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ABOVE: The new Miller Ferry Boat Company's super ferry, the "M/V MAM on Steroids" is shown here with an inset of the original ferry design. A few slight modifications made at the shipyard in Wisconsin this winter have more than doubled the length and turned the new ferry into a vessel that will set standards for every new ferry that will be built around the world in the coming years. The name of the original ferry was "M/V Merry Anne Market," but the first time a rendition of the new ferry was seen by Juleen Market, one of the company owners, she declared, "That's the Merry Anne Market on steroids." After a quick pow wow, the family decided to rename the vessel the "M/V Merry Anne Market on Steroids." After sending the change order to the shipyard, it was decided to simply change the name to the "M/V MAM on Steroids" due to the cost of painting the extra letters in the new name on the bow. It is expected the nickname for the new ferry will either be "MAM" or "Steroids." There's no word from company officials as to which they prefer.

Last minute modifications to new ferry will bring spectacular changes to trans-water service to Put-in-Bay

Officials at Miller Ferry Boat Company tell us that there are a few modifications in the plans for the new ferry now being built at the Fraiser Boat Works in Inferior, North Dakota. "Like any multi-million dollar project, there are always a few changes as construction proceeds," said Jack Market, Vice Admiral of Resources for Miller Ferry Boat Company.

Miller Ferry Boat Company had its chief troubleshooter David Banichai at the shipyard supervising the construction of the new vessel, and as the project progressed, he recommended design changes such as increased length, larger passenger capacity, larger, super-charged and more efficient engines, taller pilot house and many comfort improvements. One by one, the modifications began to make more sense than the original proposed ferry.

Banichai poured over spreadsheets on many winter nights in the far north and calculated lengthening the ferry and doubling passenger capacity will add up to reduced cost per fare, yet still allow the company to stay firmly in the gray.

Lengthening of the vessel also makes it faster, plus modifying the hull and superstructure

using carbon fiber instead of steel will make it lighter and rustproof. Ultra-strong, 1/16th-inch carbon fiber will be used to construct much of the ferry. The reduced weight, higher horsepower engines and lengthened hull will make it possible for the new ferry to make four round trips per hour between Catawba and the Lime Kiln Dock. Plus the added hull strength will make the vessel capable of breaking easily though up to five feet of slush ice.

High-tech features on the new vessel include auto-computerized docking, auto pilot, stealth detector radar and sonar, and cruise control auto pilot among other things.

Interestingly, there is no wheel or joy stick to control direction. This will be done totally by voice control. The captain will simply make commands such as, "Alexa, pull away from the dock!", "Alexa, dock the boat!", "Alexa, hard to port!", etc.

Doubling the size of the ship at this stage was only a modest 37% increase in the projected \$8 million price tag for the original-design vessel. But that's not the best part. Super-charging the engines and modifying them to use a trio of 1606-horsepower General Electric

electric engines adapted for marine use to pull into and away from the docks will reduce fuel costs. With regular gasoline prices hovering between \$2 and \$3 gallon, this technology adapted from the automotive industry will reduce fuel costs by more than 57% plus pocket change.

Banichai also recommended raising the pilothouse and adding a first-class luxury passenger compartment and a break room for the crew. These can be found immediately below the pilothouse. Doubling the height of the pilot house will allow the captain an unprecedented view of the deck and surrounding waters for added safety.

To accommodate everyone, two escalators will be installed for passengers to access the passenger area. Heated cushioned-leather seats like those found in automobiles will be, standard for all passengers who sit inside or out. There will be optional seat belts for passengers. There will also be a sound proof compartment off the inside passenger seating area that is sound proof. This will allow travelers to make cell phone calls without the having to listen to the sounds of the seagulls or the ferry plying through the water.

There will also be below-deck seating in front of the engine room beneath the vehicle deck. The glass bottom in this area will transform this normally-unusable space into a one-of-a-kind tourist attraction. There is literally nothing like it on the Great Lakes where visitors can see the lake bottom while taking a ferry ride. A crew member will be there to remind passengers to "Just look down." The additional cost for this attraction will be a mere \$5. Jack says, "This should help mitigate the cost of the new ferry. We thank David for coming up



ABOVE: PIB Volunteer Firemen Greg Dobos, Michael McCann and Doug Wilhelm were recognized by the United States Coast Guard for the mutual-aid ice rescue efforts on March 9th, 2019, off Catawba Island State park that left near dozens of fisherman stranded on floes as the ice split apart. At the time of the incident, east winds were topping out at nearly 30 knots and making the rescue challenging, but thankfully everyone was brought back to land safely. Unable to attend the recognition ceremony was Put-in-Bay's postmaster, JR Domer, who to work that day. Congratulations to you all!

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH - SERVING THE BASS ISLANDS
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Sunday, April 14	10:30am	Palm Sunday
Tuesday, April 16	3:15 PM	Bible Explorers Tenebrae (Youth)
Tuesday, April 16	7:30 PM	Tenebrae (Adults)
Thursday, April 18	7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18	8:45-10:30pm	Gethsemane Watch
Friday April 19	7 AM & 1 PM	Good Friday Services
Saturday, April 20	8:30 PM (sunset)	Holy Saturday - Kindling new fire at the Labyrinth
Saturday, April 20	9:00 PM	Easter Eve - 1st Service of Easter
Sunday, April 21	6:30am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - outdoors, Monument south seawall
Sunday, April 21	10:30 AM	Easter Celebration Service at St. Paul's

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 Priest's e-mail - clergy.stpaulspib@frontier.com
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NOTE
 April 22nd-24th
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Garden Club

Here is the Put-in-Bay Garden Club schedule for this coming season:

May 14/15 @ 9am
Park Flower Baskets
Prep/Planning

May 23 @ 4:30pm *
Perennials

June 1 @ 4:30pm *
Plant Exchange

June 27 • TBD
Mainland Garden Tour

July 25 @ 4:30pm *
Magical Mystery
Gardens

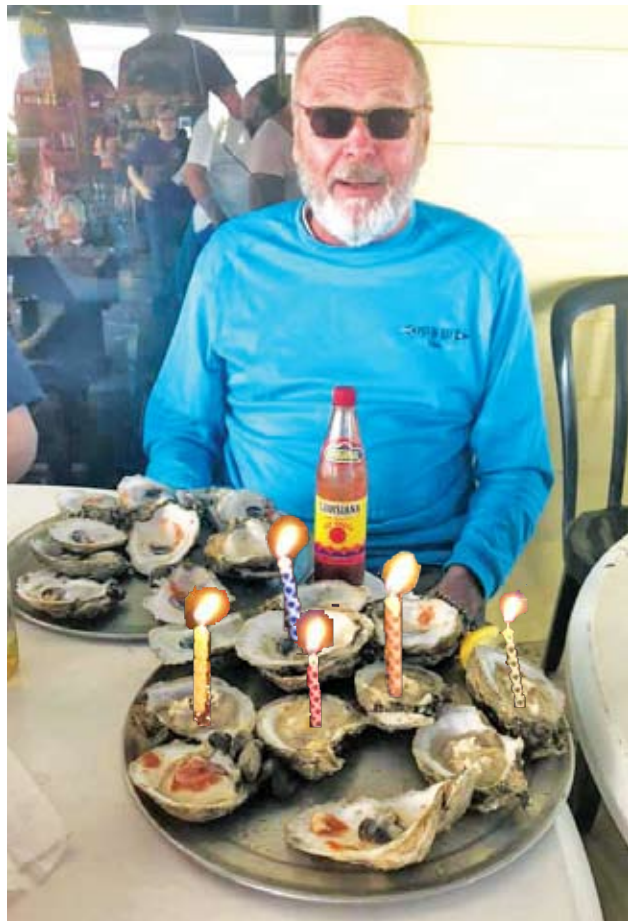
Aug 22 @ 4:30pm *
Succulents

Sept 12 @ 4:30pm *
Meeting & Potluck

*** Meet at Put-in-Bay**
Yacht Club

Beach maintenance
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We welcome new members and guests!



ABOVE: "Listen to Larry" Schrader from the West Shore celebrated his birth in Perdido Key, Florida, with several friends enjoying oysters at the Shrimp Basket restaurant there. Among the island friends who joined him were Barb Hunter, Jim French, Bill Boag, Mark and Mary Myers, Jeff Koehler, Scott Jackson and Bill Boag and his wife, Kathy. It took him three tries to blow out the candles on his oysters.

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18	Sat, Put-in-Bay, OH, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar
25	Sat, Put-in-Bay, OH, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar
26	Sun, Put-in-Bay, OH, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar Memorial Day Weekend

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Ferry modifications

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with this idea and making the necessary design changes." Market said, "By doing these modifications now, it will save us from having to modify the boat sometime in the future. Plus, it will allow us to expand into the ever-growing and competitive 'trans-Lake Erie market' with trips across the lake to Pelee Island and mainland Canada."

"The modifications are all about safety and offering the visiting public a once-in-a-lifetime ferry boat ride," said Market.

Jack added, "It's not too late to make other changes, modifications and enhancements. If anyone out there has other ideas, we'd like to hear about them. Even if you feel your suggestions are strange or unusual, you are welcome to put in your two cents. You never know, but from of the strangest little comments come great ideas, plus we're always up for a good laugh."

Delivery of the new ferry is scheduled for later this year. The only drawback to the modifications is that the new vessel will have to be sailed through Lake Superior and down Lake Huron into Lake Erie to Put-in-Bay. The new changes make the ferry too large to be transported over the road by a semi-truck convoy from the factory to Put-in-Bay.

With news of the changes, Miller Ferry Boat Company stock rose significantly on the New York Stock Exchange.

Pat Shepard Show Schedule



3/29	MERRY ARTS IN LAKEWOOD 9-30pm
4/20	GANDOLF'S PUB IN VALLEY CITY 7:30pm
4/26	MERRY ARTS IN LAKEWOOD 9:30pm
4/27	THE PUBLIC HOUSE IN KAMMS CORNERS 9pm
5/17	MERRY ARTS IN LAKEWOOD 9:30pm
5/18	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
5/25	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
5/26	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
6/1	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
6/15	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
6/22	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
6/29	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
7/12-7/13	FROSTY BAR AT PUT IN-BAY 2-6pm
7/20	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
8/3	FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
8/10	FROSTY BAR AT PUT IN BAY 2-6pm
8/23	FROSTY BAR AT PUT IN BAY 6-10pm
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Each year, the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation (OCIC) Business & Industry Awards event takes place. At this year's event, the Business of the Year award was presented to the Boardwalk Family of Restaurants at Put-in-Bay. The Boardwalk Family of Restaurants, owned by the Booker family, provides a wide variety of island experiences that offer something for everyone. The Booker family has embarked on several investment projects over the years that have changed the landscape of the Put-in-Bay Harbor, including a multi-million dollar expansion at the Boardwalk Restaurant in 2007, the addition of The Keys property in 2011, and recent investments in employee housing facilities. In the photo are all the award winners (L to R), Mayor Ken Harsanje (accepting on behalf of Gordon Lumber), Jen and Eric Booker (Boardwalk Family of Restaurants), Rebekah and Tony Zimmerman (Wine Flight), Administrator Kevin Gladden (Village of Genoa), Ron Lajti (Ottawa County Engineer), and Bob Babjack (The Chipmatic Company)

Moss on the Rock

State of the Island Scheduled for April 11th

Once a year, the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce has the unique opportunity to meet with the key people who make our island tick. Please come to the State of the Island on Thursday, April 11th, at 7 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Village Town Hall. This BYOB affair starts at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour complete with nibbles. It will be a great evening of networking and information sharing with leaders from both community business and government leaders.

Get on the Island Wide Garage Sale Map

Tina Rogers from the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce wants to remind everyone that the Island Wide Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 18th. She has already started taking names and addresses to be on the map that will be available for visitors and islanders who roam the island looking for treasures to be found. If anyone wants to be on the map, the deadline is May 10th, to allow for printing and editing of the map. Please call the Chamber at 419-285-2832 or email us at pibcc.coordinator@gmail.com to be added to the list. The PIBCoC office will open with part-time hours beginning April 1st, if they want to stop in.

Come to the 90th Birthday Party for the Ford Trimotor

There will be a celebration of the 90th birthday of the Ford Trimotor at the Liberty Aviation Museum on the mainland on East State Rd. by the Port Clinton Airport on Saturday, April 13th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take a tour of the museum and check out the Ford that is being restored by volunteers. Hot dogs will be served. Everyone is invited, so if you get a chance, come celebrate!

Public Hearing

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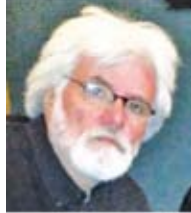
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RIGHT: It looks like David Hill and Kayla Johnson from Topsy Turvey's were having fun getting ready for St. Patrick's Day.



PIBIO: by Peter Huston One Voice, linked together



PETER HUSTON

Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island, is a great place to live and work. We read about our home in blogs, newspapers, magazines and social media posts, almost daily during the summer. It's no surprise that so many people want to visit. We provide life long memories, family fun, love stories and fuel the desire for many visitors to "become islanders".

In the winter, life on South Bass is relatively simple. The social event choices are limited and easy to track on social media and in the news. But as spring approaches we start an annual process to inform (perhaps overwhelm) our summer audience with a thousand things to do and places to see.

We have community volunteers that work hard to create exciting events that draw a broad group of visitors to the island. Whether you're a Brown's Backer coming for Draft Day 5K, PyrateFest treasure hunter, a Green Week kayaker or a Round House "Wake," we have some amazing events that we want everyone to know about.

Sorting out the new season's messaging requires a high level of personal discernment and dutiful crosschecking from web site to web site. One web site may proclaim that a certain weekend is Key West Days while another calls it volleyball "Battle of the Bay." It's possible both may be correct, or neither is correct. That is compounded with hundreds of micro-celebrations that may catch a reader's eye but be impossible to confirm. We can do better in our outreach.

We need to use consistent coordinated online messaging along with and some simple low-tech event sharing methods (like posters and flyers) to find "one voice" for the island. Not every event is going to be shared far and wide, but because the promotions often run in parallel (time and dates) it should not be hard to "link" together our island messaging on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter into "One Voice." Create a way to coordinate and share upcoming events among the 30 plus well-promoted Facebook and island web sites. Our chamber partners represent over 900,000 likes. We know there are many many more pages out there with the same goals too.

Imagine what we can do together. We can influence the narrative, coordinate the message, reduce disappointment and eliminate the non-existent fictional events that swirl about this wonderful place where we work and call home.

By participating together in shared messaging and group promotions, we can focus on the larger possibilities, making more memories, and ensuring positive experiences. Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce (Visitputinbay.com) invites you to connect with us on our monthly effort to share events and opportunities.

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St. Paul's prepares for spring

St. Paul's looks forward to spring. We notice the 200 daffodil bulbs planted by our Bible Explorers a few years ago should be in full bloom at Easter. The youth programs will continue up to the School Spring break. The Bell Choir will play at the talent show on March 29th and again in church in April. The Bible Explorers will hold an indoor sailing regatta on April 9th at 3:30pm in the church undercroft. They will also have a youth Tenebrae Service during Holy Week. Everyone is invited to join them for these events.

On Good Friday there will be two services at 7am to close our Gethsemane watch and the Good Friday liturgy will take place at 1:00pm. In between these two services the Stations of the Cross will be set out in the area of the labyrinth. It is open to all. There will be an Episcopal (Protestant) guide to the stations available. Individuals are invited to walk this path alone or in small groups. If you are interested in having a mentor walk with you to guide your group reflections, there will be one available at 8:15am, 9:15am and 10:15 am and other times by calling the church office. Easter will include an Easter Vigil at Sunset on Easter Eve and a sunrise service at the southern seawall of Perry's victory and International Peace Memorial (bring your own chair or a blanket to sit on.)

St. Paul's will welcome Bishop Arthur Williams back to Put-in-Bay the Sunday after Easter (April 28th). All are welcome to join our worship and a festive pot-luck that morning.



ABOVE: Terry Jenkins from Ohio Edison took this photo of the downed poles across the street from DJ Parker's ice cream shop. The poles came down at the end of February in the worst storm of the winter. It took several days to clean everything up and to reopen the road. In all our years at Put-in-Bay, we have never seen downed poles from the wind like this.

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Island Diary March 2019

Fri., March 1st - The ice boaters are boating off the West Shore. Toledo Ave opens after the storm downed power lines downed a few days before. Not all is fixed as some Spectrum customers don't have internet service.

Sat., March 2nd - Tom Thanasiu iceboats to shanties off Rattlesnake Island and then to Middle Bass for lunch at J.F. Walleye's. He also checks out the new Lonz Winery before heading back to the Bay.

Sun., March 3rd - Dustin Hayes Heineman goes underground into Mammoth Cave for a look-a-round. There's another dusting of snow sticking to the bushes, but not on the ground.

Mon., March 4th - Students return to PIB School after the winter break. At the Erie Islands Library, the pre-schoolers at Story Time are learning about sheep. They danced, marched, sang and made their own little sheep! The Put-in-Bay EMS Volunteer Association holds a Friends and Family CPR class at the Senior Center. There's a power outage for some islanders, but Ohio Edison man Terry Jenkins has the power back on in no time.

Tues., March 5th - It's Fastnacht Bingo night at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall.

Wed., March 6th - The students at PIB School have no classes, so it's another bonus ice fun day. Village Council is at the Town Hall in the morning for its workshop meeting.

Thurs., March 7th - At the school, the Quiz Bowl Team Challenges members of the community to answer correctly questions on a wide variety of academic subjects.

Fri., March 8th - Bobbi Dobos catches a catfish through the ice. A small group from Middle Bass is on the island for an impromptu party. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy hosts a program on Ohio Bat Conservation

given by Sarah Stankavich of the Ohio Division of Wildlife and Heidi Bencin and Austin Waag, research technicians with the Ohio University at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall in the evening. They are on the island taking a look at some of PIB's island habitats for bats for the weekend.

Sat., March 9th - Chief Michael McCann, Asst. Chief Doug Wilhelm, JR Domer and Lt. Greg Dobos use the PIBVFD airboat to assist in the rescue of 15 ice fishermen trying to get off an ice floe off of Catawba State Park. More than a hundred people were stranded on the ice floe. Catawba Island Fire, Port Clinton Fire, Rescue Marine, North Central EMS, Danbury EMS, ODNr, Sector Detroit and Air-Station Detroit also took part in the massive rescue operation. Doug said when they took the ice boat across the South Channel it was pretty much ice, but by the time they returned to PIB it was mostly open water. In Akron, the Put-in-Bay concert is taking place at the Tangier. Island Air Taxi's Dustin Shaffer makes his last flight off the island at 3:45 p.m. to take his two sons to the Monster Jam.

Sun., March 10th - With temperatures above freezing and winds pushing 40 miles per hour, it's not a great day for ice fishing.

Mon., March 11th - An airboat is spotted leaving the harbor and rounding Peach Point just before 10 a.m. The Regulated Navigation Area in the Erie Islands Region has been lifted. The open water and the recent storms have cleared a significant amount of ice. It is announced that ferry service to Kelleys Island will begin on Monday, March 18th. The Village has a special Council meeting to award a contract for the ozone treatment project at the water plant. Tom Thanasiu is busy putting away the ice boats. He says, "Some disassembly required." He had about five weeks of ice to enjoy his winter passion. Even though there's still ice in the Bay, he says that after the past weekend's Catawba ice fishermen rescue, he didn't want to add to the list of stupid people! The PIB Chamber Commerce holds its monthly meeting at the Town Hall after lunch.

Tues., March 12th - There another special Council meeting to have the next reading of the water plant ozone project legislation.

Wed., March 13th - Jake Market is sworn in as the new PIB Village Council person. He fills the seat vacated by Jessica Dress when she recently became mayor. There's a pot-luck supper at St. Paul's and then some stayed for Euchre.

Thurs., March 14th - The ice leaves West Shore. There's rain, above freezing temperatures, brown grass, ice rotting in the harbor and open water off Peach Point, but the best of all is the beautiful rainbow over the islands. PIB's local solar system ambassador, Gene Zajac, gives a program about the Apollo astronauts at the Town Hall in the evening. The 50th anniversary of the first manned moon landing will be happening on July 20th, 1969!

Fri., March 15th - Islanders wake to find all the ice in the Bay is gone. There's open water everywhere. Winter is gone! Courtney Blumensaadt spots three deer grazing on the lawn in front of Mother of Sorrows Church. The temperature for the day starts off in the 50s and drops down into the 30s 24 hours later. This is higher than the seasonal norm for this date.

Sat., March 16th - The first boat private trip of the season is made from Middle Bass to Put-in-Bay. The chili cook off scheduled to take place at the Put-in-Bay Library is cancelled because there is only one entry.

Sun., March 17th - Topsy Turvey's is the place to be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Ten people, eight men and two women, take a polar plunge into the lake off the dock in front of Topsy Turvey's in the afternoon. After getting out, three of the men jump back in. There are still chunks of floating ice next to the dock.

Mon., March 18th - The Miller ferry leaves Put-in-Bay harbor for the first time since January.

Tues., March 19th - The first Miller Ferry begins service with Capt. Eric Engel at the

helm. Deacon Mike from Mother of Sorrows and Mother Mary Staley from St. Paul's are at the Lime Kiln dock giving a blessing for a safe season.

Wed., March 20th - Simona Michael from Ahoy B&B is celebrating her 40th birthday. Also celebrating birthdays are former Senior Center director Candy Masuga, years-ago PIB mayoral candidate Mike Roberts, Betty Bliss from Fox's Den and Doug Cartledge from Middle Bass. Sandy Funtal from Tipper's takes some great photos of mother great horned owl and babies.

Thurs., March 21st - The official schedule for Miller Boat Line service begins. Today is the deadline for those wanting to take part in the March Madness Brackets to turn in their picks at Topsy Turvey's.

Fri., March 22nd - Tipper's reopens in the late afternoon after a long winter's nap. Morgan Stacy, the daughter of Kristi and Rob Stacy is in Columbus for a big baking competition.

Sat., March 23rd - Lisa Cooper posts a photo of a crazy driver rounding the corner at Loraine and Erie Streets at the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center. There are two wheels completely off the ground. The vehicle goes airborne and lands on a large rock blowing a tire, but still keeps going. The season hasn't even started yet! Several island businesses are at Lake Erie Island Shores and Islands on the mainland recruiting summer workers. The Forge opens for three days. If anyone wants grape vines for wreaths, baskets or for smoking barbecue, Russ and Lisa Brohl have them out by the road by their home on Mitchell Rd.

Sun., March 24th - Doug Wilhelm from the PIB-VFD is attending the NOVFA Fire School for his 15th consecutive year. It's the last day to order Malley's Easter candy from the members of the Put-in-Bay Class of 2020. They are raising money for their senior class trip. Taylor's Tae Kwon Do, Tumbling & Dance is upstairs at the Town Hall with their young island students.

Mon., March 25th - A little northeast wind today!

Tues., March 26th - With temperatures in the 30s, very little wind and lots of sun, it's a pretty nice spring day. Large numbers of turkey vultures are migrating through the islands. On Facebook, it is announced Anne Spettel will be the new chef at Joe's Bar!

Wed., March 27th - Bobbi Dobos posts on the PIB Locals Garage Sale web site that she has four dozen fresh eggs for sale for \$4 per dozen. Member of the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. do some training in the evening.

Thurs., March 28th - Dave and Kathy Holscott from Mitchell Rd. are in South Africa getting ready to return to the island for the summer. They will be on a cruise ship for most of April making their way back to the U.S.A.

Fri., March 29th - Ferry service to Middle Bass begins, plus the schedule to PIB changes. The annual island Talent Show takes place at the School gym.

Sat., March 30th - The Port Authority meets for their March meeting in the Township Building.

Sun., March 31st - This is the last free Sunday before things start opening along Delaware Ave. for the 2019 season.

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ABOVE: After 49 years running Saunders cottages Dolores Kowalski has taken a new position at the Oval Office. Good to know things will be done correctly now!

LEIC Native Plant & Tree Sale

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) is now taking orders for native trees and plants for the islands. We are using Riverside Native Trees, Quail Ridge Specimen Trees, and Natives in Harmony for our native tree and plant sale. Buying and planting native trees and shrubs is a great way to provide quality habitat for the birds, butterflies, moths and other wildlife on the islands. We are promoting the planting of native trees and shrubs because our native animals are adapted to feeding on these plants and using them for shelter. By planting native species, you are making your land more attractive to birds, bees, butterflies, moths and a host of other desirable species. This fundraiser will be used to support the LEIC land preservation and restoration programs!

Trees: Native trees and shrubs are for sale in 3 gallon or 20 gallon sizes. The varieties available are Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Sycamore, Black Walnut, Kentucky Coffee Tree, and Silver Maple. Shrubs offered are Silky Dogwood, Hoptree, Swamp Rose, Swamp Rose Mallow, Buttonbush, and Common Elderberry. All these trees and shrubs are native to the islands and will thrive in this environment. They have been grown from Ohio seed stock by Riverside Native Trees in Delaware, Ohio.

Plants: LEIC is also selling over 30 varieties of native perennial plants and flowers from Natives in Harmony from Marengo, Ohio. This year we are offering at least one wildflower, hairy beardstongue raised from seed from the Massie Cliffside preserve and one shrub, buttonbush, grown from stock from Kelleys Island.

An order form is available at www.lakeerieislands-conservancy.org or by calling Lisa at 419-366-2087. Beautify your yard and support the Conservancy! Orders may be placed until May 1 and we will arrange a pick up on the island. For those on Middle Bass who wish to order, a pick up on Middle Bass will be set up as well.

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Is there anyone out there who has a Kunzler spud bar used for chopping holes in the ice? If you have one and would like to sell it, please contact the Gazette at 419-340-0471. Kunzler spud bars were made on the island at the blacksmith shop by William Kunzler.

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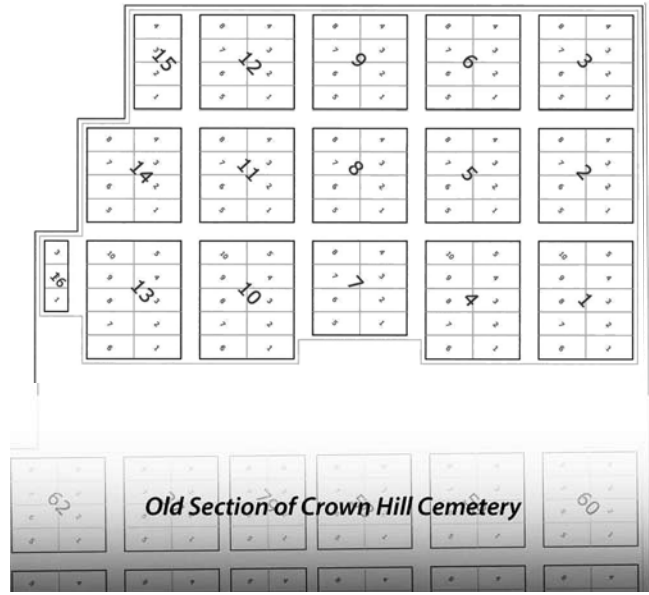
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RIGHT: Here is a plot map of the additional lots which are available through the lottery at Crown Hill Cemetery at this time.



Crown Hill Cemetery plot lottery

Put-in-Bay Township is holding an open lottery for spaces in Crown Hill Cemetery located on South Bass Island at the corner of Niagara & Catawba.

Crown Hill was the first formal cemetery on the island. Over the years, the plots were filled and a second cemetery was established. That is Maple Cemetery out by the Lime Kiln Dock. Most of the island's pioneers are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Susie Cooper, former curator at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, did some research and found that the fence around South Bass Island State Park was encroaching on part of Crown Hill and that the property was indeed part of the cemetery and not park property. The plots that are being offered are those in a part of the cemetery that were "rediscovered and recovered."

By following the instructions in the ad below, you enter your name into the Crown Hill Cemetery space lottery. Completing this form does not guarantee a space within Crown Hill Cemetery. All applications must be turned into the Put-in-Bay Township Office by Wednesday, May 1st, 2019. Applicants will be notified in order of the drawing. If your name is chosen, you must have your space paid in full to Put-in-Bay Township within 30 days of being notified of your eligibility. After this time, your application will be deemed ineligible for this lottery. Completing this form does not guarantee a space within Crown Hill.

These plots are "full-burial plots" for one person. Each one can also be used for up to three cremation burials.

Cemetery Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant must be or have been a property owner on South Bass Island or a full-time resident of the island for at least 10 years. Property owner includes condo, land, home, cottage, business or mobile home. Proof of residency must be made available upon request of the Township. All other circumstances must be approved by the Township Trustees.

If chosen in the lottery, applicant must pay in full the \$1000 per full burial space (plot) to the Put-in-Bay Township within 30 days of being notified.

Put-in-Bay Township

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Put-in-Bay Township is having a lottery for the sale of cemetery spaces in the expanded section of Crown Hill Cemetery. Lottery forms must be turned in by **May 1st, 2019** at the Township Hall on Trenton Avenue.

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2019**Prominent NE Ohio sports figure in talks to buy defunct vineyards on North Bass****By Char Latan**

A famous wine connoisseur, who is also a former prominent basketball player from Northeast Ohio - nicknamed after royalty and who shares initials with a US President - allegedly has considered purchasing the former Paramount Vineyards on North Bass Island.



ABOVE: This anonymous basketball super star who touts the benefits of wine is reportedly interested in purchasing much of the defunct vineyards on North Bass.

The reported motivation for the ground breaking project is the unique soil on North Bass that produces the Gewurztraminers grape, plus the recent spate of sports celebrity involvement in the wine making business. Other prominent sports figures who own wineries include former NBA Player Yao Ming, Golfers Ernie Els, Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, NFL stars Joe Montana and Dan Marino and Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky. Insiders say that the Ohio investor, who recently relocated to California, has been influenced by the raft of movie stars and entertainment moguls who own wineries and he feels compelled to fit in. Not only that, but this particular individual has become a spokesman for the benefits of wine by posting numerous photos of various expensive wine bottles and hand held glasses on his social media account. Purportedly, the opinion is held that wine is an elixir for the heart and helps prolong life and sports careers.

The deal as detailed from those in the know was that the State was to sell its interest in the Park Land (acquired in 2004 for \$17.4 million) to the prominent developer and he would refurbish the former Gottesman Lodge, replant grape vines that were removed years ago for the North Bass Island State Park, rebuild the dock that had fallen into disrepair - ostensibly to allow for ferries to carry workers, equipment and supplies - and as a kicker, establish a Basketball Camp where aspiring young talent would visit the island and besides learning basketball skills, would also be utilized in the vineyards for conditioning and work ethic promotion purposes. The Lodge would be utilized as the headquarters of the Impresario's new venture with an undisclosed number of employees.

The factor pushing the State to consider such a transaction is the unanticipated expenses in maintaining the Park and the lack of quality plans to foster growth of usage. As quoted from one government mole deep in the State Capitol catacombs: "That Park is a pimple on an elephant's rear end, with zero purpose and the financial pain is excruciating".

Sources report, however, that a major stumbling block has occurred that will probably derail the project. Allegedly, Ohio Government officials, including the ODNR, have placed a non-negotiable requirement that the proposed developer also Build A Wall in Lake Erie on the north side of the Island as part of the US Border Security package. The "thinking" is that this would permanently stop intrusion from illegal alien Canadians who would poach walleye and create other scofflaw, miscreant activity. To date, this has caused a derailment in any further talks. The Developer is supposedly a "Free Trader" who strongly rejects any sort of limitation on the free flow of goods, services and people and no word has been given if the deal is salvageable or will be "shut down" if conditions aren't met. Numerous calls have been placed to the proposed developer's "posse" without successful contact. It is unknown if too much wine is involved.

The Gazette staff will continue to monitor this story for further developments, if any occur.

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Golf cart sharing coming to Put-in-Bay

Put-in-Bay has always been known for innovative trends when it comes to serving the visiting public. Well, this year, one innovative golf cart rental company will be offering "golf cart sharing" on Put-in-Bay.

The program is similar to bicycle sharing programs found in the big cities on the mainland. People see a bike, take it for a ride, and then drop it off at their destination. The next person comes along, takes the bike and does the same thing.

The idea was the brainstorm of golf cart rental company owner Bill Woodgate who says he plans on buying 250 carts to start off. In an ideal world, the cart share program would boast somewhere between 300 and 500 assorted 2-, 4-, 6-, 8-, 10-, 12-, 14- and 16-passenger golf carts for the island he said.

Woodgate says he got the idea when he realized people rent carts at outrageous prices then park them just down the street and let them sit. He thought the carts could be utilized more efficiently if others could use the idle carts. "The formula is simple," he said, "Rent out a car a lot more times at a slightly-reduced overall rate and make tons more money."

Woodgate plans on painting the carts all the same with some wild color that really stands out. Instead of renting the carts from a fixed location where you stand in line waiting and filling out paperwork, the renter will simply find a nearby unused cart. There will be so many carts left by people coming and going to and from high-volume, strategic locations that one will always be available.

Users will simply swipe a credit card on a portable reader on the dash, get on board and simply drive them to wherever they want to go. When their ride is complete, their credit card is billed only for the time they use the cart.

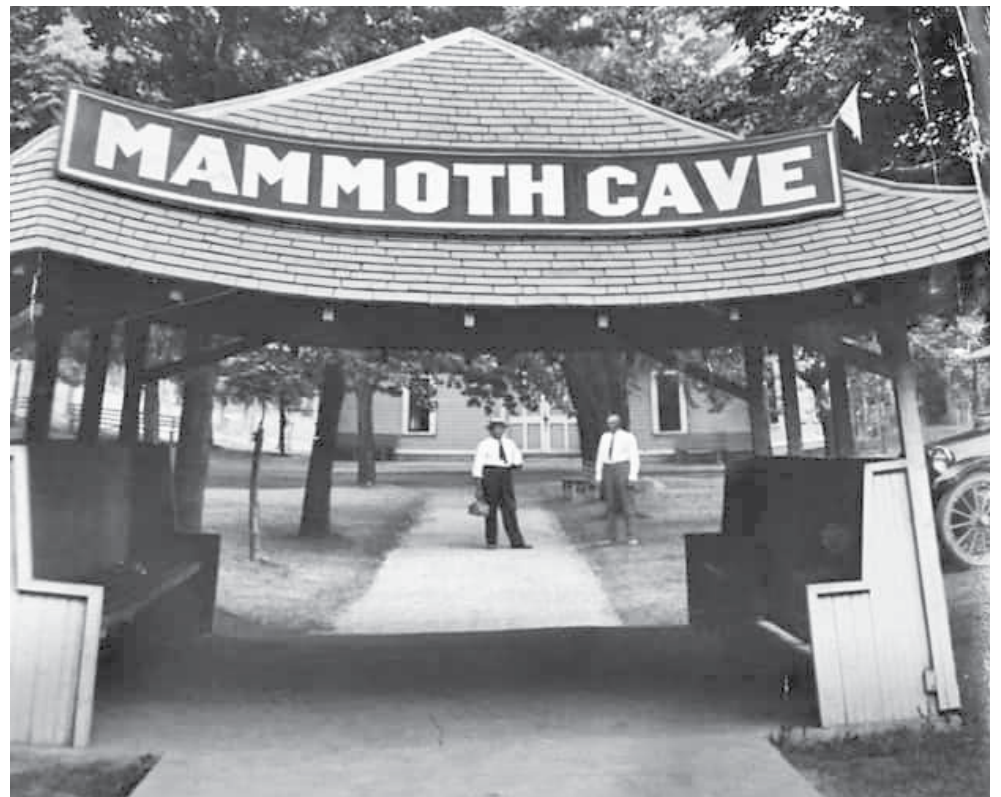
Woodgate says he will employ GPS locators on all the carts to keep track of them. He says he will simply hire a guest worker from Bulgaria to monitor on a laptop or console the usage to determine which ones need gas and/or maintenance attention.

Woodgate went on to say he is looking at the same plan for ebikes, those electric bicycles that can silently zip down the island roads at 30 miles per hour. He added that he expects the cart and ebike sharing enterprise to be so successful that within three years he will open up on the Middle Bass and North Bass Islands for their transportation needs. As for the Kelleys Island market, he plans no expansion there due to the fact a rival businessman is working on a start up there.

Woodgate said, "Now is the future, and I want to create a truly great golf cart share program on the islands. Who's with me?"



ABOVE: One of the new Share-A-Carts



ABOVE: This rare photo of Mammoth Cave from Justin Hienamen's collection of historic island photos shows it when it was also a Japanese pagoda. This entrance archway was torn down right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II in 1941. Notice that Mammoth is misspelled as Mammoth on the sign. It was rare to find an island sign painter who went beyond the 6th grade back when this photo was taken.

The future of Mammoth Cave

Justin Hienamen recently opened the padlocked entrance to Mammoth Cave and toured the once-popular, but now-abandoned island tourist attraction. He came out with a new perspective of what the cave might offer for future island visitors.

Justin shared with us his thoughts in this interview as Put-in-Bay enters a new era of tourism on the island in the 21st Century.

GAZETTE: After your visit to Mammoth Cave, what are your thoughts for its future.

JUSTIN: As you know, I am extremely interested in the history of Put-in-Bay. I have a collection of island memorabilia that makes the private collections of George Stoiber, the late Henry Wood, Billy Market, Bob Gatewood, Steve Nemecek, Dan Savage and yourselves (Editors of the Gazette) look like a pile of yard sale leftovers. I'm not so much interested in making Put-in-Bay great again, but making those who visit the island aware of Put-in-Bay's great past.

GAZETTE: How do you propose to do this, Justin?

JUSTIN: After exploring Mammoth Cave, I had a revelation about utilizing the cave to do this, plus make an honest buck or two. First, we'll open the cave for tours. It was closed, I believe, back in the 1950s, so there are plenty of spelunkers and tourists who will want to see it almost 70 years later. Because the cave is naturally climate controlled, I propose to display my entire island memorabilia on the walls and rocky ledges of the cave. And the best part is it's all for one low price of admission.

GAZETTE: Wow! Talk about a double dose of island history and natural history!

JUSTIN: Hold your horses; there's

more. With global warming in the future, people are going to want a cool place to sample our great wines. So, there's going to be a wine bar where patrons can sample and purchase wine in year-round, 55-degree comfort.

GAZETTE: Your genius is astounding! Is there more?

JUSTIN: You bet, Gazette! There's a natural, underground pond in the cave which fluctuates with lake level. It's cool and inviting on a hot day, so we're planning on renting bathing suits for those who would like to take a dip. Don't get me wrong, we're not in the business of competing with the burgeoning number of pool bars on the island, but we do need to keep our market share up by providing new exciting experiences for visitors.

GAZETTE: What's the timetable on all this, Justin?

JUSTIN: This is going to be a five-year project. First, we have to prepare the cave for tours. It hasn't been cleaned in more than 60 years. New steps leading in and out of the two entrances must be built to code. A wine bar with plenty of seating, plus changing rooms for those who want to take a dip in the pond need to be built. And don't forget rest rooms. It's going to take time to get it right, but that's what we're here for.

GAZETTE: Thank you, Justin. It's been a pleasure learning about your dream of things to come at Mammoth Cave.

JUSTIN: Thank you, for the opportunity. We'll let you know when we have the grand opening so you can cover that, too!

GAZETTE: Next month's interview will be with a prominent Village official who wants to remove height limits for buildings in the downtown area of Put-in-Bay.



This old photo taken in the cave shows how Justin says it could transition into an underground wine bar with modern-day bathers enjoying the refreshing pool.



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ABOVE: The Bible Explorers will be racing model boats like these on April 9th at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Bible Explores Boat Races

The Put-in-Bay community is invited to St. Paul's for the indoor sailboat races at 3:30 p.m. on April 9th.

The Bible Explores from Saint Paul's spent several weeks preparing their sailboats for the race course. Many of the boats were inspired by stories of Jesus or other scriptures describing adventures upon the water from Moses to Andrew.

There are a few sailboat kits available if anyone else wants to put one together and join the race. As sales will be completed and all the boats headed in the right direction by April 9th.

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ABOVE: A bucket of pull tabs at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's fills another bucket

St Paul's is collecting pull tabs from many people in the Put-in-Bay community. We are about to top off bucket number five. Each bucket is taken to Ronald McDonald House and added to collections from communities all over Northern Ohio. Funds generated by recycling the aluminum are used to improve Ronald McDonald house for those who stay there when they have sick children.

If you have any pop tabs to contribute please drop them off at St. Paul's so we can top off the 5th bucket!

We also have pull tab collection boxes available if you would like one for your home or your business.

Thank you

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy had great volunteer help getting their Spring newsletter out! Thanks Macy and Nora Ladd and Melody Many for your quick folding, taping, stamping!!

Believe it or not!

Lisa Reindl posted that while she was staying at the El Dorado Royale in Tulum Mexico, she found a rock sitting on a bench. It was one of those rocks painted by someone here on Put-in-Bay. The rock has the website where to post a find painted on it. Lisa left it out for someone else to find.

Believe it or not!

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Island Calendar April 2019

(Schedule Subject to Change)

TwpH = Township Hall • Sr Cen = Senior Center
MBI = Middle Bass • TH = Town Hall • MOS = Mother of Sorrows • CSRm Corner Stone Rm

APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 6
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- First National Bank Open • Weds & Fris, then Mons starting Apr 29 - 9:30a - 3:30p
- Library Events • See Article on this Page 11
- PIB Twp Port Authority Airport Dog Park Workshop Mtg • Tues, Apr 2 - 6p • Twp Hall • Open to All
- Mr Ed's Opens • Apr 5
- Reel Bar Opens • Apr 5
- Cameo Pizza Opens • Apr 5 • Mr Ed's
- Village Pump Early Bird Party • Apr 6
- State of the Island • Apr 11 - 6:30p • Town Hall
- Friends of Stone Laboratory Spring Work Weekend • Apr 12-14 • Gibraltar Island
- Onesie Party • Apr 12 - 8p to 2a • Mr Ed's
- Red Moon Speakeasy Opens • Apr 12 - 7p
- Ford Trimotor 90th Birthday Celebration • Apr 13 - 10a to 5p • Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton
- Pajama Jam • Apr 13 • Mr Ed's
- Red Hat Party • Apr 13 • Round House
- Whisky Light • Apr 14 - 2p • Round House
- Mary Kay Open House • Apr 16 - 10a to Noon
- Mary Ann Meyers home on West Shore
- ReSale Shop Opens • Weekends starting Apr 19
- Earth Day Ceremony • Apr 22
- Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 26 - 4p • DeRivera Park
- Knife Sharpening • Apr 27 - 10a to 4p • Hardware Store
- Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers Draft Day Walk/Run 5k • Apr 27 • Downtown PIB
- Bird Banding • Apr 29 - May 3 • Middle Bass
- Island Clean Up Day • Apr 30 - 9a to Noon • Volunteers Welcome! Meet @ the Goat 9a

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Rec Committee • Apr 1 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Village Council • Apr 3 - 9a • Town Hall
- PIB Village Planning Com • Apr 3 - 11a • Town Hall
- PIB Chamber of Commerce • Apr 8 - 1p • Town Hall
- PIB Township Trustees Mtg • Apr 9 - 10a • Twp Hall
- PIB Village Tree Commission • Apr 9 - 9:45a • TH
- PIB Twp Park District • Apr 9 - 10a • TH
- LEI Conservancy • Apr 9 - 7p • Town Hall
- PIB Village Council • Apr 10 - 9a • Town Hall (Watch for Possible Change to Apr 17)
- Bd of Education • Apr 10 - 7p • School
- American Legion • Apr 18 - 11:45a • Senior Center
- Port Authority Mtg • Apr 20 - 10a • Twp Hall

APRIL CHURCH SCHEDULES

- Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- PIB Mass • Sundays - 10:30a • Mother of Sorrow
 - PSR/CCD Class • Tuesdays 2, 9 - 3:30p • Corner Stone Rm
 - Rosary Cathedral • Apr 16 - 11a
 - Thursday of Holy Week Mass • Apr 18 - 3:30p
 - Good Friday Services • Apr 19 - 5:30p
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- Worship • Suns - 10:30a / Church School when announced
 - Bible Explorers • Tuesdays - 3:15p
 - Morning Prayer • Wednesday - 9:30a
 - Conversations in Faith • Wednesdays - 5p
 - Bell Choir Practice • Thursdays - Noon
 - Ash Wednesday Service - Mar 6 - See Article on Page 7
 - Ashes "To Go" • Mar 6 - 5p • See Article on Page 7
- St. John @ the Bay**
- Services • SUNDAYS Apr 14 & 28 - 3p • Mother of Sorrow
 - Join us for EASTER WORSHIP and BREAKFAST • Apr 21 - 9a • St. John, Port Clinton
- Church of Middle Bass**
- Church & Sunday School • Apr 28 thru Oct 6 - 10a • Mid Bass TH

COMING EVENTS IN MAY

- Crown Hill Cemetery Lottery Ends • May 1
- Fishbowl & Mossbacks Open • May 2
- Media Day • May 3
- Spring Fling Party • May 3-4
- Derby Days at Many Island Bars • May 3-4
- Clean Up Day • May 4 • PIBYC
- Bird Banding • May 5 - 8 & 13 - 15 • PIB East Point
- Blessing of the Fleet • May 7 @ 11a • Jet Dock
- Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel Opens • May 10
- Pelee Island Winery Opens • May 11 • Pelee Island
- Beautify DeRivera Park • May 14 & 15
- Goat Opens • Fri May 17
- Island Wide Garage Sale • May 18 - 10a to 4p
- Perry's Monument Opens • May 18 @ 10a
- Planting Seeds of Peace • May 18 • Monument
- Perry Education Days • May 21 - 23 • Monument
- Musket & Carronade Weekend • May 25 & 26 • Monument
- Eye Opener Brunch • May 26 • PIBYC

RECYCLING

- Mons & Weds and adding Sats starting Apr 13 • 8a to 2p • Transfer Station

MEDICATION DISPOSAL STATION

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LIBRARY HOURS

- Mon 10a - 1p • Tues & Thurs 3 - 7p • Wed 10a - 4p • Fri Noon to 4p • Sat 10a - Noon / Closed Sundays

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



ABOVE: Left to right are Brooke Wertebach, Tom Petro and Joe Bodenbender at the Kurt Rohrbacher Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament in February. Brooke caught the biggest fish and Tom was the tournament winner. A big thank you goes out to sponsors Black Squirrel, Boardwalk, Brewery / Mojito Bay / Surf Shop, Cameo - Sandusky, Fin Feather & Fur, Forge, Gail & Paul Fussner, Heineman Winery, Island Air Taxi, Island General Store, Miller Boat Line, Mr. Ed's / Commodore - Port Clinton, Penny Plus Store - Mark Nemece, Put-In-Bay Watercraft, Reel Bar, Kiel and Kevin Rohrbacher, Schrock's Marina / Hidden Beach Bar / Rescue Marine, Strikemaster Charters, Topsy Turvey, Monumental Charters, Erie Outfitters, Valley View Hunt Club, Jeff's Trophy Fish Mounts, plus thanks to all of those who ice fished, purchased raffle tickets, and supported the tournament and raffle.



ABOVE: Kyle Barr from Middle Bass posed at Topsy Turvey at the Kurt Rohrbacher Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament 2019 in February. Her husband and Put-in-Bay Gazette columnist Gordy Barr now calls her his "trophy wife."

It's happening at the Erie Islands Library in April!

Bingo for Books

Tuesday, April 2 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Come play this fun game. We will supply the books and cards for prizes. Everyone goes home a winner! Participants should know how to play bingo and should know how to read numbers 1-75. Younger patrons may want to have a parent or caregiver stay to assist.

What's Your Favorite App?

Wednesday, April 3 from 1: to 2 p.m.
Do you have an app on your smart phone that you really love? Join in our quest to help spread knowledge about different smart phone apps and how to use them to make all of our lives simpler.

Games After School

Wednesday, April 3 from 3:15 to 4 p.m.
School age children are welcome to join us at the library to participate in a game of your choice, including checkers, Jenga, UNO, Yahtzee and more favorites!

Hot Wheels

Tuesday, April 9 from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
School age children are encouraged to come to the library and play with a variety of Hot Wheel cars and their tracks at the library. Don't be scared to bring a friend!

Easter Mason Jar Craft

Wednesday, April 10 from 1 to 2 p.m.
Need a decoration or gift for Easter? We have you covered! This is the perfect decoration for your holiday table or something you can travel with as a gift for your host wherever the holiday takes you.

Games After School

Wednesday, April 10 from 3:15 to 4 p.m.
School age children are welcome to join us at the library to participate in a game of your choice, including checkers, Jenga, UNO, Yahtzee and more favorites!

Words & Wine Book Club

Thursday, April 11 at 5 p.m.
Join us with a recent book that you have read and pair it with a glass of wine. Tell the group about your book and why the wine you brought is perfect for pairing. This will be a relaxing evening for all!

Preschool Story Time

Monday, April 15 from 11 to 11:45 a.m.
Our theme is "All Things Spring" Children 6 months through preschool age are welcome to join us as we read books and sing songs about our new season. Bring along an item that reminds you of spring to share with the group if you choose!

Sock Bunny Craft & Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, April 16 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Create a sock bunny for the Easter holiday or as a spring



ABOVE: Larry Larson, Bill Boag and Steve Snyder show off their catches they got while fishing in Gulf of Mexico while on vacationing this winter in Perdido Key, FL. Bill says, "Eat your hearts out, all you ice fishermen who stayed on the island."

decoration. After we are done crafting you can use your decorating skills to create some delicious masterpieces!

Games After School

Wednesday, April 17 from 3:15 to 4 p.m.
School age children are welcome to join us at the library to participate in a game of your choice, including checkers, Jenga, UNO, Yahtzee and more favorites!

Movie & Popcorn Night

Thursday, April 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
We will be showing, "Flushed Away." Popcorn and beverage will be served to those attending. Come for a fun night out with the family!

Hot Wheels

Tuesday, April 30 from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
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Island Question

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1:00 pm	Daily	1:30 pm
2:00 pm	Daily	2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Daily	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Daily	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	Daily	5:30 pm
6:00 pm	Daily starts Apr. 5	6:30 pm
7:00 pm	Additional Friday Trips Starts April 12	7:30 pm

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New Director at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center

We are excited to welcome Allison Zura Wright as our new LEINWC Director. Allison is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a degree in environmental policy. Her experiences as personal secretary, substitute teacher and Winery employee will certainly be beneficial as she oversees the operations of the Nature Center. Allison will also be involved in our educational activities such as Nature Camp, Wild Tuesdays, School Field Trips, and Road Scholar. Welcome, Allison! We are excited to be working with you this coming season.

Jackie Taylor will continue with the LEINWC as the Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Nature Camps Director. Even though she is now employed at the Kelleys Island Field Station, Jackie has volunteered to help with our fund raising events. Many thanks to Jackie for her great work for the LEINWC. We wish her the best in her new position.

This & That 2019 Drink Specials

There will be several restaurants and bars at Put-in-Bay this summer that will have drinks named to commemorate the burning of the Hotel Victory 100 years ago this coming August.

Some of the bartenders who spent time on the island this winter came up with these names for the drink specials - the Victory Flame (a rum drink with orange juice and two secret ingredients), the Winged Victory (a vodka drink with a burnt garnish), Hotel Victory Iced Tea (similar to Long Island Ice Tea) and, last but not least, the Victory Candle (a drink that will set you off like a Roman Candle).

PNN NEWS ALERT

The tiny Lake Erie Island of Put-in-Bay has fallen victim to the latest Russian hacking. Unconfirmed Intelligence sources say this latest hacking has been tracked back directly to the Kremlin. It is not certain what the Russians intent is with this tiny island, but the possibility exists that they may try to claim this island. Their motive may be solely for economic reasons due to the large consumption of vodka on this island.

The Russian hackers accessed public records and intentionally removed the space and dash from the words Put-in to rename this island Putin Bay after the Russian President Vladimir Putin. It is not clear whether the primary language will remain English or be changed to Russian. Local residents and local politicians have been unable to be reached for comment.

Article received from undisclosed source at (PNN) Putin News Network

Chili Weiners

Rob Hard, who runs the Chili Weiners shanty on the ice in the winter serving up great comfort food to the cold ice fishermen, says his business is so good he plans on having a small barge in Put-in-Bay harbor this summer. He will be putting the Chili Weiner shanty on it and will be serving the boats in the anchorage. He expects plenty of customers who don't want to cook on their own boats or come ashore and don't want to wait for their food in crowded restaurants. Log on to the Chili Weiner web site or Facebook for more information.

Only \$5000

Funding was recently approved for up to \$5,000 for new one-size-fits-all Spandex uniforms for island police officers. The new uniforms are not only bulletproof, but "insult proof." Officers will begin wearing them once they are embroidered with POLICE lettering and arrive from Amazon. Deputy Chief Dug Muller said officers are excited about the new look.

Succulents discussed

Members of the Put-in-Bay Garden Club have reportedly been discussing the planting succulents in the flower baskets around DeRivera Park. Although not extremely beautiful when it comes to flowers, they would take very little watering. Bill Boag says, "Some of the volunteers who water the baskets on a frequent basis say less watering would work in well with their busy schedules."

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ABOVE: Kathie & Charlie Holbrook who work at Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial in the summer read their PIB Gazette in Key West. They are not little people, the chair is just big.



ABOVE RIGHT: Doris Hubschman from the West Shore was also in Key West at the beginning of US. 1 reading her PIB Gazette this winter. Later, she and her son, Jeff, went to Sloppy Joe's.

RIGHT: Left to right or something like that are Michael and Kurt Nose, and Anya, Michelle and Valerie Nose Chornyak reading the Gazette in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on St. Patrick's Day.

Arbor Day

Friday, April 26, 2019, 4 p.m. DeRivera/Village Park

Once again, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to the goals and principles of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Put-in-Bay achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Put-in-Bay's Arbor Day Celebration will take place on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 4 p.m. The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay has allocated funds for Arbor Day expenses. On Arbor Day, a hoptree (wafer ash) and a Shadbush (Juneberry) will be planted at the village Arbor Day site adjacent to between the Put-in-Bay Post Office and the village housing. Both trees are native to the islands and can be found on the cliffs here. The hoptree is a host plant for the caterpillar of the giant swallowtail and is a member of the citrus family. Shadbush gets its name from small white blossoms in the spring, about the time shad (a fish) spawn.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization whose mission is to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Information is available at arborday.org.

Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris and Kendra Koehler.



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Earth Day Monday, April 22nd

On Monday, April 22nd, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold an Earth Day walk at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail at 4 p.m. We will enjoy early spring wildflowers like Dutchman's Breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, and false Solomon's seal. Everyone will learn to identify the invasive garlic mustard and pull it up! Do your part to ensure that the Dutchmans breeches continue to grow at the Wildflower Trail. Gloves, bags will be provided. Heinemans winery will provide water and LEIC will provide snacks including some made with the garlic mustard. Prizes of a free LEIC T-shirt or hat to the most garlic mustard pulled. Special nature door prizes in hidden Easter eggs as well!

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 and is now an annual celebration every April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection in over 193 countries.

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Clothing optional boating banned on Lake Erie

By Bordon Garr

Nude sunbathing is set to be banned on Lake Erie on boats 30' or less as of May 2019 as part of the New Green-ish Deal. Sunlight is to be diverted from naked sunbathers to solar panels. Science has shown that solar panels operate more efficiently when there are no unclothed people near by.

Per Democrat Congresswoman Aloysius Occasio Curtis, "Nudity is distracting to the power grid. We want it to stop. We want all that newly re-claimed funds to be distributed to flip cell phones for the elderly and new rotor blades for underprivileged helicopter parents."

Critics argue that "Rich People" will be the only beneficiaries of the new legislation. Per the nudist citizens action group White Triangles, "Rich People are required by law to own boats over 30 feet long. What about the couple in a 17-ft. Boston Whaler with unsightly tan lines? Who will watch out for them?"

Odd alliances have developed. In court, sunscreen manufacturers Coppertone and Panama Jack have joined forces to sue Speedo and Jansport claiming that manufactures of bathing suits engineered this legislation to sabotage the skin care industry.

Per Coppertone spokes model Imma Feelgood, "Suntan lotion production will be reduced by 20% if people cover up! We will have to shut down baby-oil drilling platforms in the Utica shale fields and that will hurt hard-working Ohioans."

Lobbyists for the Association of Redneck Yacht Clubs argued for a compromise. They believe that a "topless only" alternative would satisfy most Americans.

The extremist group Full Frontal Now (FFN) has been quoted as saying "You can try and put clothes on us, you can put that bathing suit over our cold, dead bodies."

One FFN spokesman tied a cinder block to his leg and jumped off the side of his 20-ft. Lyman cruiser in protest. As if to prove their point, FFN radicals refused to let emergency crews put his naked corpse in a body



ABOVE: This is an example of a boat (a 29.5-ft. Lyman Islander) that would be prohibited from clothing optional sunbathing under Ohio's new border security law.

bag. Ironically, the cinder block was later recovered and used in the construction of a swim suit changing room on North Bass Island State Park.

Republican Senator Noah Flinch said that the protests are unfair. "Nudists had a year to find new bathing suits. All this noise was meant to embarrass Congress and confuse our constituents."

It was later discovered that Senator Flinch was taking bribes from retailer Victoria's Many Secrets. The firm had invested heavily in the "swimsuit/cruise-wear cover up" segment of the industry based on Flinch's inside information. As a result, when this legislation was enacted, their stock shot up 226% as demand for swim wear exploded. An ethics investigation is under way.

Enforcement of the new law will be difficult, but many off-duty policemen have offered to serve on a voluntary basis.

A Pudding Bay police officer said "I don't make the laws. I just enforce them. If I have to board a vessel full of naked woman I will exercise caution and execute my duties to the best of my abilities."

A Homeland Security Officer, reached at the Round House Bar, shared his displeasure. "Strip searches will be more difficult to execute. The old way was better."

Like the Volstead Act (1920 to 1933) that outlawed alcohol during Prohibition, the law could be overturned. Outrage has flared and dissidents have taken to burning swimsuits in protest.

The future is unclear regarding this matter.

Notes on the Story:

1) The impact of skinny dipping on the waters of Lake Erie has also been hotly debated. Effective May 1st 2020, nude swimming has been banned in all Ohio in-land seas and rivers.

2) The pending law dictates the posting signs at 100' intervals on all river and lake shores stating that swimmers (and water skiers) must take a shower before entering the water.

3) The Inter-Lakes Yachting lobby fought the proposal saying that sailboat owners should be exempt from the law because of cultural bias. Sail boaters refuse to shower because "It is bad for you."

4) Not taking showers is in keeping with a sailboater's other belief that waiters, waitresses and dock employees should never be tipped.

5) A tan, slim, naked woman, that would not come out of the water or give me her name, stated, "First Gobies, then Zebra Mussels, now a ban on skinny dipping? When will this madness end?"

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RIGHT: Loyde Bean of Middle Bass Island won the annual Jet ski Jousting Contest last summer. Out of 16 competitors, Bean was never knocked off his vehicle. Aside from some splinters in his arm injuries were minimal. He wants to remind everyone this year's contest will be in July.



ABOVE: This group enjoyed reading the Put-in-Bay Gazette at Kathi and Jack Spayde's island party in Florida this past winter. Top row, left to right, are Jennifer Reinheimer from the West Shore, Jean Hilt from Victory Woods, Dianne Smith from the South Shore, Peggy Leopold from Victory Woods, Jack Spayde from Fox's Den, Marylou Ramsbottom from East Point, Sally Duffy from Squaw Harbor and Gail McCracken from Victory Woods, and in the bottom row are Reni Miller from Stone Cove, Pati Arth from the West Shore, Linda Schull from Trenton Ave. and Kathi Spayde.



LEFT: There are some unusual things seen on the ferry boats that take passengers and vehicles to the island. This, however, has to be one of the most unusual for so early in the season. Laura Schanz was seen waiting patiently for the first ferry of the year for Middle Bass Island. Maybe she has something to tell us about her winter on the mainland, or could it be that she missed the last boat to the island last fall and has been waiting in line this entire time.

Thanks, Jeff!

Jeff Marshall was the muscle for the Middle Bass minnow catch for winter 2019. Many sources credit Jeff for being the mastermind of most of the Wall-eye for Middle Bass caught this winter. Thank you, Jeff, for all your hard work! There are so many people on Middle Bass that are proud to have you as a neighbor!



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PIB School News

By Steve Poe, Superintendent
PICK UP/DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Spring is upon us and our students are anxious to walk or ride their bikes to school again. Please drive slowly and follow our drop-off / pick-up procedures to ensure the safety of our children. We would like for parents to please drop-off / pick-up along Catawba Ave. instead of occupying a parking space. Parking spaces are limited, and we would like to reserve as many spaces as possible for patrons visiting our library.

VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Education and Put-in-Bay School staff would like to thank all the people in our community who volunteered their time or made contributions to various school events or activities this past year. Some of those events or activities include:

- Harvest Dinner
- Academic Challenge / Quiz Bowl
- Science Olympiad and Science Fair
- School Fund Raisers
- High School Prom

Our school could not function without the support of so many individuals. Our sincere thanks will be expressed again next month when we send thank you cards to everyone who volunteered or contributed. Thank you, island community!

SCIENCE FAIR

Three students traveled to the University of Toledo on Saturday, March 2nd, to compete in the District Science Fair against the best and brightest science students in Northwest Ohio. junior Alexandra Knauer presented her project about anti-biotic properties of essential oils, sophomore Elena Schroeder presented a project about acne medications and bacteria, and senior Max Schneider did a project on artificial intelligence by creating his own computer program. All three of these students received "Superior" ratings and advanced to the State Science Fair on May 11. Max received the highest score of all 172 participants with a perfect score from the judges! Congratulations Alexandra, Elena and Max and good luck at State!

SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Seniors Lauren Peter, Jack Booker, Max Schneider and Matthew Stacy leave for beautiful Alaska on April 18. They will fly into Fairbanks, take a train to Anchorage, and experience all that Alaska has to offer along the way. Have a great time, seniors!

OHIO'S STATE TESTS

Students in grades three to eleven will be testing in various curriculums the first couple weeks of April. Parents, please ask your child which tests they are taking each day and help them remember to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast the day of their tests. All tests will be given on-line in our computer lab.

MAX SCHNEIDER

Congratulations to senior, Max Schneider on his academic accomplishments. He is the senior class valedictorian and will represent Put-in-Bay School at the annual Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet on April 17. Max is the son of John and Katie Schneider.

HIGH SCHOOL PROM

This year's prom will be held at Mossbacks Restaurant on Saturday, May 4.

GOOD LUCK & BEST WISHES

First grade teacher Alyssa Smith and her family will be making Danbury their home after this school year. Alyssa has been an outstanding and beloved teacher at Put-in-Bay for four years. She made 'connections' with everyone she met with her smile and positive approach.

Curriculum Director/Gifted Coordinator Dwayne Arnold accepted a position as the Director of the Alternative Learning Center in Sandusky next year. Dwayne served many roles during his time at Put-in-Bay. His work ethic and willingness to assist wherever he was needed will be sorely missed. Congratulations on the new position, Dwayne!


REMINDER

Next year's school calendar has been adopted and has been sent home. When making plans for family vacations and appointments, please schedule them during our scheduled breaks.



ABOVE: These three PIB School students (left to right), Elena Schroeder, Max Schneider and Alexandra Knauer attended the District Science Fair in early March and all received superior ratings, plus Max scored the highest among the 172 participants.

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NOTICES FROM THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY



Seasonal Help Wanted For the 2019 Season

Dockmasters Needed for Village's Public Docks
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Good Pay Must be Over 18
Ferry Pass Reimbursement
Call and ask for Anne Auger (419) 285-8545
Applications are also available online under the employment tab at villageofpib.com and then mail to Village of Put-in-Bay, P.O. Box 481, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TAXI ORDINANCE

The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance 1209-19 of the Village of Put-in-Bay, on April 3rd, 2019 at 1:00 PM, at the Village Town Hall, 435 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456. Said Ordinance proposes: AMENDING SECTIONS 886.02 AND 886.08 OF CHAPTER 886, "TAXICABS," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Courtney E. Blumensaadt, Fiscal Officer
Village of Put-in-Bay

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HOUSING NEEDED

Housing Needed!

Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail program is seeking housing for approximately 6 weeks starting June 10th for Swimming and Sailing instructors for the 2019 season. We have them on board to teach the children water safety, sailing, swimming, and now we need a place for them to stay. If you are interested in helping our 501c3 program with housing.

Please call Christine Booker-Keyes
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Looking for a chance to be a leader? The Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) has three positions that need to be filled for the 2019 season. Needed are:

(1) A CENTER MANAGER to oversee the daily operations of the LEINWC building and grounds, working with the LEINWC Director.

(2) A NATURE CAMP COORDINATOR for the 2019 season, ready to do the hands on work to make sure that the Middle Bass Island one week Camp, South Bass Island two week camp, and a one week camp with older campers featuring overnight camping, all run smoothly under the direction of the Islands Camp Director. When not needed for camp duties, the Camp Coordinator can work at the LEINWC.

(3) A ROADS SCHOLAR COORDINATOR to plan, schedule, coordinate, and supervise our spring and fall Roads Scholar programs for a group of up to 30 visitors who come for bird-watching and island history and Natural history sessions. You have a terrific team of presenters and weekly group managers already in place to help you run the programs. The programs for 2019 and 2020 are already planned and scheduled.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the LEINWC Chair Kate Ptak at 440-409-4690 or at ktptak@gmail.com to learn more about these positions. Check us out at www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com.

Not looking for a full time position? We are always looking for part-time help to cover the LEINWC and volunteers to help us inside and out as well. If you are interested in helping us in any of these capacities or have a special skill you would like to share, please contact the LEINWC Chair Kate Ptak at 440-409-4690 or at ktptak@gmail.com to let us know how you can help. Check us out at www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com.

Gloomy report for the Great Lakes region

One recent report commissioned by the Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center says the Great Lakes region is warming faster than the rest of the U.S. Bottom line is that it will bring more flooding, heavy spring rains, heat waves and drought, less over-all snowfall, bigger lake-effect snowstorms, more severe algae blooms, and beach, dune and shoreline erosion.

Browns Backer 5K Run scheduled for Saturday, April 27th

All Sports Timing & Race Management and the Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers are proud to present the 5th Annual Draft Day 5k! The race will take place on Saturday, April 27th, at 10:15 a.m. starting in DeRivera Park, downtown Put-in-Bay. Whether you plan to run or walk, come race and then celebrate the NFL draft with us! Every participant will receive an Official Draft Day 5K Jersey, free lunch, drink discounts, tickets into a raffle for Cleveland Browns autographed footballs, framed and signed pictures and more! This event will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers. Register online at www.allsportsraces.com.

Bird Watching in the Islands

Up on Pelee Island, they haven't started the official bird census for the new season yet, but on March 19th, the sunny weather in the morning and full of birds' song brought one islander out for a bike ride for bird watching at Fish Point on the south end of the island. Thirty-one species were observed including lots of ducks, blackbirds, woodpeckers, cardinals and robins. Eastern Phoebes, song of White-throated and Song Sparrows tells. This tells us that spring is here!

Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader,
April Guest Columnist, Ernest Hemingway
News, views, and comment from a South Bass cottager...

A note from the Editor: Apparently, Larry has found a spot under a palm tree somewhere South of the 21st parallel. We have not heard from him in nearly a month, so we have asked the award winning journalist, Ernest Hemingway to write this month's "Listen to Larry". If you see Larry, please ask him to call, in the meantime, please enjoy Hemingway.

When the editors of the Gazette approached me about writing this month's column, I was quite surprised – after all, I've been dead since 1961, and I know nothing of Put-in-Bay and the Lake Erie islands. But, the editors explained that stranger things have happened in Larry's columns and, as a former resident of Key West, I was ideally suited to write about the Key West of the North, Put-in-Bay. They gave me a stack of Larry's old columns to familiarize myself with his work and invited me to spend a few weeks at his West Shore cottage while I wrote.

So, I moved in and went to work. The cottage was much smaller than my Key West home and quite a distance from town. But I enjoyed the stunning sunsets and the sound of the waves as I drifted off to sleep each night. The village is very quiet this time of year, just beginning to stir after a long winter slumber. I enjoyed talking to the many fisherman who had traveled for miles to take advantage of the early walleye season, it reminded me of my trips to Bimini in the 30's, fishing, drinking, staying out too late and getting up too early with new-found friends.

I grew up in Oak Park, Illinois, near Lake Michigan; but learned to fish on a small, inland lake near Petoskey, Michigan – Walloon Lake. My family had a summer cottage there, but I suspect my Walloon Lake of the early 1900's was remarkably different than today's Lake Erie, and certainly more remote and isolated than summers in the 2019 version of Put-in-Bay.

In the old days, before the highway, Key West was isolated, an island – you came by boat, ferry, or by air. For a while we had Flagler's ill-conceived railroad, but the hurricane of '35 ended that dream. Imagine a bridge to South Bass, and mammoth cruise ships regurgitating chubby tourists by the thousands, your quaint little community would never be the same. I doubt that I could live in today's Key West!

In my Key West of the 30's, it was just a short walk to Sloppy Joe's or the Green Parrot, not nearly as far as a trek to Tipper's or Topsy Turvey's from the West Shore – but since the tourist season had not started, these local pubs were reminiscent of the my favorite watering holes down south, including a checkered collection of locals mixing with the visiting fishermen, warming up after a long day on the water. Strangely, I found myself back at the cottage most nights. I rustled through Larry's liquor cabinet and found a decent bottle of rye, a little sweet vermouth, and a small bottle of bitters – workable ingredients for an evening refreshment! The glowing western sky was never a disappointment and I dozed off contently doing nothing at all.

As they days grew longer, and warmer, I rummaged through the garage, stumbling upon an old, green chair. I dragged it out by the lake, under the old oak. I found I could sit for hours, sometimes thinking, reminiscing, dreaming, often just mesmerized by nature's grandeur. I pulled out that crumpled stack of old Gazettes and began to read what Larry had written. I read about a now-familiar place and felt the peace, contentment, and solitude that Larry so often described. It was easy to putter about. I found an old cigar on the workbench, a fishing pole in the corner of the shed, a well-stocked tackle box next to the golf cart, and an old, tin bait bucket in the pump house.

I guess, like Larry, I found everything I needed, everything I wanted, at this creaky old cottage by the lake.

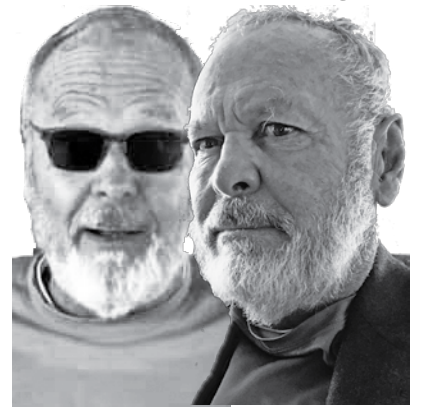
Unforgettable

The ad for Practical Memory Skills on this page was suppose to run in the March issue. When the March issue came out, the author, Phoebe Borman, from Chapman Rd., called and asked what happened to her ad. Ironically, we had to tell her we had forgotten to put it in.

Thank You AmeriCorps Donors!

We wish to thank the following individuals for funding our AmeriCorps intern for the 2019 season-John and Paula Ladd, Padraic Ladd, Julene Market, Bruce Miles, Dave and Barb Nostrant, Tim and Jane O'Brien, and Fran Poe. The intern will be split between the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, and Put-in-Bay Township Park District for a ten week season starting in June and ending in August.

If you are interested in being that intern or know someone who wants to be, please contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or 419-285-5811. You need to be at least 17 years of age and be willing to work outdoors at our preserves and give tours at the Nature and Wildlife Center-minimum of 30 hr/week. There is a small bi-weekly stipend and a Segal educational award of approx. \$1,200 to be used toward qualified student loans or tuition at the end of the ten week session. Preference is given to university students but a high school education is all that is required to use the education award. It is necessary to have island housing or be willing to commute by ferry. If interested, contact Lisa Brohl at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. To take a look at the Environmental Steward program, go to their web site at www.environmentalstewards.org



ABOVE: Two great writers, (left to right) Listen to Larry and Ernest Hemingway. It's hard to tell the difference!

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Eloise Ann Burd



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Billy Bob Golazewski



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Larry Ferrarini



David Scherf

Milestones

BIRTHS

Eloise Ann Burd

Renata and Tom Lunt from Mitchell Rd. and Barb and Walt Burd are happy to welcome their newest grandchild, Eloise Ann Burd, born Friday, March 15th, to Marissa and Matt Burd. Eloise weighed 6.11 pounds and will join several other redheads in the family. Eloise has three other siblings, Marissa, Matt and Oliver.

RETIRED

Karen Wilhelm

After 35 years of service to the Put-in-Bay EMS, Karen Wilhelm retired this past month. Her dedicated years are certainly appreciated by our island community. Karen taught at Put-in-Bay School and after retirement now keeps herself busy working at the Erie Islands Library.

OBITUARIES

Billy Bob Golazewski

William Edward "Billy Bob" Golazewski, longtime resident of Evelyn Lane on Put-in-Bay, passed away on March 19th. Billy Bob was born in Lackawanna, New York, on April 1, 1963, to the late Richard Golazewski and is survived by his mother Dorothy Golazewski of Barnesville Ohio. He is also survived by his brothers Robert (Karen) of Columbus Ohio and Paul (Laura) of Heath Ohio and his sister Sue (Bill) McFrederick of Barnesville Ohio, nieces Katie Golazewski of Heath Ohio, Kelly (Nick) Ganger of Millersport Ohio and nephew Billy Golazewski of Crooksville Ohio. Billy Bob also left behind many cherished friends from his years on Put-in-Bay. Billy Bob was a 20-year resident of Put-in-Bay, not including the numerous summers he spent as a child with his family on the island. Billy Bob moved off the island in 2017 and had the honor of helping to care for his beloved mother "Toots" Dorothy Golazewski, a beloved former employee of the Boardwalk Restaurant. Billy Bob got to make numerous trips back to the island after he moved in with his mother in Barnesville, and never failed to meet people on every corner who knew him. Billy Bob didn't meet a person

who wasn't already a friend or who would end up becoming his friend. He truly didn't know a stranger. Billy Bob loved his Put-in-Bay and all the memories he shared there. He was one in a million, and 100% genuine. He will be missed forever by his friends and family and the joy he brought to their lives.

Dennis "Denny" Naylor

Dennis M. Naylor, age 78, died peacefully surrounded by family and friends on March 24, 2019. Denny was born September 18, 1940, in Solon, Ohio. He was graduate of Solon High School, attended John Carroll University, served in the U.S. Army National Guard and was a member of the Put-in-Bay American Legion, Post 542. He was active in the Antique and Classic Boat Society (ACBS) and North Coast Ohio ACBS, winning several awards for his Chris Craft "Sassy." As a child, Denny spent summers at Put-in-Bay at his family's cottage where his love of the water and close community began. In 1970, he moved his young family from Cleveland to become year-round residents. Denny was a founding member of The Crews Nest and worked at The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory, most notably as the Captain of the RV Hydra.



Denny Naylor

RIGHT: Denny Naylor on the bow of the R/V Hydra.



In 1981, the family returned to Cleveland where Denny took a position with Sterling Engine Supply Company, now Jasper Engines, developing their marine engine division. Upon retirement, Denny returned to Put-in-Bay converting the "Tooth Acre" summer cottage into a year-round residence. For several years, he was the Put-in-Bay Township Zoning inspector. Denny had a love for classic cars, old wood boats and the latest technology. He could fix just about anything with duct tape and a toggle switch. He was never without a dog, preferably one named Jake. He believed in driving fast, long visits on the porch and always eating desert first. Denny is preceded in death by his parents, Robert H. Naylor, DDS and Miriam (nee Moir), and brother, J. Robert "Bunny" Naylor. He is survived by his wife, Kathy (nee Bradley); former wife, Margaret (nee Corrigan); brother, Terry (Linda) Naylor; children, Nancy (Terry McCann), Maura (Jeff Schroeder), Michael (Meg Davies) and Katie (Casey Carty); step-children Violet and Paul Bradley; grandchildren, Beth McCann, Shawn (Melissa) McCann, Garrett and Caleigh Naylor, Owen, Shane and Molly Carty, Skyler Bradley; great-granddaughter Samantha McCann; and nieces, nephews and countless friends. The family would like to thank Violet Bradley who's care and companionship were of deep comfort to Denny, as well as Put-in-Bay EMS and Firelands Hospital for their unending support. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Ron Brickner at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 620 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at 11 a.m. followed by interment in Maple Leaf Cemetery, Put-in-Bay. Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Port Clinton is handling the arrangements.

Joseph Peter "Joe" Schork

Joseph P. "Joe" Schork, age 82, passed away on March 6, 2019 at the Normandy Care Center in Rocky River, OH after a long battle with a number of serious illnesses. Joe was born in Cleveland, OH, and grew up in Parkview Village, which is now the southern

portion of Fairview Park. He was the youngest of seven children. Joe was a medic in the US Army. After finishing his military service, he attended trade school and joined his family's business, masonry construction. His father was a prominent builder in the Cleveland area until the early 1960's. The business was carried on by Joe and his brother Pete. He met his wife Donna Schleich in high school and shortly thereafter she introduced him to the island. Growing up, Donna's parents owned a boat and together with three other couples built a small cottage on Shore Villas dubbed "The Beehive." Joe and Donna purchased their own property on Doller Ave. in 1966 and planned on making Put-in-Bay their permanent home until Donna passed away unexpectedly in 1975. At this point Put-in-Bay became a summer and weekend home for him and his family. Joe was well known on the island for his masonry work. When Joe was younger, he enjoyed motorcycles and boating. He was a member of the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, serving for many years as Secretary Treasurer of Flotilla 7-1. Joe was also a gun collector and later a gun dealer. He was a lifelong car enthusiast. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Donna and son, Dennis (Theresa). He is survived by his daughter Tracy, brother Frank and grandchildren: Aaren, Mathew and Janelle. Joe will be lovingly remembered by his family and friends. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or any charity of your choice. Joe was interred at Maple Leaf Cemetery on March 26th. All arrangements are being handled by Burr Funeral Home. Information and condolences on-line at www.burrservice.com or www.buschcares.com.

Larry Ferrarini

Aurelio "Larry" Ferrarini passed away on March 6, 2019. He was born in Palagano, Italy, on June 26, 1927, to Emilio and Mary Ferrarini. He came to America through Ellis Island in 1928. His dad was a coal miner and they settled in Fairbanks, Pennsylvania. He married Margot and had two children, a son named Silvio and a daughter named Mary Ann. He served in the US Army during World War II in Frankfurt, Germany. After the war, the VA gave him a couple of training opportunities. He decided to become a bricklayer. He worked for Metropolitan Builders until retiring and then worked at Put-in-Bay. He was a perfectionist whose job it was to do the corners because they had to be perfect. He was a true artist in his chosen trade. He talked about a laborer named Mojohn Wilhelm. They worked well together and he always said that Mojohn mixed the "mud" just the way he liked it. The two of them are probably up there thinking about what they could build. He was known for his beautiful garden and was very generous with the delicious vegetables that came from it. He was also generous with his time and talent in the donation of his brickwork all around the island of Put-in-Bay. As was written in a card, he was the Cement Block and Tomato King. He was a husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa, great-grandpa and friend to many. We will miss him.

David F. Scherf

David F. Scherf, age 70, of Whites Landing, passed away peacefully at his home, Saturday morning, March 16, 2019, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born Sept. 3, 1948, in Crystal Rock, the son of Frank and Joyce (Griffin) Scherf. He was a 1966 graduate of Margaretta High School and retired after 30 years at General Motors. Dave also was the owner/operator of the Cove Inn for 35 years. He was a private pilot and enjoyed flying to Middle Bass Island to spend his summers at the family cottage on Fox Rd. He loved traveling with his wife of 52 years, Janice, and spending time with his grand kids and great-grandson. He is survived by his wife, Janice (Neill) Scherf; two children Beth (Steve Cooley) St. Clair, Castalia, and David (Shanny) Scherf Jr., Cleveland; three grandchildren, Tiffany, Brendon and Olive; one great-grandson Chance David; brother, Terry Scherf; sisters, Susan (Doug) Draper, of Georgia, and LouAnne; sister-in-law, Martella; and many nieces and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas Scherf. Burial was in Castalia Cemetery. Memorials may be made Stein Hospice Care Center, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870. Condolences and gifts of sympathy may be shared with the family by visiting ransomfuneralhome.com

Toni Hagberg-Stigerwald

Toni Hagberg-Stigerwald, 59, of Englewood, FL, and formerly of Put-in-Bay, passed away March 20th in Florida. Toni and her husband Larry owned the Stagger Inn at Put-in-Bay. The inn was formerly the home of Erma Marks on Concord Ave. The Steigerwalds operated the from 1992 to 2005 when Doug and Liz Knauer purchased it and renamed it the English Pines. Toni was born on May 14, 1959, in Michigan. She attended River Valley High School in Three Oaks, MI. After leaving the island and moving to Florida, she became a Realtor with Brett Barber and Company. Toni had been struggling with illness since last November.

Bob Schmenk

Robert (Bubba) Schmenk, 78 of Ottawa died Monday, February 18, 2019 at Lee Memorial Hospital, Ft. Myers, FL following a short battle with lung cancer. He was born January 10, 1940 in Leipsic to the late Everett and Margaret



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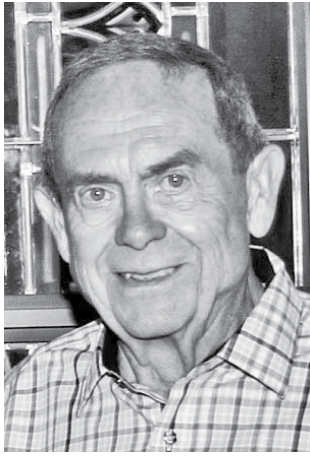


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Bob Schmenk



John Papandreas

Milestones

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(Brinkman) Schmenk. On January 6, 1962 he married Sue Diehl, who preceded him in death in October 2017. Bob was a 1958 graduate of Sts. Peter and Paul High School and 1962 graduate of the Bowling Green State University. Bob lived life to the fullest, embracing every moment he had with family and friends. He enjoyed his trips to Ft. Myers, but especially his time spent at Put-in-Bay. Bob was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa. He was a member of Eagles, American Legion, and the VFW, all of Ottawa. He was also a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #54, Lima and the Moose Lodge, Findlay. He was also a past owner of Everett Schmenk Insurance Agency in Ottawa & Erhart-Steichschulte Insurance Agency in Kalida. Bob also owned homes in the Island Club also condos at Put-in-Bay Condos. He truly loved the island had made many lifelong friends on the business trips to the area for over 40 years. Surviving are seven children: Cindy (Fritz) Fortman of Ottawa, Jill (Steve) Kaufman of Ottawa, Craig (Linda) Schmenk of Kalida, Brent (Anne) Schmenk of Frisco, TX, Melissa (Eric) Morman of Findlay, Matt (Dawn) Schmenk of Ottawa and Emily (Troy) Verhoff of Ottawa; 27 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Donald (Mary) Schmenk of Ottawa and Thomas (Linda) Schmenk of Custar, WI; 2 sisters: RoseAnn (Ken) Giesken of Pittsburg, PA, and Judith McCurdy of Ada. Bob is preceded in death by a granddaughter, Evelyn Verhoff. Mass of Christian Burial was held in February at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ottawa with Father Rick Friebel officiating. Burial was following in the church cemetery.

John Papandreas

John Papandreas, 91, past Put-in-Bay Yacht Club commodore, passed peacefully in his home surrounded by his wife and five children. John's parents migrated to the USA from the island of Chios, Greece for a better life. His father worked in the steel mills and restaurant business to provide for his family. He graduated high school, enlisted in the Navy and served in WWII and afterwards became the first of his family and relatives to attend college at Waynesburg University earning a degree in business administration. He graduated law school at Case Western Reserve University during which time he met his wife Mary a brilliant, beautiful and educated teacher with a masters in English, whose parents were from the island of Ikaria. They married on April 26, 1953 and celebrated 65 years of marriage together. After law school, they lived in West Virginia where John finished his military service in the Army Judicial Advocate Corps during the Korean War. After his Army service, they returned to Cleveland where they forged a family of five siblings. Upon passing the Ohio Bar, John later became a partner in his prestigious law firm, specializing in personal injury, corporate, probate and immigration law. He was a member of the Cleveland, State of Ohio, and American Bar Associations, the American Immigration Lawyer Association and served on the Grievance Committee of the Ohio State Bar Association resolving disputes between attorneys and clients. He was also an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and received Outstanding Recognition for his role. His specialty in immigration law earned him a membership and presidency of the Executive Board of the Nationalities Service Center. In that capacity, he testified before a US Congressional committee on immigration legislation and was influential in redistributing and rewriting immigration quotas. He was also admitted to practice before the Federal District, Appellate and the United States Supreme Court. In addition, he was a campaign chairman for Governor Michael Dukakis' presidential campaign and on the WVIZ channel 25 advisory board. He served and led in every Greek organization that promoted and preserved his heritage including: Supreme President for the United Chios Societies; President of the Chios Chapter of Ayia Markella, Morgantown; the AHEPA Lakewood, Ohio chapter; the Hellenic University Club of Northeastern Ohio and the American Hellenic Community of Greater Cleveland, and; Legal Counsel to the Ikarian National and local chapters for over 25 years. He was recognized for his contributions by earning the Order of AHEPA and Chios Society Lifetime Achievement Awards, an honor shared with many great nationally recognized recipients. John was devoted to the church. He served as legal counsel for decades in every Greek parish he belonged, including the Annunciation, St Constantine and Helen and St Demetrios. He also served on the Diocesan Council of Pittsburgh and the Archdiocesan Council. He advised, helped and worked tirelessly to promote, protect and guide these Greek Orthodox churches and organizations to be strong foundations for our faith and culture in America. He was a fabulous and experienced yachtsman, lover of boating and consummate host on his boat, Zorba. He spent every spare moment with his wife, family and friends enjoying his boat and the Great Lakes. He served as Commodore of the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, was a founding member of the Crews Nest Yacht Club, served as Treasurer of the Interlake Yachting Association and remained an active member of the Blue Gavel Society of Past Commodores. Above all, John passionately loved his family and his joy and devotion showed in everything he did from school work, house work, church, family vacations, boating, sports, Greek dances and conventions, to everyday conversations, guidance and deep life advice. His conviction to family values, education, hard work, Greek family traditions and his sense of humor were prolific while attending church, at the required family dinner table, during rides to and from their activities, or evenings just sitting in the family room. He made sure they supported one another and continued to be together even as adults. Most importantly, he set the example by how he lived his life and answered ultimately to God. His children held their father in such high regard it drove them to "make him proud" in their studies and careers, including: George – who received his undergraduate degree in architecture and his graduate degree in commercial real estate and construction law becoming an architect and attorney active in commercial development; Sophia – who received her undergraduate degree in political science and psychology and her graduate degree in law from John's alma mater becoming an attorney and partner in a major law firm; Sam – who received his undergraduate degree in engineering and his graduate degree in dentistry and orthodontics, becoming an orthodontist and opening his own practice; Erini – who received her undergraduate degree in microbiology, nuclear medicine, and her graduate degree in dentistry becoming a dentist and opening her own practice; Steve – who received his undergraduate degree in nutrition and his graduate degree in chiropractics, becoming a chiropractor and opening his own wellness center. John was in a class all his own, from his stature to his style, as a pillar in his community, and a giant in his family. They will sorely miss his essence, love, leadership, humor, wisdom and wit, his keen mind that could deduce a situation accurately in moments, his conversation, curiosity and genuine interest in what they were doing with their lives, his knowledge and oratory skills in the English and Greek language, his extraordinary ability to MC a room of hundreds in a manner that commanded attention, his elegant swing dancing, or just his family dinner prayers, strong opinion, advice, guidance, genuine gentleness, devotion to and thankfulness for his family and life. His natural ease, strong handshake, big hug and kiss every time you saw him, his smooth deep voice and always his love of the Lord were the basis of his welcome. As he told his family in his last moments, "I'll see you on the water." 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PIB Senior Center News

Spring is slowly arriving here on Put-in-Bay! We welcome April at the Senior Center as the ice is melting away and snow gives way to green grass. During the month of March, we enjoyed some special activities such as the "Soup & a Show Social" and our "Senior Social at Topsy's!" These, along with our regular weekly exercises and activities kept us all very busy! As always, we had our loyal patronage and wish to thank all of those who regularly attend our events.

The rest of our snowbirds are starting to show up, and we want to welcome them home! At the same time, we will be missing some of our regulars that are back to work with their seasonal jobs and businesses. We want to encourage them to still join activities when they can.

We will be hosting several special activities again in April! On Tuesday, the 16th, at 6 p.m., we'll be having a "Soup & Show Pajama Party" and on Friday, April 26th, will be enjoying our monthly Senior Social at Topsy's.

Looking ahead: On Wednesday, May 1st, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the "Senior Day at Camp Perry" is being held with a "Slumber Party Time" theme; the cost is \$6 and includes Lunch, Entertainment, Senior Hall of Fame Awards, Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle, Vendor Booths and much more ... This event is open to any Ottawa Co. Senior. Then on Sat. May 4th, at 5 p.m., we'll be gathering at the Senior Center for a "Kentucky Derby Party". Finally, on Weds. May 15th we'll be heading to Fifth Third Field to cheer on the Toledo Mud Hens! For additional information please check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our web site: www.PIBseniorcenter.org. For our mainland activities/trips there will be a sign up sheet located at the Senior Center, so we can plan for OCTA transportation and the tickets needed for the event.

The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities. Our regular weekly activities continue with aerobic dance/walking, strength training, coffee socials, Mah Jongg, yoga, bridge, Senior Lunch at Topsy's and many other activities. Don't forget - even if we do not have an event scheduled, all seniors are welcome to use the fitness equipment here at the center so please feel free to stop by and join us anytime.

Senior Lunches are held at Topsy's every Thursday at Noon. It's important to reserve your spot by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the Center @ 419-285-5501 to make a reservation. We must let the kitchen know the count of those planning to attend by noon on Wednesday, so please make your reservation for these delicious and fun Senior Lunches!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. during the Coffee Social. Feel free to get yours checked! If you would like to take advantage of the Senior 60+ Clinic, which is a free supplemental program to your regular physician's care, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment. This free program is provided by the Ottawa County Health Department for those 60 and over and is held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month, this makes travel easier and saves you time and money. The date for April is Thursday, the 25th. The clinic provides basic services to people age 60 and over such as blood pressure screening, blood tests for anemia, blood sugar and cholesterol screening, weight and diet information, health and medication counseling/education at no charge. Through a comprehensive assessment, a nurse will answer any questions and provide education or referrals to private physicians if needed.

So, from all of us here at the PIB Senior Center, we wish you an energetic and ambitious April as we gear up for the season!

Spring is beginning

By McKenna Stacy

The 2018/2019 winter has finally ended. To me this winter has been so slow, and I am happy that the boats are running. Soon enough it will be summer break and most of us will start working again for another season. Spring and fall are definitely my favorite seasons because it isn't extremely busy and the boats are running. Mainlanders don't understand what it is like to live on the island in the winter. My favorite part about the mainland is that I can go to Walmart at any time because it is open all the time, and here the grocery store, hardware store, and gas station have scheduled hours. I can also eat at Subway or Arby's, and in the winter here Subway is closed. I love it when the boats run because I go to the mainland more. I love spring because the temperature is

perfect, you can wear shorts and a sweatshirt, and because summer is on its way. I love working during the summer. During the spring after school clubs are more fun because we do more activities with the community and outdoors because it is warm out. Speaking of school clubs, on Wednesday April 3 from 3:20-4:30pm the computer club is doing an adult help day! Please stop by with any questions or concerns with any of your technology. The computer club members look forward to helping you! Anyway, finally the boats are running and it is warmer out. I love the spring time!

40th Trophy

Do you remember the 40th Birthday trophy that was passed along to islanders as they turned 40 years old? It disappeared years ago, but maybe, just maybe, someone out there knows where it is. If you know anything about it, we'd sure like to know. You can contact us at the PIB Gazette by email at pibgazette@frontier.com. Thanks!



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Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

February went out with high winds and all the ice blew out, then returned, then blew out – well you get the picture. Ice fishing was short lived and there are still three forlorn shanties on the shore, fruitlessly waiting to be put back in service. Island newbies are so much fun. Facebook posting: Anyone know when the ferry will start running? Answers: I heard March 1; No, it's March 5; we heard March 15. Finally – it will run when there is no more ice! Much like last year, the new ferry schedules show the official opening day at the end of March, but also like last year, the ferry started earlier. We got to take our first ferry rides on March 18 – and the Islanders rejoiced.

MUSEUM NEWS - The KI HISTORY MUSEUM opens on May 18. The church has already been booked for two weddings, items for the Parsonage Resale Shop have overflowed into the museum storage room, the Gift shop has tripled in space and has a new line of jewelry. KIHA is raffling off a 2002 GEM electric car (thanks to the generosity of Jack & Mary Ellen Thinnies). A limited number of tickets are available at the museum or online (just \$20 each). It is the perfect way to get around on the Island.

THINGS TO DO – EXERCISE CLASSES continue on Wednesdays at 11; **COUNCIL** meets on April 13 at 10; April 21-Bio Blitz Day (at the KI Brewery). Several of our favorite places are already open and those with seasonal liquor licenses will open after May 1. **POT LUCKS** at the VFW are done for the season.

REAL ESTATE TAX bills are now past due. If you haven't received yours yet, make sure you have your mailing address updated. If you use an Island address, but don't receive mail here, you need to make a change. Speaking of money, The Village's (gross) **RESORT TAX RECEIPTS** totaled \$177,172.71, representing \$11,811,533 (over \$11 million) in taxable sales. Island tax income has increased almost every year since 2003.

ISLAND GIFT SHOPS

Things are changing. The Pitt Stop guys have closed up shop. Jean says the building is available for rent. Kelleys Landing in the Caddy Shack Square has closed its doors too and the space is available. Vi closed her shop at Kelleys Mansion, VI'S ISLAND TREASURES. She is focusing her energy on helping Mike recuperate. Vi's was a popular place to stop and socialize. In an incredibly generous move, Vi has donated all her stock to the Kelleys Island History Museum gift shop and KIHA cannot thank her enough. The Museum, thanks to Vi's inventory, has expanded their gift shop and will be bringing in a new line of jewelry along with their popular "I'm on Island Time" stemless wine glasses. They will also be expanding their on-line store. We also hear that the KI Wine Co. is redoing Grapevine Gifts into a new concept store.

COUNCIL NOTES – Council met for the first time this year. Greg Ritchie was elected President Pro Tem and Mayor Ehrbar gave his STATE OF THE VILLAGE report. He noted the loss of Mayor Arden Cooper and former mayor Kyle Paine. He provided updates on the cell tower project and water dept. improvements, and cited progress in paving and drainage. The General Fund looks good and our next big project will be rehab work

on the water tower. His goals for 2019? He wants to see peace and compromise among Village officials and feels confident that our officials can get along and work together. The Mayor distributed a list of new committee assignments that included some surprises including Greg Ritchie being replaced on the FINANCE COMMITTEE by Pat Seeholzer.

Pat had previously express relief when she was replaced on that committee. Several council members voiced objections at the change.

Most reports covered the prior three months. POLICE inspected 186 homes and 26 businesses for a total of 2,418/338 buildings checks. There was just one accident. Interviews have started and we will be receiving a new/used cruiser from the Milan Police Dept, and a new F150 pickup is scheduled to be delivered in June. EMS announced that Brian Terry and River Styles have been certified as our new EMTs and new equipment is being ordered. The FIRE DEPT. responded to one fire, a greenhouse on Division St. Fast action by the Police Chief contained the fire as the fire trucks were arriving on the scene. The village has finally convinced the FAA that relocating Monaghan Road by the airport is not feasible and that requirement is now off the table. The PARK BOARD submitted a list of repairs for the downtown and pavilion parks. If you are interested in FASTER INTERNET SPEEDS, you can order upgraded service (from 1 to 12 mg) from Frontier if you live west of Pauline Ave. on the Island's west side. The upgrade costs \$20/mo. and you have to ask for



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VICE COMMANDER...AHOY! Put-in-Bay Boating Season (Part 1)

by Paul Bolden, Division Vice Commander or the 9th Coast Guard District



PAUL BOLDEN

Geez, was this a long, rough Winter or what? Like many of you, I can't wait to get back on the water and have started prepping my boat for that momentous occasion called "Spring Launch." Hopefully, you attended (via the Gazette) our PIB Maritime Academy over the Winter months and picked up a few new tips or refreshed your knowledge base.

What I've tried to do in these articles is offer sound boating advice tailored to the needs of our boating community which can and often does differ from the needs of other maritime communities. I have said this before but these articles are not a replacement for a safe boating class so please consider taking one or more if you already have not.

Coming out of Winter before you actually launch is the best time to do a what I'll call a pre-check to your pre-check. This is the unofficial list of things to consider:

- 1) How many life jackets will you need this season. Are your current life jackets in good serviceable condition (e.g. clean and free of mildew)? If you occasionally have boating guests will you have enough life jackets for everyone. Will you be having children on board and if so do you have the proper size jackets for them?
- 2) If you are required to have fire extinguishers, do you have the proper number? If it has an indicator gauge is it in the green? Whether or not it is in the green, if the extinguisher is over ten years old it should be replaced. Look on the label for the date. Sometimes its a two digit stamp on the bottom of the canister.
- 3) Check last year's med kit. Make sure that none of the medicines have expired.
- 4) Do you need to renew your ODNR boat registration?
- 5) Do you need to order new nautical charts? Old charts are better than no charts but new charts are better than old charts as information on nautical charts does change.
- 6) Examine the condition of your lines. They don't last forever.
- 7) Check your fenders for proper inflation as they may lose some air from being stored over the winter.
- 8) Do a hull check for cracks, delamination or badly faded bottom paint.
- 9) Create a spare parts and additional items list and fill it. Consider such items as spare navigation light bulbs, extra set of keys, flash light, binoculars, alternator belts, spark plugs, oil, extra drain plug, gear lube, sunglasses, sunscreen and so forth.
- 10) Sign up for a safe boating class.

This list should help you to get started with things that you can do before you put your boat in the water. A kind of pre-start if you will. Over the next couple of issues we will continue to get you Ship

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Paul Bolden is the Division Vice-Commander for the 9th Coast Guard District, Central Region, Division 16 and is a seasonal resident of PIB.

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ABOVE: Island shanties for the homeless is one of the items on the Put-in-Bay Township's Planning & Zoning Board's agenda. Officials want to pass a rule to allow ice fishermen to leave their ice shanties at the ice ramp on the West Shore for the summer so homeless visitors to the island can use them for overnight accommodations and shelter from storms. If the program works well, shanties could be used for AirB&B accommodations and be charged for. Rest room facilities would be made available in the lakefront summer home on the left. Ice fishermen are reported to be ecstatic about the opportunities to make a few extra bucks. One ice fisherman said, "It would end the pain of having to move them away from where we launch them in the winter." Nearby cottage owners say the ramp is "sacred ground" for their enjoyment and access to the lake during the hot summer months. They're afraid the use of the shanties would draw the wrong type of people. A petition is being passed to protest the new proposal. The photo above, shows how the shanties look at the new ice ramp during the winter months along with an ATV that is used to haul them on and off the ice.

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**Prez wants
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funding cuts
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RIGHT: Rich & Noreen Hahn read their PIB Gazette at Sloppy Joe's Bar in Havana, Cuba, this winter.



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RIGHT: One of the new signs being put up on the beaches on North Bass is shown here. Thankfully, the northern border is being attended to.



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A "boat load" of print, TV and radio media and reporters are coming to Put-in-Bay on May 3rd and they want to write about your business!!

The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is excited to share this great opportunity for our members to be featured in the 2019 Jet Express Media Day visit to Put-in-Bay!

"The Jet Express team along with the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is looking to organize the 2019 Season Launch (Media Day)! We will be partnering again with the PIB Tour Train to take our media guests on a tour of the island to show off the different attractions, restaurants, activities, and landmarks!

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If you're business is interested in participating in this season's event, please email the Jet's new Marketing Coordinator, Chase Eagleson, at chase@jet-express.com.



**No
Poem
by Woody Widmar**

I'm sorry to say
There won't be a poem
I'm working my way
I'm getting back
I wasn't excited
When I was life flighted
and
I can't wait to be on my own

FYI - Woody had a severe problem with one of his knees and had to be life flighted off the island in early March. He was spending time in rehab, and he may even be back on the island when you read this.