenger drill.



Picture #4 - A man with a bomb aboard the Kelleys Island ferry Carlee Emily is contained to the upper deck by Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander Harry Archer playing the role of a passenger.



Picture #5 - The Coast Guard boards the Goodtime1 and confronts a passenger brandishing a firearm. It didn't end well for the gunman.



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Members of the PIB's Opti Race Team read their Put-in-Bay Gazette at Junior Olympics in Mentor, Ohio. Left to right are Rider Myers, Jacob Myers, Jack Calfee, Leighton Calfee and Bodhi Bykowski.



Left to right are Paul Jeris, Brad Ohlemacher, Brad's son Jack, Rob Stolph and his son Colby bear watching in Katmai National Park in Alaska earlier this summer.

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New Gate at JI Prison Site

The Friends and Descendants of Johnson's Island Civil War Prison recently announced the completion of the new gate at their site on Johnson's Island. The gate will help to make the site more visible to the community and to visitors. It includes a sign identifying the property as the location of Johnson's Island Civil War Military Prison. This gate, along with interpretive signs, are the first improvements to be completed at the historical site. Landscaping around the new gate is coming in the near future.

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This young student, 黄书蓉 (Shurong Huang, or Katherine in English) here on the island this summer working at the Getaway Inn for Danny Drake, was on the Community Swim/Sail Fundraiser Cruise taking lots of photos.

Jet Skier Rescued After 14 Hours in Water

A 57-year-old woman who left Put-in-Bay on a jet ski headed for the mainland spent 14 frightening hours in windy weather and choppy seas, after she fell into Lake Erie. She was with two other jet skiers heading for the Portage River in Port Clinton, when she disappeared in 5 to 6-ft. waves at about 8 p.m. on Sunday night, July 21st.

After being notified, crews from Michigan, Canada, and local police departments including Put-in-Bay joined the local Coast Guard to search by boat and by air through the night. Her jet ski was found around 1 a.m. Just before 10 a.m. Monday, 14 hours after she fell into the water, the woman was found by fishermen.

The woman was taken to the hospital suffering from exhaustion, dehydration and hypothermia. The Coast Guard said she had drifted almost 5 miles during her ordeal, and credited her survival to wearing a life jacket, zipped and buckled properly, she survived.

The woman also had a whistle with her, but her life jacket was black, which made it difficult to locate her. The Coast Guard recommended a bright colored vest, a strobe light or reflective tape.

"If you're trying to put your life jacket on in an emergency situation, it's like trying to put your seat belt on when you're going through a car crash," Kittrell said.

The woman, who remained in the hospital Monday night, has not been identified.

This & That

There's been a lot of talk about wind turbines being built in Lake Erie. We're wondering how our readers feel about them being in the lake. If you have an opinion and why, we'd like to know for an article we're planning for a future issue. E-mail your comments to pibgazette@frontier.com.



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David (PIBHS Class of 1989) and Anna Ontko (left) were on the island in July visiting family and friends, among them (right) Travis (PIBHS Class of 1998) and Missi Kowalski.

After Two Years in Jail, Keith Blumen-saadt is a Free Man

After two years sitting in the Ottawa County jail awaiting trial after being arrested at his Put-in-Bay home on several felony charges, Keith Blumen-saadt is a free man. Keith was arrested after a standoff with Put-in-Bay Police at the end of June 2017 when police say they spotted him with a weapon in his yard after being chased for a traffic violation. The Ottawa County Sheriff was called to the island to take Keith into custody. Later, charges were filed when firearms, ammunition and explosives were supposedly found at Keith's home.

Keith, who reportedly was one of the whistleblowers in the case involving former PIB Mayor Mack McCann, said the island police were targeting him. After being arrested, the bond was so high, Keith could not pay it and he sat in jail awaiting trial.

Complications arose when one of the key witnesses, the officer who arrested Keith, was himself arrested on federal charges. The case dragged on and on and was scheduled to go to trial later this summer.

Keith accepted a deal to plead guilty to three charges in exchange for a two-year prison term with credit for time served, plus a 180-day suspended jail sentence. In addition, he is not to visit Put-in-Bay for one year unless accompanied by a sheriff's deputy.



On June 25th, Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) who has been biking across the country with a Bike & build group, saw former massage therapist at Rattlesnake Island Club Jessica Gedert in Santa Fe, NM. Jessica had been following Miranda's trip and she reached out and made plans to see Miranda and meet her SUS19 team. She spent the evening at the host church offering massage to the grateful cross country bikers.

On July 14th, Miranda saw Carol Ferguson in Baker, NV. Carol and her late husband Andy (Perry Monument Superintendent) lived on the island from 2004-08. Carol was helping to feed Miranda's team at their host church that evening! She now lives in Baker, Nevada which is a small town with a population of 65 people.

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August Library News

What's Happening at Erie Islands Library?

Due to the carpeting cleaning, window washing and waxing of the floors in preparation for school, our activities will be limited in August. We will be open for you to check out books, DVDs and audiobooks or to notarize documents. We also have application forms for the Golden Buckeye card. Need something copied? We have a copier to meet your needs. Don't forget to visit the Put-in-Bay Story Walk at Dodge Woods Nature Preserve. Let us know how we can serve you!

Monday, August 5th at 1-3 p.m.: Space Camp for Kids

Come to Space Camp at the Library! Make your own space shuttle glider and paint a suncatcher. You can even color and assemble your own rotation and revolution model. All children attending will receive a bag of delicious space goodies. Stop in anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. to make these projects and eat the goodies.

Monday, August 12th at 11 a.m.: Preschool Story Time

Looking for something fun to do with your children up to age 5? Come to our Story Time for Preschoolers for stories, songs, fingerplay and craft. Parents are asked to participate along with their children.

Thursday, August 15th at 5 p.m.: Movie & Popcorn Night "Wonder Park"-Rated PG

Families and kids of all ages are invited to join us at Erie Islands Library for a kid-friendly movie that will be sure to delight! June has imagined an amusement park her entire life. Suddenly the park of her dreams comes to life and is run by her furry animal friends. Find out how the friends team up for the journey of a lifetime to save the park!

Popcorn and beverage will be served.

Thursday, August 22nd at 5 p.m.: Words & Wine Book Club

What's better than a good book? A good book paired with the perfect glass of wine, of course. (Aren't you just imagining relaxing with your book and wine while taking a bubble bath.) And there's no better time to combine books and wine than with our book club. Tell the others in the group a little about your book and why the wine you brought is the perfect pairing. Fun, relaxing evening with friends! Weather permitting, we will meet at Duff's Vineyards.

Island Humor

Someone at the Kelleys Island Police Department posted this on Saturday, July 20th, one of those really hot days we experienced last month.

Kelleys Island Police Department:

Due to the extreme heat the Kelleys Island Police Department is cancelling all criminal activity for the remainder of the day. It is way too hot to be outside committing crimes. We're asking all criminals to stay indoors in the a/c today, and we will let you know when criminal activity can resume. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation into this matter.



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Senior Center News By Chris Joyce

Summer is just flying by! Can you believe it's August already? Where does the time go? In July, we expanded our knowledge about Diabetes, Alzheimer's Disease, Hands Only CPR & The Moon/Planets through several special educational programs put on here at the PIB Senior Center.

We have more programs planned for August: On Fri. August 9th at 10:30 a.m., Bob Reynolds will be here to present "The Maiden Voyage of the Onward". Then on Weds. August 14th at 10 a.m., we'll enjoy a "Guided Imagery" session put on by Stein Hospice. Finally, on Fri. August 23rd at 10 a.m., Gregory Seals from Skylight Financial Group will be here to discuss financial planning and long-term care needs. This topic is for anyone who wants to learn more about goal setting for savings, retirement, paying off debt and more! Katrina Duran of United Health Care Insurance Company will also be here to discuss Medicare Planning if anyone has any questions.

Please remember to check the bulletin board at the Senior Center as well as the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our website: www.PIBseniorcenter.org for any last-minute events that are not planned far enough in advance to get them on the calendar in time for this publication! Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

Remember on days when the temperature is 90+ degrees, the Senior Center will be open to Resident Seniors if they need a break from the heat.

Our Senior Lunches are always delicious and fun! This summer, for the months of July and August, our lunches will be held at The Reel Bar, but the time has changed to Tuesday's at 1 p.m. Please make your reservation by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. The cut off time for reservations is: 12 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's lunch.

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. This is a wonderful service they provide so feel free to get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd. This free health clinic is put on by the Ottawa County Health Dept. for those 60 and older. If you'd like to take advantage of this free program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

All our regularly scheduled weekly activities continue and our seniors have discovered the many health benefits, both mental and physical, that regular exercise & socializing provide. Please join us anytime and discover what wonderful people walk through these doors!



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The Summer is Almost Over

By McKenna Stacy

It's crazy how it's already August! It feels like summer break started yesterday. Soon enough sports will start and school will too. This year I am a freshman! I feel like for mainlanders becoming a freshman is a big deal because it is your first year of high school and you will most likely go to a different school. For the islanders becoming a freshman isn't really different because we still go to the same school and have the same teachers. Our summer break started May 23 and ends September 2, so it's the longest summer break I've had my whole life, but it still feels so short. I've worked the whole summer, but I still find time to go swimming, kayaking and many other things. I've played basketball a lot too! I wish summer could last longer, I know most people feel the same way too. Throughout the summer the island has held many themed weekends including Pirate Fest, Jeep Invasion, and the Regatta Boat Racing. All of these themed weekends have attracted many tourists, and we needed that because of the bad weather in the beginning of the summer. Maybe the horrible weather in the beginning of the summer is the reason it feels so short. Hopefully next summer will be super long and have good weather!



Sean Koltiska enjoying an ice cold Pepsi at the new pool at the dog park during recent hot weather!

Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

August is the home stretch of the summer season. Ask anyone about the "August Attitude" as visitors stretch our patience to the limits. The best cell phone reception is in the middle of the road. Golf carts stop right in front of you to look at something. Five sad cars traveling 5 miles an hour behind three golf carts, 2 bicycles, a person on roller blades, and a child with training wheels. Oh, summer. On the other hand, it means that there are still some fun things to do: 8/3 KI History Museum Arts & Crafts Show and get your tickets for the GEM car raffle; 8/7 deadline for filing to appear on the November ballot; 8/8 Council meets at 7 p.m.; 8/9-10 Homecoming; 8/11 KI Historical Assoc. Annual Meeting and KI Police Dept. 4th Annual Pig Roast; 8/15 KI Audubon Club potluck and speaker; 8/29 Dedication of the Curilla Preserve (meet at 10 am at The Inn); and 9/7 The Island-wide Yard Sale and Butterfly presentation at the KIHA church. There are also a bunch of entertaining things happening everywhere at the various commercial establishments.

The first KI TALENT SHOW was a nice surprise. It drew a big crowd and included singers and tether acrobats (this required a backhoe to suspend the tethers). It was whittled down to six finalists, with Lily Franks coming in first. What appeared to be a white dove was walking around downtown at the end of July. We figured it was an escapee from a magic show. It sauntered around for quite a while, definitely not afraid of people or vehicles. We woke up on Saturday July 29 connected to the world again. Our INTERNET SERVICE went out on June 27 for two days. One man said he called Frontier and was assured that it would be "fixed by February." We really hoped he was kidding. Several of the businesses had to operate on a cash only basis. Frontier refers to these incidents as 'inconveniences' rather than problems or outages. People are getting really vocal in their complaints. Phone service, particularly on the east side, has been a sore spot also as some phones have been out for quite a while. TAX BILLS have gone out. If you didn't receive yours, contact the Erie County Auditor's office. Our bird guy, TOM BARTLETT, banded the first Chimney Swift in years. It was apprehended at the jail, handcuffed (banded) and released on its own recognition. Who stole that house? Robert Schnitter's house on W. Lakeshore has been demolished. It was built in 1904 and previously owned by Arnold Elfers, Peter Diffley and Arthur Lange. Currently, it is just a small sad hole in the ground.

The POLICE DEPT. reported: 27 reports, one arrest (criminal damaging); 18 tickets (9 open container, 1 OVI, 2 parking tickets, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 urinating in public, 2 no drivers license). Warnings (25) were issued for speeding, stop sign, underage driver and open containers. There were 5 accidents and 2 boat accidents. The department received a new truck and thanks Ed Kuchar and John Peck for paying the first year's lease. This was the year for boat crashes. One fellow walked away from his boat which floundered on the north side. The Police caught up with him through the boat's OH number. The Depts. Facebook page featured several photos of boat situations. Can't wait to see the report for this month.

CAMPING, TRAILERS AND MOTOR HOMES were on the top of the comments explored on Facebook and at the council meeting during public participation. The big question was "why can't I use my property for camping?" There is a fine line between enjoying ones property in a tent or camper and living next door to someone enjoying their property in a tent or camper. The bottom line is, the village has ordinances to regulate camping on private property. These rules appear in the zoning code and other places. These sections can be reviewed on the village website: www.KelleysIsland.us. They include: \$96.04 overnight camping permits are required. The fee is \$20 per unit for a 30-day period or less. \$152.013 ... Junk motor vehicle storage and inoperable motor vehicle storage are also not permitted within any zoning district. \$152.012 (E) A manufactured home may be used as a temporary office or building incidental to construction of a building or development on the premises on which the manufactured home is located, only during the time that the construction or development is actively underway, and for a period not to exceed 18 months, starting with the issue date of a building permit for the permanent structure. The manufactured home may only be used as sleeping quarters if it has a self-contained sanitary system or is attached to a sewage disposal system as approved by the Erie County General Health District.



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St. Paul's is grateful for all the people who make contributions of canned goods, and cash to the food pantry throughout the year. The members of the parish Outreach Commission pick up supplies when they are on the mainland.



Left to right are Colleen Clark, Toby Landreth and Mary Boag French on the Community Swim/Sail fundraiser cruise in July. Colleen and Mary got prizes for both coming to the event in wearing the same dress, and Toby got an award for the best cruise outfit.



Acka Riley's 14-year-old brother, Kosta, from Macedonia, is on the island visiting again this summer like he did last summer. To keep busy, he has been taking martial arts classes with Brandon Copeland at Muscle Bay Fitness. Kosta (aka The Macedonian Menace) is shown here getting a stripe on his white belt. Congrats, Kosta!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay will hold a Public Hearing on August 14th, 2019 at 11:30 AM at the Village Town Hall, 435 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is:

To introduce Ordinance 1222-19; AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE APPLICATION OF DANIEL B. LEITCH AND JEFFREY T. LEITCH TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCEL NO. 0250577007525000, 206 TOLEDO AVENUE, FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SINGLE FAMILY TO C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. And hold the First Reading.

To introduce Ordinance 1223-19; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1268.01, "PERMITTED USES," OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY REGARDING RENTAL ROOMS IN THE R-1 DISTRICT. And hold the First Reading.

To introduce Ordinance 1224-19; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1272.01, 1274.01, AND 1274.02 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY REGARDING PERMITTED AND SPECIAL USES IN THE C-1 AND C-2 DISTRICTS. And hold the first reading.

Copies of Ordinance's 1222-18, 1223-19, and 1224-19 are available for public examination in the office of the Fiscal Officer during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 1260.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Village of Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

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Middle Bass Island News

Middle Bass Island residents met with county officials and PIB Twp. Trustee Matt Miller at the Middle Bass Town Hall this past month to discuss some of the problems being caused by the high water in Lake Erie. The two really big problems are the flooding at Burgundy Bay and the high water making Deist Rd., the road to East Point, impassable at times.

Burgundy Bay residents in the low area near the clubhouse have been really hard hit with water covering the main entrance road and surrounding many of the homes. There have also been issues with lake water getting into the sewer lines and compromising the proper operation of the sewage treatment plant.



Gilligan

Jay Thatcher from Duff's Woods saw the story about Bob "Gilligan" Denver visiting Middle Bass Island 20 years ago in last month's Gazette. He found this Polaroid photo of himself and his wife, Georgia, signed by Gilligan the day he they were all at St. Hazard's.

East Point residents have reported that high water in Deist Rd. makes it extremely dangerous to get to and from the main body of the island. Fortunately, this is the time of year that the lake level begins its seasonal decline.



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School News By Steve Poe, Superintendent

Our fall sports programs begin preparing for another season this month. Coach Craig Schuffenecker will lead a talented volleyball team. Coaches Adam and Johnna Danes have everyone back from last year's cross-country team, and coach Coralee Wisniewski will have her sailing team back in the water prepping for the regattas in September and October. Good luck Panthers!

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3. Letters will be sent informing parents of school supplies needed to begin the school year. Students new to our school district should register at least one week prior to the first day of school.

When school does begin on September 3, we would like parents to adhere to the following guidelines when dropping off and/or picking up their children:

1. No parking/waiting on the sidewalk (ball field side of Concord).
2. No parking behind the cars in the parking lot.
3. No parking across the street on Catawba (heading to State Park).

All drop-offs and pick-ups will take place along Catawba Ave. heading into town. For students walking or riding their bikes to school, the corner of Concord and Catawba will be monitored by crossing guards, school faculty and/or local police to ensure a safe crossing.

Our school's attendance policy changed considerably with the inception of House Bill 410. Instead of counting days absent, schools now must keep track of hours absent. Excessive absences will now be reported to the Ottawa County Juvenile Court. The new definition for excessive absences is: absent 38 or more hours in one month or 65 or more hours in one school year. Prior to filing a complaint with the court parents will be notified, followed by an absence intervention plan. Complete details of House Bill 410 will be sent home. Parents are advised to make appointments and plan vacations on the following dates that school will not be in session:

- September 3 First Day of School (Appointment Day)
- October 19 - 21 (Appointment Day) (Thanksgiving)
- November 27 - Dec. 1 (Thanksgiving) (Christmas Break)
- December 21 - January 5 (Christmas Break) (Winter Break)
- February 22 - March 1 (Winter Break) (Spring Break)
- April 10 - April 14 (Spring Break) (Memorial Weekend)
- May 23 - 25 (Memorial Weekend) (Last Day of School)
- May 28 (Last Day of School)
- May 29 Graduation

School will continue to start at 8:00. Students are asked to arrive at 7:50 a.m.. Primary elementary students will begin lunch dismissal at 11:50, followed by grades four to six. Grades 7 - 12 students will be dismissed for lunch at noon. All students are to return from lunch at 12:50 to begin classes at 1:00. Elementary students will be dismissed after school at 3:16 while high school students will end the day at 3:21.

Student handbooks will be sent home the first day of school. Parents are advised to pay particular attention to the school dress code.

We will have our annual school open house on Thursday, September 12th, from 3:24 - 4:30 p.m. A reminder will be sent home a week prior to open house.

And finally, everyone associated with our school, from staff to students, are mourning the passing of Patrick Myers. Patrick was "the voice" of Put-in-Bay basketball for years. He loved his job and it showed! He created a 'big-time' atmosphere mixing in music and the famous Panther 'growl' to go along with his commentary. He brought player introductions to a new level, sounding much like NBA introductions. We will never be able to come close to the passion Patrick brought to the table. Patrick worked tirelessly to make sure most, if not all, our games were broadcast on WPIB radio. And when he wasn't announcing ball games, he was setting up the lighting for our concerts and the sound system for our graduation ceremonies. There was nothing that Patrick would not do for our school and the kids he loved so much. We will miss you, dear friend.

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Island 5K Gets Technical

The annual 5KatPutinBay is completely changing its runner timing method this year. Like almost all 5Ks in the area, the popular Put-in-Bay 5K previously used the "pull tab" method of runner timing. This method requires someone at the finish line to remove the "pull tab" from the numbered bib, mark it with the runner's time noted from a nearby clock and secure the tab on a spindle so it doesn't blow away. Obviously, this method is prone to human error.

The newest and most reliable and accurate runner timing is called, "Chip Timing." A small microchip is embedded in the runner's bib. This chip contains all pertinent runner information including bib number, name, age, etc. As the runner crosses the finish line their time is automatically integrated by a receiver. The completed time and information is automatically recorded to a computer and the information is displayed as an Excel spreadsheet. The information is accurate within a 10th of a second and subject to no human error.

The 5KatPutinBay occurs every third Saturday of September and draws 500 to 800 runners. The Miller Boat Line owns the naming rights to the 5K and The Boathouse Restaurant owns the rights to the 5K race headquarters. This year marks the 16th running of one of the largest 5K races in all of North Central Ohio.



Lisa Brohl of PIB & Tina Larson of MBI had quite an adventure on a 10 day June rafting & hiking trip on the Kangukat River way up in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, well above the Arctic Circle! Of course, they took along the Gazette for a photo op!

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