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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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## In the News....



ABOVE: Can you identify this woman? The photo was taken in 1925 at one of the cannons in DeRivera Park. We know her name was Agnes, but nothing more. We checked with Agnes Uszak from Chapman Rd. if she knew who this is, but she was unhelpful in identifying this woman and providing her full name and current whereabouts. If you can help out, there is a reward.

## Earth Day 2018

On Sunday, April 22, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold an Earth Day walk at the Scheff East Point Preserve. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. to learn about spring arrivals of our summer residents—purple martins and tree swallows with Paula Ziebarth. View the new Chimney Swift Tower purchased by LEIC member Karen Jennings and built by member Casey Carty. We will have garbage bags and buckets to clean up the shoreline from winter storms. We will also bring some binoculars for visitors to enjoy closer looks at our early arrivals.

After a walk and clean up, we will head to the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail for some invasive garlic mustard pulling and early spring wildflower viewing. Do your part to ensure that the Dutchmans breeches continue to grow at the Wildflower Trail. Gloves, bags will be provided. Heineman winery will provide water.

Celebrate Earth Day and spring with us!

## State of the Island

The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's State of the Island gathering will be held at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Thursday, April 12, 2018 will hold a "State of the Island" meeting on Thursday, 12 April 2018, at the Village Town Hall. Various community leaders will discuss what's going on at Put-in-Bay. WPIB is planning on covering the event with Patrick Myers broadcasting from the Townhall.

## Perry's Monument to be shortened!



ABOVE: Recent cuts in the federal budget have Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial searching for ways to reduce expenditures at Put-in-Bay most famous and popular landmark, Perry's Monument. Officials say by reducing the height of the Monument by one-third, they can save taxpayers dollars by millions. The plan calls for reducing the size of the Monument from 352 feet high to about 80 feet high. This does several things. First, it allows for decreased wait time for elevators going to the top thus allowing for more visitors. More visitors equates to more revenue. Second, the electric bill to run the elevator would decrease. Third, labor costs for rangers riding the elevator up and down would be reduced. Fourth, it would help with the environment by reducing the number of birds who crash into the Monument each year and die. Fifth, it would reduce the carbon foot print of the structure. Sixth, the overall maintenance costs of the structure would be reduced significantly. In a recent survey of islanders, nearly eighty percent approved of the proposed reduction in size. If this Cultural Landscape Treatment Plan is accepted by the National Park Service, work on the size reduction could begin as early as 2020. Needless to say, staff at the Monument is elated with the proposed plan.

## Unemployment benefits to be thing of past for islanders!

Columbus, OH - Officials at the Ohio Department of Unemployment Compensation announced the agency will be investigating and cracking down on the numerous unemployment claims being filed each off season by residents of the Lake Erie Islands. Officials say there are hundreds of off-season jobs on the islands based on research they've done on the Internet.

One department official said islanders must apply for work with three different employers each week to qualify for benefits, but no one has ever applied for the jobs available on the islands that are available on the Internet.

Officials supplied this list of employment opportunities

on the islands which can easily be found on the Internet.

There are 35 Isuzu repair shops in the Kelleys Island area. That's about one shop for every three winter residents of the island. You'd think there wouldn't be enough work for them, but apparently there is. Not one KI islander has ever applied at any Isuzu shop for a job during the off season.

The same applies to the "Hair Replacement Center" on Put-in-Bay that is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Peter Huston says they are not Chamber of Commerce members and had no address or phone number from them.

You'd think that the Inpatient Addiction Treatment Center in Kelleys Island and the luxury Detox Center for alcoholics at Put-in-Bay would need help, but no one, again, has ever applied for a job according to the statistics bureau in Columbus.

The list goes on and on:

On Isle St. George (aka North Bass Island), one employer is looking for a dedicated home weekly truck driver.

On Kelleys Island there is forklift instruction available. We suspect the company uses the old Kelleys Island school for a classroom and the old playground for their training facility.

Speaking of schools, Put-in-Bay has a top Dental Assistant School and a Surgical Tech School. Kelleys has its own Surgical Tech School, plus an X-Ray Technician School and a Pharmacy Tech School.

There's someone on Kelleys who raises Yorky puppies and sells them.

All these businesses must need some help.

One web site promotes the monkeys that are for sale in Kelleys Island. A job cleaning their cages out wouldn't take a rocket scientist.

Students at Put-in-Bay have it made. They can get a job as a student trainee and make approximately \$14.26 per hour. Again, no takers, but then students can't collect unemployment benefits.

Someone was advertising for an experienced tractor trailer driver here at Put-in-Bay. What they will be delivering in the winter is not mentioned, but truck drivers make a pretty good living.



ABOVE: Sue Thwaite had the opportunity to have her photo taken with Arnold Schwarzenegger when she was in Columbus, OH, timing a race for her son Oliver. Ask Sue about her encounter. We're sure she would love to tell you about it.

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27 Sun, Put-in-Bay, OH, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar  
Memorial Day Weekend

Watch Ray's website at [www.rayfogg.net](http://www.rayfogg.net) and his Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/therayfoggshow](http://www.facebook.com/therayfoggshow) for more tour dates.

## Unemployment crackdown from p. 1

If you have a larger washer, you can get it repaired by someone at Put-in-Bay. Again, they don't advertise in the Gazette, so no one knows who they are, how to contact them or if they ever need help.

There are also phlebotomist jobs available on Put-in-Bay. If you look this one up, you'll find it is a health care professional who draws blood, ensuring that the proper amount is taken and that all blood is properly labeled. There must be high demand here on the island for blood draws. Blood pressure checks are popular at the Senior Center, so ask there where they are located if you want your blood drawn along with your pressure check.

Surprisingly, the biggest employer on Put-in-Bay is the screening group, Put-in-Bay Background Check Service. They employ 2,500 investigators who provide background checks and screening services. Now that's impressive! Columbus officials say there is always a big turn over in this type of work, yet islanders seem to know nothing about the jobs opportunities that must be available.

Other job opportunities, all at Put-in-Bay, can be found at the company that sells boom trucks, the Secretarial Services School or the Marine Equipment & Supplies Wholesale Distributor.

The Gazette's crack staff decided to fact check these island job opportunities state officials say are on the internet. Not only were they all there, there were scores more. They give the story an "ABSOLUTELY TRUE" rating.

Columbus officials will start the crack down next fall when everyone goes on unemployment and will be going over everyone's weekly report with a fine-tooth comb.

One official said, "When we're done with this crack-down, everyone on the islands will be employed year round and unemployment compensation will be a thing of the past."

## Island eyes new bar & DUI legislation

Local officials are asking themselves about zoning requirements for parking lots at island bars. Officials believe if they want to cut down on drunk driving, the best way will be to cut down on the number of parking places at the bars. Look for new zoning legislation to reduce parking space requirements for island watering holes.

In an effort to keep up with technology, officials are also looking into passing legislation that would let bar patrons drive self-driving vehicles home from bars, and if they were drunk and the vehicle was in self-driving mode, they would not be ticketed for a DUI if they were stopped by police. Please drink responsibly!



ABOVE: Andy Shuttleworth, Jenny Robinson and Craig Schuffenecker jumping off the Crew's Nest Dock on the waterfront by Topsy Turvey's on St. Patrick's Day.

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ABOVE: Water was flowing freely over the DeRivera and Village docks during a storm in March which had northeast winds topping 40 miles per hour from time to time. You can see the Boardwalk in the distance. The dock where the Sonny S ferry to Middle Bass ties and where the gas pumps are located was awash with frigid lake water.

## Moss on the Rock

### ONLINE BILLING FOR WATER & SEWER

One of the things you might see coming to Put-in-Bay is online billing for water and sewer bills. This would make things a lot easier for both the utility department and its customers.

### NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEETING

Members of the Put-in-Bay Village Council and all Village employees and officials will be attending a mandatory Ohio Ethics training seminar on Tuesday, April 10th at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall assembly room. The public is free and the public is welcome to attend.

### BROWNS BACKERS DRAFT DAY 5K

The Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers and All Sports Timing & Race Management will be presenting the 4th Annual Draft Day 5K at Put-in-Bay on Saturday, April 28th, starting at 10:15 a.m.! You can either run or walk, so come race and then take in the NFL draft! Participant will receive an Official Draft Day 5K Jersey, free lunch, drink discounts, tickets for a raffle for Cleveland Browns autographed footballs, framed and signed pictures and more. The 338th US Army Command Reserve Band's four-man rock/pop group will be playing in the park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the 5K! For information about the Browns Backers Draft Day 5K, visit All Sports Timing & Race Management. To Register: <https://draftday5k.itsyourrace.com/register/>

### IT ALL STARTS HAPPENING IN APRIL

It's hard to believe island businesses will be opening this month especially when the ferry docks were on some days covered with ice. But as we all know, the island will come alive again when the Resale Shop, the Reel Bar and Mr Ed's open on the 6th. Muscle Bay Fitness opens on April 9th. Cameo Pizza opens on the 12th at its new location at Mr. Ed's. On the 13th, everyone can start the day with breakfast at Pasquale's as they open daily for both the early meal and the mid-day one, too. On the evening of the 13th, Frosty's opens for the season with their delicious and famous Pizza Buffet. The Round House has its first big party on the 14th, plus the Whiskey Light Ceremony takes place on Sunday the 15th. Mr. Ed's 12th Annual Pajama Party is on Saturday, the 21st. Mojito Bay kicks off the 2018 season on April 27th.

### WPIB RADIO NOW ON ECHO

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### NORTH BASS GOLF CART TOUR & ELECTRIC LINE

There will be a golf cart tour and day at North Bass in August. The theme will be "Las Vegas." More info will be coming in upcoming issues of the Gazette. Also for North Bass, \$1.2 million was recently allocated by FirstEngery to replace a 12.5-kilovolt underwater cable that runs from Middle Bass Island to North Bass Island using a barge.

### A PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTING DOCKAGE FEES

Village officials could change the way dockage fees are collected at the downtown public docks. Currently, the dockmaster writes a boater up and collects any dockage money, either by cash or credit card, and then issue a tag for the boat. An alternative method being discussed is to have a meter where boaters would register their boat information and then insert a credit card for payment. A large receipt would be printed out which boaters would then display on their vessels. The dockmasters would no longer collect fees, but simply help people dock their boats. An inspector would periodically walk the docks and ticket boats which have no receipt displayed.

### DOUG KNAUER TO RETIRE

Former Village Administrator Doug Knauer has notified Mayor McCann and Village Council he will be retiring from the Put-in-Bay Village Utility Dept. effective April 27th. Two positions need to be replaced at the Utility Dept. Doug and his wife, Liz, own and operate English Pines Bed & Breakfast on Concord Ave.

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**Cameo Pizza making a move**

If you would have asked Joan and Roger Rhoad 30 years ago if they thought they would ever live and work on Put-In-Bay, you can be sure their answers would have been "Yeah right!" or "Are you crazy?".

Fast forward several years to three grown kids and five grandchildren.

It started when Joan and Roger built their home on the island in 1999 on one of the most underdeveloped lots on the island. Roger assured Joan "It has potential!"

In 2007, their next adventure was born: the tiny Put-In-Bay Cameo Pizza. With nervous hearts and total personal investment, the shop opened to the small island community. The Rhoads employed family, close family friends, and strangers that became like family -- and we all put our hearts and backs in to making Put-in-Bay Cameo Pizza what it is today.

For our amazing island community, we know that the only thing constant is change. Seasons come and go, new staff arrive every year, and new memories are made with each passing season. Another change is coming: The Put-in-Bay Cameo Pizza family is eager to announce our next exciting adventure! Rekindling an old friendship that goes back to days of Fremont, Ohio, in 1973 to now the busy streets of Put-in-Bay. We will be joining the Fitzgerald family at their establishment on Delaware avenue, Mr. Ed's starting in the Spring 2018. Our menu will continue to cater



RIGHT: Getting ready to move Cameo Pizza from across from the Reel Bar to Mr. Ed's are (left to right) Brian and Justine Rhoad Cultice and Joan and Roger Rhoad. They are excited about the move. They open for the season on April 20th.

**Stone Lab Research**

Scientists at Stone Lab report that their attempts to genetically modify Round Goby to make them taste like walleye has been a complete failure. The only thing positive to come out of the four-year-long study is that they have had success with Gobies that taste like perch. A food service company is already discussing plans to market a product called PerGo Bites. Several Put-in-Bay restaurants say they will wait on adding them to their menus until they start serving them on Kelleys Island.

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RIGHT: Check out the new, old look at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. An anonymous donor has replaced the lighthouse atop the roof of the clubhouse. The light, known as a Private Navigation Light, was powered by a 100-watt lamp. For years it was maintained by Mr. Jack Day, a Past Commodore on early member. When the roof needed extensive repair, the lighthouse was removed and never replaced. Now the building takes on more of its original look.



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ABOVE: Bit by bit we're seeing more and more island memorabilia collectors post old photos of Put-in-Bay and the islanders. Since we don't know how to post photos on social media, we decided to publish one of our favorite pictures from our historic island photo collection. Above are Olga Doller, the youngest daughter of Valentine Doller, and John Nissen, her chauffeur, riding in the first aquacar used at Put-in-Bay. Olga's father could well afford this extravagant vehicle. He built the lovely Victorian home where the Put-in-Bay Winery is located on Bayview Ave. John Nissen gave us this photo before he died and told us it was taken in 1920, shortly after he had come to Put-in-Bay. He said this photo was of him letting Olga take the wheel for a spin over to Rattlesnake Island. John would later become the caretaker of the Doller Estate. Notice the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club burgee flying from the stern of the vehicle. People had class even way back then!

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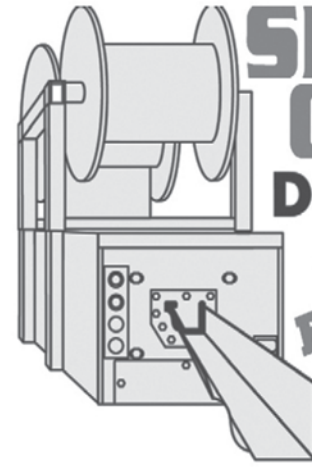
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## Commander...Ahoy!

by Paul Bolden, Flotilla Commander for the Auxiliary Unit at Coast Guard Station Marblehead

### Don't tell anyone that I told you

In this three part series, we are going to cover everything needed to pass a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). I am taking a lot of time here because there is nothing more important than having your vessel Seaworthy before heading out onto the water, so lets get started

1) Registration. Make sure that the correct vessel registration is on board and is current. In addition to a valid date, the vessel's state registration numbers, and hull identification number must match the registration document exactly.

FOR DOCUMENTED VESSELS: Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and hailing port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

You would be surprised at the number of people that I've encountered who can't produce their boat registration or not even sure which document it is. Not producing the correct documentation has us off to a bad start and it's usually downhill from there. PLEASE have your correct documentation on board.

2) Display of Numbers. This is the number one violation that I see around PIB. Numbers must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel. The numbers must be read from left to right, and of a color that is contrasting with the background color; for example, black numbers on a white hull. Lettering must be in plain, vertical block characters of not less than 3 inches in height. Spaces or hyphens between letter and number groupings must be equal to the width of a letter other than "I" or a number other than "1". The validation stickers must be affixed within six inches of the registration numbers.

NOTE: The letters/numbers should be a plain block font like "Ariel" not cursive, swirly or otherwise. The letters/numbers should not be multiple colors, fancy fadings, shadows or outlines. Caution: Even though there are local stores willing to sell you these types of lettering does not make it legal to display on your vessel.

3) Personal Flotation Devices. The USCG requires that there be a USCG approved PFD (in good condition) on board for each passenger. Vessels 16' - 65' must also carry a Type IV throw able device such as a cushion or ring buoy. Children must have a PFD suitable for their size. In the state of Ohio, children under the age of 10 must be wearing their PFD while on board vessels 18' or less.

4) Visual Distress Signals. Here are the basics. For vessels less than 16' distress signals are only required when operating between sunset and sunrise. 3 combination day/night red flares or 1 electric distress light are required. For vessels 16' or longer you are required to have 3 handheld or floating orange smoke signals and 3 night flares or 3 combination day/night flares, hand-held, meteor or parachute type or 1 orange distress flag and 1 electric distress light or 3 handheld or floating orange smoke signals and one electric distress light or flare gun with 3 day/night cartridges. NOTE: Make sure that your flares are not expired.

There are other combinations possible. If you have any questions contact the USCG-AUX at 419-379-9000.

5) Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists:

(1) Inboard engine(s); (2) Closed compartments that store portable fuel tanks; (3) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials (4) Closed living space (5) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or (6) Permanently installed fuel tanks.

Power vessels <26' or are required to have 1 B-I fire extinguisher. Power vessels 26' to <40 are required to have 2 B-1 or 1 B-2 extinguishers. Power vessels 40' to 65' are required to have 3 B-1 or 1 B-1 and 1 B-2 extinguishers. The fire extinguisher gauge should be in the green and the unit should not be more than 10 years old. A 2 digit date is often stamped on the bottom of the extinguisher. A fixed system such as "Halon" replaces 1 B-1 extinguisher. Make sure that your fixed system's maintenance requirements are current and that the proper maintenance certificate is properly affixed.

6) Ventilation. Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. The ventilation system is designed to remove potentially dangerous fumes.

Usually to the aft starboard and port are the intake and exhaust vents. Turn on your exhaust and place your hand over the exhaust port and make sure that it is blowing air out.

#### ADDITIONALLY:

Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a "certificate of compliance." Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment. Outboard equipped vessels are exempt.

7) Backfire Flame Control. Called a Flame Arrestor needs to be clean and oil free. HINT: The arrestor is situated on top of the carburetor and held in place by a single nut. Outboard and Diesel engines are exempt.

8) Sound Producing Device. This one is simple.

All vessels to 65' are required to have a sounding device such as an installed boat horn, whistle or air horn, etc. capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile. Vessels 65' feet or more in length are required to carry a whistle or horn and a bell that are audible

for 1 mile.

9) Navigation Lights. All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running" lights.

#### NEXT MONTH

Next month, part two of this series will cover Pollution Placards, Marpol Placards, Navigation Rules, State and Local requirements and overall vessel condition. Lets make this boating season on the waters around PIB safe and accident free.

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Paul Bolden is the commander of Flotilla 091-16-12 at Coast Guard Station Marblehead and is a seasonal resident of PIB.

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# Island Diary March 2018

**Thurs., Mar. 1st** - The weather is absolutely lousy at Put-in-Bay - windy, rainy and cold changing to snow. The planes are not flying in the morning. Hefty winsa out of the northeast bring lake water up to the top of the city docks, covering the roadway at Miller's downtown dock and making the road impassible at the Monument except for big pickup trucks. 44 mph winds are reported by Bob Bahney on Peach Point. Mark Lakanka and Lillian Thompson take a video while driving past the Monument. It shows the road and the lawn underwater. After three weeks on Facebook, it had been seen by 58,000 viewers. The Water and Sewer Committee for the Village Council meets in the morning and among the topics of discussion are those who owe money to the utility department.

**Fri., March 2nd** - Flights to and from the island resume as the winds die down. By early evening, the lake is calm as the full moon rises in the clear sky behind the Monument.

**Sat., March 3rd** - Deacon Mike from Mother of Sorrows is on hand at Miller's downtown dock as ferry service begins for the season. He says a blessing for a safe season for all those who work, play and travel upon the waters this season.

**Sun., March 4th** - Islanders are happy that the ferries

are running as they return from winter break.

**Mon., March 5th** - Classes at PIB School resume after the winter break.

**Tues., March 6th** - The St. John @ The Bay Lutheran Mission is scheduled to begin its Bible study sessions. Paula Ziebarth talks to people at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and LEI Nature and Wildlife Center table at the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference in Columbus. Paula and Lisa Brohl enjoyed great talks about coyotes, dragonflies, and bats as well as talking to people about island conservation efforts.

**Wed., March 7th** - The Village Council's workshop meeting takes place in the morning.

**Thurs., March 8th** - Icy conditions on the docks limit ferry trips to one in the morning and one in the afternoon. East Point residents Glenn Cooper and Jackie Taylor are traveling to San Diego, California from Key West International Airport to attend the U.S.S. Lake Erie Change of Command.

**Fri., March 9th** - Season passes can now be used on the ferry.

**Sat., March 10th** - The Round House Bar is among those doing open job interviews at the Lake Erie Shores & Island Welcome Center on the mainland. Barry and Piper Koehler are out hunting for beach glass and are very very successful for this early in the season.

**Sun., March 11th** -

Don and Sue Thwaite stop by Miller's downtown dock and empty their son Oliver's minnow car and take it out of the water. There are still several minnow cars in the water.

**Mon., March 12th** -

About half the Bay gets a layer of skim ice overnight due to temperatures in the twenties. Agnes Uszak, Melinda Myers, Brooke Wertenbach, Dan Buckley and Julie Leopold fly to Fort Myers, Florida to have a Crew's Nest management meeting at Robbie Morrow's home in Port Charlotte. Todd Blumensadt celebrates his 50th birthday.

**Tues., March 13th** - Winter doesn't want to give up. Snow flurries remind islanders that winter isn't over yet.

**Wed., March 14th** -

Lisa Brohl is on the mainland at Hartung Title Agency. She is closing on another six acres of forest wetland on Middle Bass being purchased by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. It's about 85 days until the 2018 season opening day for the Lake Erie Islands Softball League. Al Ruchala from East Point celebrates his 60th birthday.

**Thurs., March 15th** -

Adam Bianchi (PIBHS Class of 2009) and his two partners were featured on the TODAY Show in their popular YouTube Buzz Feed "Worth It" food show that has had more than 400,000,000 views. If you want to see the clip, to <https://www.today.com/video/al-roker-goes-behind-the-scenes-with-the-guys-of-buzzfeed-s-worth-it-1186603075698>. Ferry service begins for the 2018 season between Kelleys Island and Marblehead. At the Erie Islands Petroleum Pit Stop they are overing a breakfast! - Eggs, bacon, biscuits and gravy, hot and ready by 7:30 a.m!

**Fri., March 16th** - Due to northwest wind and overnight temperatures in the mid twenties the morning ferries are cancelled due to ice on the Catawba dock. The road going by the Monument is a little icy from spray going over seawall! The annual Talent Show takes place at the school gym. Put-in-Bay High School freshman Blake Booker walks off with the top prize.

**Sat., March 17th** - At Topsy Turvey's, three brave souls, Andy Shuttleworth from the Round House, Jenny Robinson from the Old Forge and Put-in-Bay High School's basketball coach Craig Shuffeneker, jump off the dock into the frigid water following a St. Patrick's Day tradition at Put-in-Bay.



ABOVE: Lisa Brohl is seen here with closing agent Tammy Luebke at Hartung Title Agency in Port Clinton the morning of Wednesday, March 16th. They were closing on the purchase of six acres of forest wetland in the Burgundy Bay Subdivision for the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy.

Cantankerus makes the first fuel run to the mainland for the 1918 season.

**Sun., March 18th** - The Kelleys Island Ferry announces, "For the next couple days, March 19, 20 & 21 we are expecting Northeast winds 25+. The wind is suppose to pick up Monday afternoon and be the worst on Tuesday then finally start subsiding on Wednesday. Please be prepared for suspension in service due to the winds."

**Mon., March 19th** - March's Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting is held at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. There's steady wind that's bringing the water level up. Ferry service is curtailed in the afternoon.

**Tues., March 20th** - It's the first day of Spring on Put-in-Bay. Islanders celebrate with no ferry service, icy roads by the Monument, water in the street on Bayview Ave., northeast winds pushing lake water over the Lime Kiln Dock and temperatures hovering around freezing. On Middle Bass Island there's water on the dock in front of Lonz Winery and on Deist Rd. which separates the main part of the island with its East Point. What fun!

**Wed., March 21st** - As part of severe weather awareness next week the Put-in-Bay Fire Department tests both of their fire sirens at 9:50 a.m.! Looks like a violation of the noise ordinance if you ask us. There are no trips in the morning due to continued high winds/water levels.

**Thurs., March 22nd** - Miller Boat Lines switches to the first "printed" schedule of the 2018 season. Sounds like a positive move on their part.

**Fri., March 23rd** - In Port Clinton, the third suppression hearing for Keith Blumensadt takes place in Ottawa County Common Pleas Court. Keith was arrested in an incident last June when Put-in-Bay police surrounded his island home.

**Sat., March 24th** - Members of PIB's St. Paul's Episcopal Church join members of Sandusky's Grace Episcopal Church for the local March For Our Lives event. There's an Island Party in the afternoon at Tangier in Akron. Comedian Charlie Wiener and musicians Bob Gatewood, The Flyin Jays and The Reese Dailey Band recreate that PIB atmosphere.

**Sun., March 25th** - Frustration with winter hanging on sets in as ferry service is cancelled for the day due to high winds, cold and ice on both docks.

**Mon., March 26th** - The Bible Explorers from St. Paul's Episcopal Church hold a Tenebrae service for Holy Week. There's a meeting about Put in Bay High School's new sailing team (grades 7-12) in the evening at school.

**Tues., March 27th** - Former PIBYC Commodore Bill Boag and his wife Alice are beach condo guests of PIBYC manager Barb Chrysler on Perdido Key in Florida. Island entertainer Ray Fogg is on stage at Rick's in Key West in the afternoon. Former island resident Joe Suttman is in the Keys on vacation, so watch out!

**Wed., March 28th** - PIBHS's seniors are in San Francisco, their first stop on their way to the class trip in Hawaii.

**Thurs., March 29th** - The April PIB Gazette is printed in Sandusky, so anything after this date in the Island Diary is pure speculation.

**Fri., March 30th** - Islanders are celebrating Good Friday.

**Sat., March 31st** - The island Easter Egg Hunt takes place. There will be no shortage of eggs.

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ABOVE: The "Little Rascals," the St. Paul's bell choir made its debut at the island Talent Show of Friday, March 16th. Left to right are Melody Many, Lizzie Many, Joie Rudder, Cody Kowalski, Sue Duff, Sue Amrine, Mo. Mary Staley, Alan Many, and C.C. Wisniewski. - Photo by Cory Wisniewski

### St. Paul's News We've got music!

The bell choir known as "The Little Rascals" began rehearsals in November and made their debut at the PIB talent show on March 16th. Most of the kids had never seen bells before so everything was new as they prepared to play America the Beautiful for the community. Bell practice continues at St. Paul's during the noon hour on Thursdays. All are welcome but please RSVP since we do serve lunch to the bell ringers. Mrs. CC Wisniewski is the bell choir Director.

### St. Paul's Youth Group

Our 6-12th graders meet monthly with youth from several other Episcopal Churches. In February we gathered at Kalahari for a weekend. A photo of the PIB youth was published at the Diocesan newspaper called "Church Life!" In March we spent an afternoon in Huron with youth from the other Episcopal Churches. The older members are planning a pilgrimage to Belize this summer. The younger members including our PIB youth will participate in a pilgrimage here in Ohio. In addition to the pilgrimage, the teens are beginning to prepare for confirmation through our "Faith at Lunch" Series. Anyone interested in Confirmation or other youth activities is invited to call the church office.

The Bible Explorers spent the past several weeks on a "Rolling River Rampage" where we engages great Bible stories about rivers, lakes and the sea. No matter what, Isaiah wrote, God says "I will be with you always." Lizzy Many showing us her diorama of Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree.

Melody Many assisted as our puppeteer. Our adult volunteers included Ruth Scarpelli, Jessie Greene and Kira Hubner. Several others came for some of our activities. The Bible Explorers wrapped up the spring program by offering a youth Tenebrae Service on Tuesday of Holy Week. The program is stopping a couple of weeks earlier than usual due to the kitchen renovation.

### St. Paul's Kitchen Face Lift

In April the St. Paul's kitchen area will receive a face lift. The 1950's style cupboards and counter tops will have a modern look when it is completed. Plan to come to our ribbon cutting on Sunday, May 20th.

### Spring Flowers

Last fall the youth at St. Paul's planted 200 flower bulbs. As the weather warms up they are showing potential and by the time the Gazette is published we may have many more flowers in the lawn that past years!

### St. Paul's announces revised Worship Schedule

In April, St. Paul's will continue to offer Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday. This service will move to the evening in May.

### Spring Play

The Put in Bay Arts Council is proud to sponsor the Junior Drama Society's production of Dorothy in Wonderland. We've given you Wizard of Oz! We've given you Alice in Wonderland! This comedy is a perfect mash-up of the classics with all your favorite characters! Beginning with the final "Almost home" scene from Wizard of Oz, the characters are swept up into a tornado then fall down the rabbit hole only to land in Wonderland. Can Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, and Tin man join forces with the crazy and mysterious Wonderland crew to defeat the Queen of Hearts? Come and find out! Directed by Put in Bay school senior Tatey Kowalski with assistance from Katherine Woischke, this play features the talent of at least 20 school students, grades 2 through High School. The show dates and time are still up in the air, so watch for them to be announced or in next month's PIB Gazette.



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## Scan & Pour coming to the islands!

An unnamed island entrepreneur is introducing a novel idea to the Bass Islands this summer.

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Scan & Pour LLC is also negotiating with the DeRivera Park Trustees to offer this convenience in the bathhouse in the park downtown and plans are in the works to include Middle Bass at both the dock and the ball field for the softball teams that play there.

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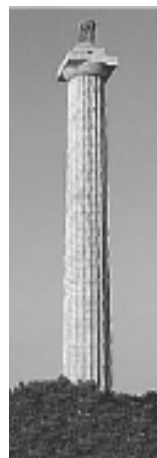
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## Listen to Larry by Larry Schrader

News, views, and comment from a South Bass cottager....

Cottagers are certainly excited about Spring, and even more excited about the fresh Summer season to follow. Of course, the subject of what the new year will bring is the topic of most every conversation. The local news is filled with advertisements and announcements, keeping everyone apprised of the fun to follow our last April thunderstorms.

But there is more – more plans still in the works, some unannounced surprises, and a few things only the insiders know. And right here, right now, you are about to hear the inside scoop, the secrets know by only a select few, the island insiders, the planners, the movers. As a professional, award winning journalist, with nearly 25 years on the island and a network of reliable and trusted news sources – including islanders, politicians, business owners, bartenders and boat captains, clergy, committee and board members from most every club and organization – only one person is qualified to bring you the secrets, the yet-to-be-announced news, the “what’s happening” that everyone is waiting for. Yes, Larry has learned of the biggest events that have yet to be officially announced – happenings that you will learn about only here, only in “Listen to Larry”! Mark your calendars, for the first time, these are a few surprises, the biggest events coming to our Island in 2018.

First, an event that will undoubtedly make news all over the world, the island will see a couple, very famous visitors from England. Most everyone is aware that the United Kingdom’s Prince Harry will marry Meghan Markle on May 19th in St. George’s Chapel at the Windsor Castle. What the world has not heard, is that the royal couple has secretly planned to honeymoon in Put-in-Bay! Reliable sources have confirmed that the couple has reserved the M/V Put-in-Bay to meet their private limo at the Miller, Catawba dock. Upon arrival at the Lime Kiln, the Prince has arranged for a modest, two-seat golf cart for transportation to one of the island’s romantic Bed & Breakfasts. The young honeymooners will enjoy a specially prepared Honeymoon Suite during their 5-day island vacation. Prince Harry, known as the “People’s Prince” and for his occasional, not-so-royal indiscretions, is expected to treat his new bride to many late evenings touring Put-in-Bay’s bars, restaurants, and live-music venues. So, if you see the young couple out and about, be sure to wish them the best, maybe Harry will buy you a drink!

Next, building on the success of last year’s Toby Keith concert at the Put-in-Bay Airport, an even bigger event is coming, on Sunday, September 9th..The National Football League Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals for the first ever NFL Football Game to be played on a Lake Erie Island! Once again, taking advantage of the expansive airport grounds, a temporary stadium will be built to accommodate nearly 75,000 fans. Ferry boats from throughout the Great Lakes will converge on docks, not only on Catawba and Port Clinton, but in Sandusky, Toledo, Cleveland, Vermilion, Detroit, Buffalo, and Erie, to transport people, equipment, and supplies for this one-of-a-kind undertaking. It is ex-

pected that nearly 100 ferry boats and barges will work non-stop in the days leading up to the game to prepare the airport for NFL football.

Setup will include a full size, turf field; comfortable, stadium seating; as well as food and beverage trucks and tents. Of course, the game will be broadcast on national TV; the US Navy Blue Angels will execute a low-level fly over during the national anthem, performed by our own Patrick Houston Dailey; the Goodyear blimp will provide aerial coverage throughout the day. Embattled Brown’s owner, Jimmy Haslem, will donate all profits from the game to the “Friends of Cooper’s Woods”. Needless to say, this will be BIG! Look for ticket information in next month’s Gazette.

Another not-to-be-missed event, during the weekend of July 20-22, many island bars will present special entertainment to encourage a more sophisticated approach to the traditional “Christmas in July” celebration held on the island: At the Beer Barrel, The Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus will perform their traditional, Christmas Concert. The program will include the “Hallelujah” Chorus from Messiah, by George Frideric Handel; “Sleigh Ride”, by Leroy Andersen; and “Trioka” from Lieutenant Kije, by Sergei Prokofiev. On stage at the Boathouse, the Moscow Ballet will present “The Nutcracker”. And at the Roundhouse, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will squeeze onto the tiny stage to perform “The Ghosts of Christmas Eve”. At the Keys, The Vienna Royal Orchestra will present classical masterpieces from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss. On Sunday, Island entertainer Bob Gatewood will lead all of these performers in traditional Christmas Carols for a free concert in DeRivera Park – be sure to bring a lawn chair. The performers will ride in the traditional, Antique Car Parade, with the concert beginning immediately following the parade.

Finally, a new restaurant will come to Put-in-Bay this year. Food TV’s “Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives” Guy Fieri will open a gourmet gastro-pub at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. A new building will be constructed in the grassy area near the rear of the property and will be open to the public – a portion of all restaurant profits will support the local Swim/Sail program and the construction of an indoor swimming pool for the Club. The restaurant will NOT serve lobster bisque or perch tacos, but is expected to partner with OSU’s Stone Laboratory to specialize in dishes made from invasive local wildlife, including goby, sea lamprey, Asian carp, and zebra mussels. A vegetarian menu will feature curly pond-weed, purple loosestrife, and canary grass. Expect the new Pub to open by July!

Wow! There’s more, be sure to pick up next month’s Gazette for the very latest and remember, always read “Larry” first!




Larry Schrader



ABOVE: Joe Shull, Noreen Hahn, Linda Shull and Jan Anteau out to lunch in Fort Myers this winter. Not pictured Rich Hahn, Jim Anteau, and Bob and Dianne Smith.

## Anti-gun group makes big change at Burgundy Bay

With all the anti-gun marches and sentiment lately, property owners at Burgundy Bay Subdivision on Middle Bass wanted to take the “gun” out of Burgundy Bay and rename it Burdy Bay. Some were not happy with that, so they decided to change the name to Chardonnay Bay. The new name was passed unanimously at a recent meeting.



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## PUT-IN-BAY SENIOR CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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<b>30</b> 8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures			<b>Just a few dates to remember:</b> Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> is Easter & also April Fool's Day Thurs. April 12 <sup>th</sup> is Holocaust Remembrance Day	<b>ALSO:</b> Sunday April 22 <sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day Weds. April 25 <sup>th</sup> is Administrative Professionals Day

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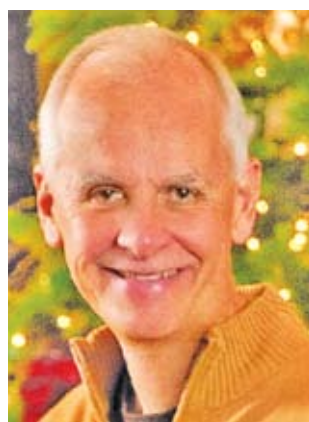
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Dustin Shaffer



Bob Gatewood



Judy Kania



Liz Knauer



Mike Leahy



Mack McCann



Mike Catey



Steve Poe

ABOVE: We thought we'd have a little fun this month by showing you a few photos of people on Facebook who have the same names as islanders. Left to right going top to bottom are Chip Duggan from Island Transportation, Roger Rhoad from Cameo Pizza, Dianne Smith from the South Shore, Carl Krueger from the Put-in-Bay Brewing Co. and Mojito Bay, Dustin Shaffer from Island Air Taxi, island entertainer Bob Gatewood, Judy Kania from the West Shore, Liz Knauer from English Pines B&B, Mike Leahy, deacon at Mother of Sorrows, Put-in-Bay Mayor Mack McCann and island chef Mike Catey and Put-in-Bay School Superintendent Steve Poe.

## Pizza and wine pairing event

There's a new event planned for the Island this summer. According to Kim Stoiber Morrisson from Frosty Bar and Family Pizza and Joan Rhoad from Cameo Pizza, the new event will be a pizza and wine pairing event sometime this summer on the island. The brainstorm for the event came to them while they were on vacation cruising the Caribbean this past month.

Every place on the island that makes pizza will be asked to supply their favorite pizza with a suggestion of which wine goes best with it. The event will be similar to the wine and bourbon pairing events held at the Reel Bar from time to time.

Customers would pay

for the opportunity to sample the pizza and wine, plus listen to Kim's husband and wine expert Skip tell about each wine selection as Joan's husband Roger chimes in about the various types of pizza and how they make the perfect pairing. Topics they would discuss would be sauces, toppings, size (small, medium or large), types of crusts, frozen versus fresh, best oven temperature, etc.

For the record, we have always wanted to know what pizza goes best with a good Chardonnay or which wine goes best with a tasty prune and jalapeño pizza. An event like this would be the perfect opportunity.

The event would be limited to first come, first

served. To keep the event a bit upscale, metal forks and knives, paper plates and cloth napkins would be provided.

Joan says the event could be annual with new varieties of pizza and wine featured each year. She add-

ed, "Varieties of pizza and varieties of wine have something in common. They are endless."

Watch for more news on this in coming issues, or you can ask Kim and Joan about the event when you see them.

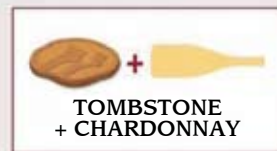
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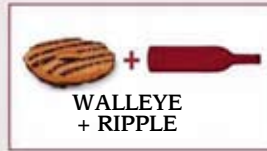
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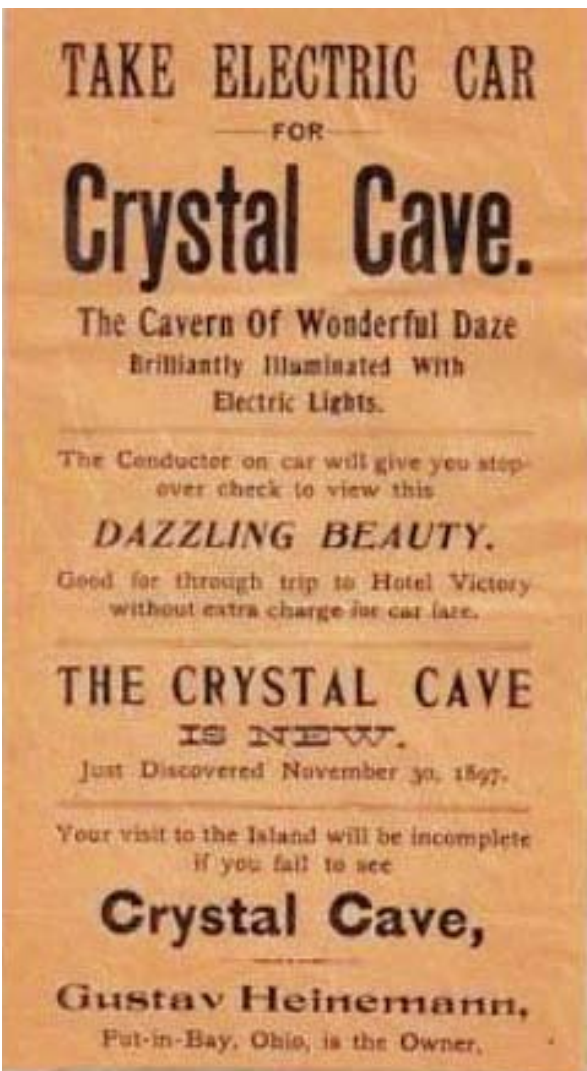
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ABOVE: This vintage Crystal Cave advertising flyer came up for sale on eBay recently. After seven bids the price was \$787.00. What the final bid was, who knows? What this shows, however, is if you want a great retirement, start collecting today's Put-in-Bay ad cards now, so that in your retirement you can sell them off to collectors at ridiculous prices and enjoy your twilight years in comfort.

## Island numbers to be simplified

Village, Township, Post Office and telephone company officials will soon be cooperating with each other to solve a confusing problem at Put-in-Bay. Since the post office doesn't give out box holder numbers, the island phone book only lists land line numbers and not cellphone numbers and UPS wants street addresses for packages shipped to the island, officials have come up with a plan to reassign all those numbers and make it simple for everyone who is confused.

The plan calls for your post office box number, your street address and phone number all to be the same. So if your street address is 199, your PO Box number would be changed to 199 and the last three digits of your phone number would become 199.

Officials plan on setting up a table at Founders Day where they will begin making the changes.

## Island guru predicts

Everyone knows how Billy Market successfully predicts the weather so he can let islanders know if the ferry boats will be running or not.

Billy says he's become so good at predicting the weather that he'll be stepping out of his comfort zone to make a few other predictions.

His first: The bead craze from some years ago will return to Put-in-Bay this summer.

## Favorite Internet Site

We check the Internet daily to make sure we don't miss anything about the Lake Erie Islands. One of our favorites is "Buddhist Dating in Kelleys Island, OH, which claims to let you "Browse Profiles & Photos of Buddhist Singles in Kelleys Island, OH!"



LEFT: In its first-ever event, the Middle Bass General Store will be hosting a 15-round bout between Middle Bass's Hayden Stafford (left) and professional boxer Sugar Ray Leonard (right). Leonard was concerned about Stafford's long reach. In addition, Stafford is a red-head. "No one wants to fight a red-head," said Leonard.

## Tours of Rattlesnake Island this summer

Our friends on Rattlesnake Island say the club there is in deep financial trouble thanks to too many algae blooms around the island. Owners there spent last summer sucking algae out of the lake, but the vast amounts and the cost of hauling it away by charter ferry to the mainland have left many of the club members and owners financially strapped.

To ease this pain, they have announced there will be wine pairing tours of the mysterious island this summer. Longtime island resident and wine connoisseur Ray Fogg, Sr. will be conducting the tours. What the wine tasting will be paired with is still a mystery.

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## Island Girl: "Island Artisans Fair"

By Christine L. Ontko



Christie Ontko

Islands seem to attract creative people and we have our share on Put-in-Bay: Patrick Myers, Mysti Duff, Rob LaPlante, Celeste Mycoskie, Sue Karr, Kelly Faris, Barb and Tom Cooper, Jesse Greene-Hill...and so many others whose work I've seen in the park or at the Christmas Bazaars. Miller Boat Line's own Billy Market discovered his genius in photography not too long ago. Susan Market isn't only a shopkeeper of unique island stores, but a true artist and lover of such things. Sara Booker never stops creating! Love her! I'll bet there are other many more artistic people here just waiting for the chance to shine and share their creations!

I've been involved in a weekly Farmer's Market while on Maui for the second winter now. Each week, I make and sell soaps, balms, skin care and my very own Reef Safe Sunscreen. The locals and tourists alike attend this weekly event and it's become my main focus while here. Cliff and I also buy lots of fresh fruits and veggies each week. Maui truly supports buy/support local and most everyone at the market of 110 vendors knows one another. The support of everyone is overwhelming and it reminds me so much of Put-in Bay and her island community spirit.

Since we don't have the vast amount of farmland Maui has, nor the year-round growing conditions to duplicate a weekly Farmer's Market, how about we hold a weekly Artist's Fair? Wouldn't that be an awesome event for locals, tourists and our island artists?

It's time.

During the months of June, July and August, every Wednesday, from 9-2, Put-in-Bay will have her very own Island Artisans Fair. If this goes well, we may even extend into fall with a possible change to Saturdays, but we will not interfere with already planned Chamber of Commerce Events. The exact space in the DeRivera Park is still being ironed out, but working together with help from Lisa Brohl and the The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, (<http://lakeerieislandsconservancy.org>) we will get this started! In case of inclement weather or rain, the location will change to the Town Hall. Rented spaces will be offered to those on Put-in-Bay who create homemade items, grow vegetables and fruits. Baked goods are also welcomed. Nothing store bought, please. All vendors will be required to sign an agreement and follow the laws of Ottawa County (for baked goods) as well as collect and pay local and state taxes. Proceeds from the rented spaces will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy.

After I posted this idea of a Put-in-Bay Market on Facebook a few months ago, I knew there was interest. Please email me at [freshwatersensations@yahoo.com](mailto:freshwatersensations@yahoo.com) to reserve your space, because there may be a limit to how many vendors we can allow. I believe the Island Artisan's Fair will be very different from what I've experienced on Maui, but offer everyone the same feeling of community, togetherness and a great family experience. I can't wait to see what the island artisans of Put-in-Bay have to offer everyone each Wednesday!

## April Happenings at the Erie Islands Library

Welcome Spring! As much as we love the ice, we also love the warmer weather. Welcome back to the island as well to all our summer friends and residents! We look forward to seeing you at the library. We invite everyone to join us for the following activities when you can.

### TUESDAYS FOR TWEENS

Tuesday for Tweens has three exciting activities lined up for April, with all activities starting at 4:30 p.m. On April 10th we will be hosting the popular "Lego Night." Children can come to the library to build the creation of their choosing from Legos. A new program this month will be hosted by Sue Amrine on April 17th will be "Yoga for Kids." Ms. Amrine will show children of all ages various yoga poses for relaxation. On April 24th we will be doing another "Leather Workshop" for teens and adults (Grade 5 and up.) Participants can choose between bracelets, key fobs, coasters, bookmarks or Tom Thumb purses.

### COFFEE & COLORING FOR ADULTS

"Coffee and Coloring for Adults" will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays, April 11th and 25th at 10:30 a.m. Join us for a relaxing hour of coloring zentangle designs with your friends while sipping on a cup of coffee.

### HOMEWORK HELP

On Wednesdays after school, Librarian Sue Duff will continue to host the "Homework Help" from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Any student in grades 3-8 needing assistance with an assignment or just a quiet place to work is welcome to come to the library. Mrs. Duff will also be hosting Beginning Spanish for all ages on two Thursday this month, April 12th and 26th at 3:15-4:00 p.m. Join her to learn the basic phrases necessary to survive a trip to Mexico.

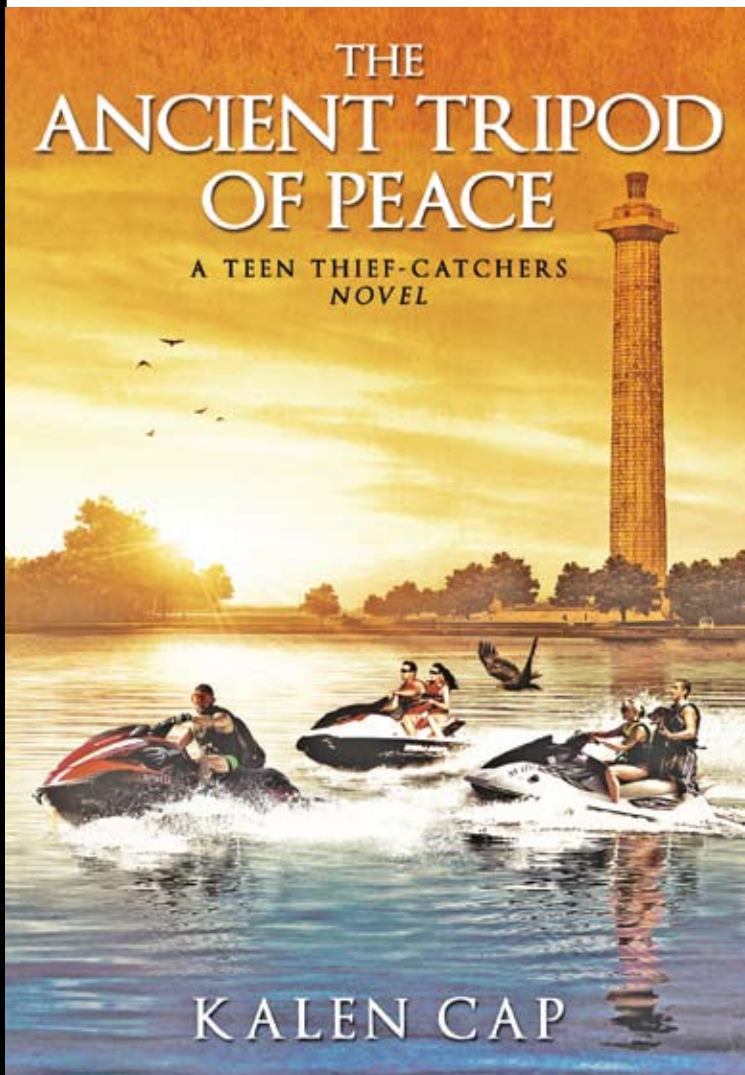
### POPCORN & MOVIE NIGHT

Popcorn and Movie Night will be held the third Thursday of the month, April 19th at 5 p.m. Join us for a night at the movies appropriate for all ages. The movie will be announced two weeks prior.

### STORYWALK

Please take time to read the article in this month's PIB Gazette about the StoryWalk™ coming to our community. We are proud to be working in conjunction with the Put-in-Bay Park District on this fun, educational and rewarding experience for everyone on the island. Find out more about this innovative project by reading this month's article and stopping by the library today to find out what you can do to make this a reality!

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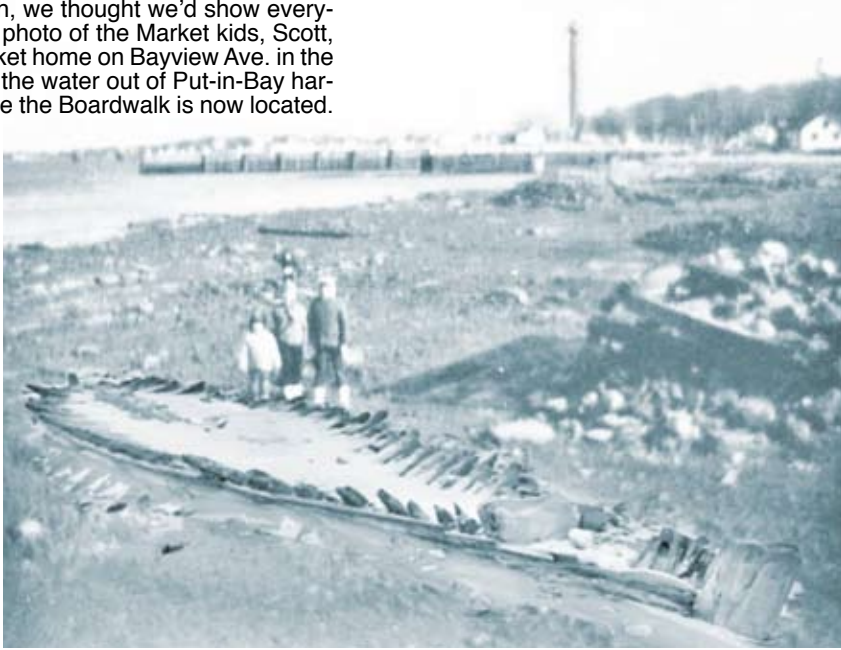
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## RESALE SHOP HOURS

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RIGHT: With all the high water early in March, we thought we'd show everyone just how low the water can go, too. This photo of the Market kids, Scott, Julene and Billy was taken in front of the Market home on Bayview Ave. in the early 1960s as strong southwest winds blew the water out of Put-in-Bay harbor. The long dock in the background is where the Boardwalk is now located. The piles of stone in the middle right portion of the photo are dock crib fill. In front of the kids, are the ruins of the rowboat used by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie to transfer from the *Lawrence* to the *Brig Niagara* during the fierce fighting. Below is one of the paintings of the famous transfer. The ruins were eventually removed and the wood was burned to heat island homes during the fuel oil shortage in the 1970s.



## Island news in a nutshell

### BIKE PATHS & SIDEWALKS FOR NORTH BASS

The Village of Put-in-Bay will be funding four miles of sidewalks and bike paths on North Bass this summer. Residents on the island say these will be a welcome addition to their island. One island resident, Buddy Stonebook, told the Gazette, "Now that I can't ride my ATV on the island roads this summer, at least I will be able to bicycle safely wherever I want to go."

### REMOVE CONFEDERATE CEMETERY ON JOHNSONS ISLAND

Like other remembrances of the Civil War that are being removed in the name of political correctness, the Monument of the Confederate Soldier will be removed from the Johnson's Island Confederate Cemetery, plus the cemetery will be closed to the public as the remains of the Confederate soldiers who died while imprisoned in the Union prisoner of war camp there are removed. The property platted into lots and sold to make repairs on the causeway which connects the island to Marblehead.

### NEW AIR B&B ON GIBRALTAR

In an effort to keep things going at the research facility at Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island after federal funding for the operation is threatened to be cut, officials have announced they will be renting AirB&B rooms at Cooke's Castle. The decision was made after one professor returned from vacation and told other staff members about his AirB&B experience in an historic manor. The maintenance staff will vacuum up the all the lead paint chips in the building this coming months and the castle should be ready for rentals by the first of June.

### NEW GOLF CART RENTAL

Also threatened with funding cuts is Perry's Monument. To take in extra cash to help with operation expenses, you'll will be able to rent a golf cart at the Visitors Center from Charlie Holbrook. The cart route will be limited to the sidewalks on the grounds at the Monument. Those who can't or don't want to walk the Monument grounds will now have a mode of transportation while visiting. Visitors going to the top of the Monument will get a discount when they rent a cart. Overnight rentals will be available.

### DRIVE-IN THEATER FOR PIB?

Village officials are entertaining an offer from a media company that wants to build a drive-in theater on the Frederick property on Erie Street next to the bank. Promoters say the theater would promote wholesome family entertainment with a no alcohol policy. One Village Council person said, "The idea of someone wanting to start up an island business without booze is unheard of. Some of us just can get onboard due to the radical nature of the proposal."

## Bringing a StoryWalk™ to Put-in-Bay

Erie Islands Library is excited to announce a new and innovative idea is coming to our island. We are working in conjunction with the Put-in-Bay Park District to create a StoryWalk™ on the Dodge Woods Preserve Trail, located on the corner of Langram and Thompson Roads. This outdoors approach to reading encourages people of all ages to get out and walk, while at the same time enjoying delightful children's books. We believe outdoor learning is important in enhancing physical, mental and spiritual growth.

Our StoryWalk™ will be installed in an environmentally sensitive manner along the established mulched path on the 3.5 acres of Dodge Woods Preserve Trail. It will consist of seventeen storyboards and posts, equally spaced. Each station will feature two laminated pages of a storybook book displayed in an aluminum frame with acrylic display cases for children and families to enjoy.



ABOVE: An example of a StoryWalk™ message board.

Each post/station will have a plaque to recognize the person/persons donating monies towards the post. The final station will acknowledge the family or person who donated the storybook. Books will be replaced every four to six weeks.

There are an estimated 750,000-800,000 visitors to the island each season, along with 400 year-round residents and approximately 3000 summer residents. Put-in-Bay is in dire need of free family-oriented activities for its visitors and residents. This StoryWalk™ will provide a fun, educational and rewarding experience for everyone on the island. We feel that this exciting project will benefit all ages. Our intent is to have this "Walk and Read" experience in service before the end of the 2018 season.

The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. If you would like further information on how you can help Put-in-Bay's StoryWalk™, please contact Karen Wilhelm, Erie Islands Library Manager at 419-285-4004 or stop by the library to see how you can help. Invest in the future of our younger generation for years to come through the love of nature and reading. Get Outdoors and READ!

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1:00 pm	Daily	1:30 pm
2:00 pm	Daily	2:30 pm
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4:00 pm	Daily	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	Daily	5:30 pm
6:00 pm	Daily starts Apr. 6	6:30 pm
7:00 pm	Additional Friday Trips Starts April 13	7:30 pm

April 27 thru May 10

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## PIBIO - By Peter Huston State of the Island

It's been a long winter. The cold weather showed up way to early, mid December this year, and lingered on and off through the first weeks of March. For those who love fishing, there was some great ice fishing this winter. We saw fisherman both local and visiting coming and going for many weeks too.

The continued good news for the 2018 season is that the Miller Ferry is running it's spring schedule now. That means more opportunity to get back and forth to the mainland, and of course that means that we can start to get ready for the spring much sooner.

What is the "State of the island?" It's a chance to share and learn about upcoming events and new opportunities. This season has great promise for expanding visitation numbers and launching several new businesses too.

The biggest story of the summer season is that the Monument will be open. Yes finally, the long awaited date is just around the corner. The National Park Service is set to have a grand reopening Saturday May 19th.

This important media event will signal to so many of our new and returning visitors that we are open and ready for their visit. Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial is the iconic welcome sign for visitors far and wide.

The reopening of Perrys Victory will be promoted by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Com-



ABOVE: PIB High student Tyler King with a nice walleye he caught this winter.

merce, Lake Erie Shores and Islands, and the Huntington Bank. The first 100 visitors, in fact, will be going to the top of the monument courtesy of the Huntington Bank.

The Huntington Bank's roots and connection to Perry's Victory date back to when the monument was still under construction in 1912. Webster P Huntington, a journalist, philanthropist and dedicated fund raiser was instrumental in securing funds and promoting the monument's opening.

With help from his efforts and with support from the Huntington family the Monument was able to open in the summer of 1915. We are so excited to have the Huntington Bank on board this year to commemorate the reopening. This important event is just one of many critical bits of information that will be shared at this years "State of the Island" get together.

The State of the Island is an annual tradition designed to facilitate the communication and exchange of ideas and updates that are ahead for South Bass Island the summer of 2018.

There is rarely, probably never, another time during the summer when so many of our island officials, key business people, essential personnel, and the movers and the shakers all get together under one roof. It is a night not to be missed.

We encourage you to join us on April 12th at 7pm in the assembly room of the Put-in-Bay Village Town Hall to meet, learn, share and exchange information. Please join us.

### Island Trivia

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# Bones: A follow up

By Gordy Barr

On September 1st, 2017, while digging garage footers on a property off Conlon Road (south shore, South Bass Island) the bucket on his excavator exhumed human bones. Suddenly, this was not an ordinary day for Travis Kowalski at the controls of Fox Stone's excavator.

Travis had run power construction equipment for years. There is an art to nursing the earth out of the ground. Occasionally rocks left from the glaciers are uprooted. The price of progress is churning up the layers of dirt to make room for the structures that make island living easier and pleasant. Bones? This was a first.

Put in Bay Police Chief Steve Riddle was looking forward to the Labor Day end of the summer season for the Village of Put in Bay. It had been a hard summer.

The Toby Keith Concert at the South Bass Airport as well as the Vintage British Sports Car races had just ended. Earlier, Christmas in July produced a number headaches. The Village police force dealt with larger than expected crowds and worse than expected behavior.

September would be a welcome respite. Riddle was new to the job of Police Chief but not the islands. He was a former leader for the Ohio State Park system. Steve had decades long work history in the Western Basin. When he was younger, he worked every job imaginable in the summer community.

In the early 1990s he landed at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). His last posting for the ODNR was as an Administrator for Parks and Recreation that oversaw five park foot prints including South Bass, Middle Bass, and Kelley's Island. In 2017, he came out of retirement to take on the Police Chief's role for Put in Bay. Steve knows the ground (and dirt) of Lake Erie's western basin islands.

When he received the call about the human remains he acted immediately. He and his team secured the site. Were the bones a recent murder? The site had to be treated like a crime scene.

Short handed, the location of the grave was secured. An

officer was posted to protect evidence 24 hours a day for five days. It was an odd start for a September.

Steve invited Jeff Koehler (Editor and Chief of the Put in Bay Gazette), Kendra Koehler (Publisher of the Put in Bay Gazette), and Susie Cooper (retired director of the Put in Bay Historical Society), and myself to visit the construction site. It looked like a normal footer trench. There was a neat and orderly cottage nearby. It was hard to picture that there were human remains in the soil.

The ground where the bones were found was roughly 100 feet from the shoreline. Elevation from the lake was around twelve feet- eight feet of top soil on four feet of bed-rock. The depth of the bones was around 36" to 48". Modern graves are 72" plus.

The bones were removed and sent to the forensics lab in Toledo, Ohio in mid September. According to Steve Riddle, the results of the lab study was that the bones were 200-250

years old, of European origin (as opposed to American Indian), and consisted of an adult male, a teenage female, and an infant.

Riddle observed the infants teeth, thick with healthy enamel, looked like they were brand new. The occipital lobe of the adult male had a perpetually surprised look to it. The eye sockets seemed to possess an ancient forehead shrug lost in the face of history.

How did the bodies get there? In known history there was no record of this burial. After the War of 1812 ended, the western basin was

dormant. According to Susie Cooper, Put-in-Bay didn't develop its cemeteries until the late 1850s. As the population of South Bass grew so did the need for infrastructure (schools, roads, and cemeteries). These bones apparently predated the Maple Leaf Cemetery by close to 100 years.

We discussed various scenarios that might bring the story to life.

1) Floaters: People drown in Lake Erie. A person could drown in Huron Ohio but the body might be discovered months later on North Bass Island. In the early 1800's there was little communication between the islands and the mainland. Word of a missing person spread slowly, if at all. Island lore states that if a body washed up it was buried close to where it was found (pre 1850's).

A floater, when found, was buried as quickly as possible. A body that has been in the water for several weeks is a grue-

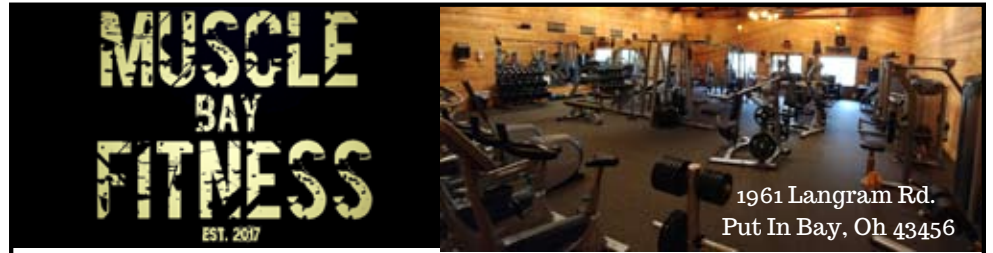
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LEFT: Some of the many pieces of bone and fragments found at the Landreth home late last summer.



RIGHT: Some of the rock implements found with the bones.



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some sight. The eyes are gone in a week. The wash, tumble and abuse of the currents and surf strips clothing away. Flesh is cleansed from the hands and feet leaving only the bones and connective tissue. Body gasses gorge the torso and head making the corpse unrecognizable.

The problem with the "floaters scenario" is that the three bodies were conveniently grouped together. If several people perished in the water at the same time, their bodies would have been scattered by currents and wind. Three "floaters" at one site? Rare.

2) Plague: Flu pandemics and illness were rampant in the day. The fresh water supply could be tricky business. Food bourn illness was a constant problem for early settlers. Starvation was a constant threat.

The Ohio frontier was sparsely populated. Outsider immunity was weak in the local populations.

Were they squatters on South Bass who passed in a fever racked epidemic? Or, were their winter stores compromised and a nutrient deficient diet made them too weak to survive a harsh winter. The Toledo forensics report shed no light on these possibilities.

3) The bodies were in a common grave. Who dug it? The damage done to the bones by the excavation equipment made it next to impossible to tell if foul play was involved. Was there a murder of a family that took place before written history?

In her Kelleys Island chronicles, Leslie Korenko has numerous stories about islanders on the east side of Kelleys that went years not seeing islanders on the west side of Kelleys. Cross island travel was difficult.

Another example of "local" island isolation was illustrated in the location of schools. Despite, being an island of 1,588 acres South Bass/ Put in Bay at one time had three schools.

Middle Bass Island (at 805 acres) had two schools. The

one room schoolhouse that still exists mid-island doesn't explain why the body of water by Middle Bass's east point is called "School House Bay" (it makes no sense!). The second MBI schoolhouse, from the late 1800s, was on east point by the water on the bay...

If someone dies midwinter on a Lake Erie island, who did you report it to? Isolation may have impeded the message of the deaths. However, one might argue that the



ABOVE: PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle at the construction site where the bones were found during excavation.

death of three people would be gossip worthy.

4) No Buttons: There were no buckles, cloth, shoe leather, zippers and most importantly, buttons found at the grave site. In the forensics world, these items can fill in many blanks in the story of a grave site.

For instance, button experts can ascertain the date of a corpse to with 10 years of its burial, going back centuries.

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Buttons possess specific traits that can indicate age based on style, materials, and construction. Even country of origin could be identified. The following "button history" was told to me by an antique dealer in Marietta, Ohio (as Susie Cooper says, "This is history as I know it.")

"Mollusk shells were used as raw materials for buttons. They were pulled from the Ohio River in the late 1870s around Marietta and were cored by a button-drilling machine. The button "form" was then drilled by a multi-spindle head to produce the holes needed to sew the button to cloth. It was then polished to a pearlescent shine ("Like a poor mans opal..."). These buttons were common in Ohio River towns throughout southern Ohio for about 20 years.

"Unfortunately the mollusk population crashed in the 1890s because of over fishing and pollution. Ohio River dressmakers then replaced them with cheaper European imports from Prague (until that supply chain withered and died because of the onset of World War I)..."

The point: If you found a mollusk shell button on a murder victim in Pittsburgh in 1950 there was a good chance the body was long dead but the victim may have hailed from Marietta.

5) Going Native!: To further complicate the story, Chief Riddle discovered several American Indian artifacts with the bones. To most these "rocks" would have meant nothing. Steve immediately recognized they were American Indian in origin and fabricated by man (not just odd stones).

Of particular interest were a broken stone axe/celt and a stone fire starter. The polished bit of the axe/celt was sharp. It was a cutting tool used to split wood, chop tinder and possibly chip out the interior of canoes.

The fire starter was a 6" X 6" flat stone with a hole drilled halfway through it. By taking a pointed stick, putting it in the hole, and rubbing it back and forth between your palms (or using a draw bow) tremendous friction can be created. Friction equals heat. Throw in some tinder (pine needles, wood shavings) and heat leads to fire.

The fire starter was an important survival tool. Cooking fires were essential to the preparation of food. Ohio winters can be brutal and fire kept winter at bay.

So, why were American Indian tools found in the graves of European bodies? Colonel Matt Nahorn founder and curator of the New Indian Ridge Museum in Amherst, Ohio offered some insight.

"Northern Ohio was transient ground for the Indian population between 1750 and 1800. There were few, if any, permanent Native

American settlements. The islands in the western basin of Lake Erie were frequented by the indigenous peoples for much the same reason people are attracted to the islands today; fresh air, clean water, bountiful game. In addition, the islands were an easy departure point to Canada where the French had become traditional allies.

The Erie Indians were pretty much wiped out by the Seneca Nation over disputed trapping rights in the late 1600s (it was a first class genocide, of modern proportions, in an argument over beaver pelt hunting grounds). Most of Ohio was trapped out and English expansion on the Ohio frontier pushed the native tribes north/west."

"Without thorough examination of the bones in situ, it would be impossible to tell if they were murdered or died of natural causes. They could have Europeans who were homesteading on South Bass and a itinerate band of Indians happened on them and they were killed.

"Or they could have been a part of tribe. The presence of the Native American artifacts in the grave would be consistent with Indian burial practices that included putting in

items that would be needed in the afterlife.

"If they were massacred, they would have been left where they dropped (and not buried)."

6) Nothing was provable as the story has been lost in time:

After the discovery of the grave in early September, what happened next? The Put in Bay and South Bass community rallied on the behalf of the deceased. Chief Riddle and the Put in Bay Police Department insured that the bones were treated with the respect they were due. This was one of Riddle's top priorities.

Several people including Toby and Stephanie Landreth, and The Reverend Mary Staley of St. Paul's Episcopal Church generously offered to donate burial plots for the remains. Per Bob Bahney, Maple Leaf Cemetery's sexton, the Township Trustees decided to inter the bones in the potter's field portion of the cemetery.

Marc Burr, owner of Burr Funeral Home in Chardon, provided the burial casket. Ed Kotecki owner of Kotecki Family Memorials in Cleveland, will be donating a headstone to memorialize the grave site. The stone will be placed in the summer of 2018. Reverend Staley will be insuring the proper words are added to the headstone.

People often ask what makes the Lake Erie Islands so unique? The answer lies in the commitment of its residents to keep the spirit of a "small town community" robust, caring, and thriving.

Strangers stepped forward to insure that the unknown bodies found a resting place among unknown friends.

### Notes on the Story:

1) Reverend Staley's dispatch from October 2017 (amended): "St. Paul's Episcopal Church will offer a burial service for three unknown residents of the island who resided at South Bass Island. The service at Maple Leaf Cemetery on October 22nd will use prayers that would have been used in the period when they lived. The funeral procession will begin at St. Paul's Church at 1:00pm and proceed through the village giving these unknown residents the same respect current residents receive.

Lieutenant David Cimperman of the Put-in-Bay Police department is serving as the next-of-kin for the three individuals and coordinating the arrangements with Maple Leaf Cemetery, Burr Funeral Home and

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ABOVE: The burial casket donated by Burr Funeral Home.



ABOVE: About two dozen members of the community attended funeral services at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Mother Mary Staley officiated at the services. Among those in attendance was Toby Landreth (center front in blue) who owns the property where the bones were found.

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# Island Calendar April 2018

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTH GARY & BECKY KOWALSKI APRIL 15th

Schedule Subject to Change  
TH = Town Hall  
Sr Cen = Senior Center  
MBI = Middle Bass  
TwpH = Township Hall  
MOS - Mother of Sorrows

### APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 8
- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Sr Cen
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Weds & Fris & Mon Apr 30 - 9:30a to 3:30p
- ☐ Library Events • See Article on page 10
- ☐ Reel Bar Opens • Apr 6
- ☐ Mr Ed's Opens • Apr 6
- ☐ Ohio Ethics Workshop • Apr 10 - 10a • TH
- ☐ Community Technology Help Sessions • Apr 11 - 3:15 to 4:30p • School Computer Lab (Rm 109)
- ☐ State of the Island • Apr 12 - 7p • TH (BYOB)
- ☐ Cameo Pizza Opens • Apr 12
- ☐ Pasquale's Opens • Apr 13
- ☐ Frosty Bar Pizza Buffet • Apr 13 - 5p • Frosty Bar
- ☐ Whiskey Light Ceremony • Apr 15 - 2p • Round House
- ☐ Earth Day Bioblitz • Apr 21 - 9a to 2p • Kelleys Island
- ☐ 12th Annual Pajama Party • Apr 21 • Mr Ed's
- ☐ Earth Day Walk • Apr 22 • Scheeff East Point Preserve
- ☐ Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 27 - 4p • Place TBA
- ☐ Mojito Bay Opens • Apr 27
- ☐ Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers Draft Day Walk/Run 5k • Apr 28 - 10:15a • Downtown PIB
- ☐ Bird Banding • Apr 29 - May 4 • Middle Bass

### APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • Apr 2 - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning • Apr 3 - 3p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Village Council Workshop • Apr 4 - 9 am • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • Apr 4 - 11 am • TH
- ☐ PIB Rec Committee • Apr 9 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Com • Apr 10 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Apr 10 - 10a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Apr 10 - 10a • Twp Hall
- ☐ LEI Conservancy Mtg • Apr 10 - 7p • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Council • Apr 11 - 9 am • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • Apr 11 - 7p • School
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce • Apr 12 - 5:30p • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Apr 17 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Legion • Apr 19 - 11:45a • Sr Cen
- ☐ NOVFA 2018 PreConvention • Apr 21 • Fire Station

### APRIL CHURCH SCHEDULE

#### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ☐ PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a
- ☐ Palm Sunday Mass • Mar 25 - 10:30a
- ☐ Holy Thursday • Mar 29 - 2:30p & Confession and Services • 3:30p
- ☐ Good Friday Services • Mar 30 - 7p

#### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ☐ Holy Communion • Sunday 10:30a
- ☐ Morning Prayer • Wednesdays 9:30a
- ☐ Bell Choir Rehearsals • Thursdays Noon
- ☐ Maundy Thursday Service • Mar 29 - 7p
- ☐ Gethsemane Watch • March 29 - 9-10:30p
- ☐ Good Friday Service • Mar 30 - 7a
- ☐ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross • Mar 30 - Noon • Labyrinth (weather permitting)
- ☐ Holy Saturday/Easter Eve - Kindling the new fire at the Labyrinth • Mar 31 - 8:45p
- ☐ Holy Saturday /Easter Eve 1st Service of Easter • Mar 31 - 9p
- ☐ Easter Sunrise Service • Apr 1 - 6:45a • Monument (Sunrise will be at 6:49a)
- ☐ Easter Celebration Service • Apr 1 - 10:30a

#### St. John @ the Bay

- ☐ Easter Sunday • Apr 1 - 9a • Mother of Sorrows
- ☐ Service • Apr 22 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

#### Church of Middle Bass

- ☐ Church & Sunday School • Apr 29 thur Oct 7 - 10a • Mid Bass TH

### COMING EVENTS IN MAY

- ☐ Spring Play • TBA
- ☐ Bird Banding • May 6 - 9 & 14 - 16 • Put-in-Bay
- ☐ Blessing of the Fleet • May 8 @ 11a • Jet Dock
- ☐ Road Scholar Birding Program • May 6 - May 11
- ☐ Beautify DeRivera Park • May 15 - May 16
- ☐ Road Scholar Birding Program • May 13 - May 18
- ☐ Back to the Wild • May 16 - 3:15p • TH
- ☐ Island Garage Sale • May 19 @ 10a
- ☐ Perry's Monument Opens • May 19 @ 10a
- ☐ Plant Exchange • May 19
- ☐ Night at the Races • May 19 - 5p • JF Walleye's
- ☐ Planting Seeds of Peace • May 21

### April RECYCLING HOURS

- ☐ Mons, Weds & Sats • 8 a to 2p • Transfer Station

### MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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

### 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

## DIGGERS FIND PART OF HUMAN SKELETON

TOLEDO, Jan. 26—(AP)—Part of a human skeleton and the complete skeleton of a dog were unearthed today by workmen on Middle Bass island, one of the group of islands in the western part of Lake Erie. Workmen enlarging the cellar of a winery found the skeletons. A skull and several bones are all that remained of the human skeleton. Islanders believe the bones to be those of an Indian.

ABOVE: The finding of bones on the islands last summer was not the first. There have been others, too. Check out this article clipped from the January 26th, 1938 issue of the Wilmington News-Journal.

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Rev. Mary L Staley of St. Paul's Episcopal Church who also serves as the PIB Police Chaplain.

Burr Funeral Home and local residents have donated all of the expenses for the burial of the unknown residents.

All residents at Put-in-Bay are welcome to attend this memorial service for the unknown residents from the past. There is not enough information available to determine their cause of death, although foul play is not considered a cause. In the time period between the Battle of Lake Erie and the late turn of the century many residents died from the effects of cold weather, various diseases, malnutrition, and drowning."

2) Reverend Mary Staley portrayed the role of Chaplain Thomas Breese for the American Fleet in the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie reenactment in 2013. Breese/Staley was also the purser for the fleet and handled important tasks such as payroll. Being in charge of salvation and treasury gold, made Breese/Staley the most trusted person in the fleet. Breese was also believed to be in the open boat that braved sniper fire transferring Perry from the Brig Lawrence to the Brig Niagara.

3) Chief Riddle grew up on Middle Bass where his father worked for George Lonz owner of Lonz Winery. Foreman Dale Burris of North Bass was a friend and mentor. Steve was a product of Middle Bass's one room elementary school house and graduated from Put in Bay High School.

4) I have waited years to relate my "button story", which is probably factually full of holes (no pun intended). As Jeff Koehler jokes, "Never let the facts get in the way of a good story!"

5) The term "going native" originated when an outsider chose live in a culture other than his/her own with indigenuous people. For instance, some settlers (of European decent) chose to live with Native Americans instead of in their own colonies.

6) Some times, European settlers were taken by force and lived with the Indians. In March of 1758, the French Indian Wars were raging on the frontier. A particular hot spot was around Fort Duquesne (Pittsburgh, PA). A thirteen-year-old redhead named Mary Jemison was kidnapped by a Seneca Indian tribe. Her family was massacred and Mary watched in horror as their scalps were stretched over boards and dried by the fire. The French paid the Iroquois Confederacy cash for European scalps.

The Seneca tribe took in Mary. She married twice and lived to be 90 years old. She had many children but never reentered "white society."

7) A lawyer friend once told me prosecutors like having redheaded females on their jury. They always render a guilty verdict.

8) Per Colonel Nahorn, "Bones and stones tell short stories. Plot line clues are often erased by time."

9) Nan and Marc Burr also provided a hearse for the funeral procession. Per Nan: "Out of respect for the departed, Marc and I wanted to insure that the deceased had all the ceremony and respect due to them. Providing a hearse is a centuries honored tradition to the departed. We wanted the best for our unknown neighbors. The service at St. Paul's by Mother Mary and the procession to Maple Leaf Cemetery was elegant. We were proud we could help!"

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Anne Cook & Sonya Dress



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## Milestones

### CELEBRATING Sonya Dress & Anne Cook

Many happy returns to Sonya Dress (PIBHS Class of 1956) and her daughter, Anne Cook (PIBHS Class of 1986), who both celebrated milestone birthdays in March with a very nice family gathering. Sonya celebrated 80 years on March 22nd and Anne celebrated 40 years on March 12th.

### RECOGNIZED Louis Heineman & Walter Duff

Put-in-Bay's American Legion Sheible-Downing Post 542 met in March and recognized two members for milestone service. Louis Heineman (PIBHS Class of 1944), owner of Heineman Winery and Crystal Cave was honored with a 70-year service certificate. Louis was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, after World War II. Walt Duff (PIBHS Class of 1964) was honored with a 50-year service certificate. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

### ANNIVERSARY Gary & Becky Kowalski

Gary and Becky Kowalski will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on April 15. Gary owns and operates Erie Islands Petroleum, the company that brings gasoline and fuel oil to the islands and operates the island filling station on Put-in-Bay. The couple was married on the island and have four grown children, Tony, Bobbi Jo (Dobos) and Christie (Stacy). The couple has six grandchildren.

### FINAL SHOW Patrick Huston Dailey

Island Entertainer Pat Dailey will be performing Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at Vosh in Lakewood, Ohio. The last few years, Pat has been cutting back his performance schedule, but now this will be his final show. Pat first started playing at Put-in-Bay in the early 1980's.



Diane Fox

## OBITUARY Diane Fox

Diane Fox, age 78, of Bellevue, OH, passed away Monday, March 19, 2018, at her residence. She was born Jan. 3, 1940, in Parma, OH, the daughter of the late Harold & Evelyn (Hobby) Mobley. Diane was a legal secretary for many years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ohio Literary Club, Bellevue Eagles Auxiliary, Beta Sigma Phi and the Bellevue Hospital Auxiliary. She was an Ohio State University Football fan and was a longtime summer resident of Put-in-Bay at the Fox summer home on the corner of Catawba Ave. between Ashley's Island House and Dee Dee Duggan's home. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth P. Fox II whom she married March 30, 1963, in Parma, son Kenneth P. Fox III of Bellevue, Daughter, Tiffany (Dan) Lhota of Columbus and her beloved grandchildren, Jack, William, Ellen & George Lhota, and brother, David Mobley of Butler, OH. In addition to her parents her brother Richard Mobley and sister Donna Meyer preceded her in death. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio.

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Leslie Korenko

**Kelleys Island News** By Leslie Korenko

Spring, we all look forward to it and we were lucky this year, it came and went several times with temps alternately plunging and escalating. March 1 saw high water, flooding to the east of the marina, roof damages and even the phones were down for a while. By the mid-March we had heavy fog, high winds, and lots of downed trees. We thought we would just jump to Summer

but winter is still hanging on. Even so, spring peepers are out, summer birds are migrating through, and summer is, hopefully, on the way.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

It was with glad hearts that we welcomed the first ferry on March 15 as the Kelleys Island Ferry started up again; although the weather crossing was quite cold. Businesses are opening up. The General Store will have a new look – after much work, a new floor throughout. Driving to the Island may be a little better. Work on the Route 2 exit to Rt. 269 is moving forward and the exit is expected to be open by Memorial Day. We are all glad to hear that. We are getting tired of cutting it too close when returning from Sandusky with that extra mile or two to the next exit.

**COUNCIL NOTES**

The first meeting of the new Council was held on March 10. Ron Ehrbar was elected President Pro Tem (who acts as Mayor in the Mayor's absence). Committee assignments

were made and the updated list should be on the Village web site shortly (www.KelleysIsland.us). This winter the Police Dept. made 576 house checks and since December 9, found 3 open doors. Winter Islanders were pretty well behaved. The EMS had 8 runs and EMTs are completing their refresher training. Want to serve the Island as an EMT? Contact the Village to get your name on the list. The Fire Dept. has made three grant applications. They just keep working hard for us. The Finance Committee has mailed a comprehensive evaluation of the Island's finances to all registered voters. That report is also available on the Village Web site

under Village News. Village Administrator, Scott Stevenson, tendered his resignation citing family issues. The Village is accepting applications to fill that position. Village Solicitor David Lambros indicated that all the 2017 Mayor's Court cases have been cleaned up. The new Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee (TODC) is officially up and running. They have their own web site and a link can be found on the Village web site under Village News. This is the place to offer observations, comments and suggestions on how to improve connectivity and services. The Mayor reported that the telecommunications tower project has moved through most of its levels of State and Federal approval and they are 99% close to getting final approval for this project. Construction will likely start in August.



ABOVE: George Hirkala's daughter, Chrissy Hirkala-Witers, a regular visitor to Put-in-Bay, read her Put-in-Bay Gazette while on vacation in Italy in March.

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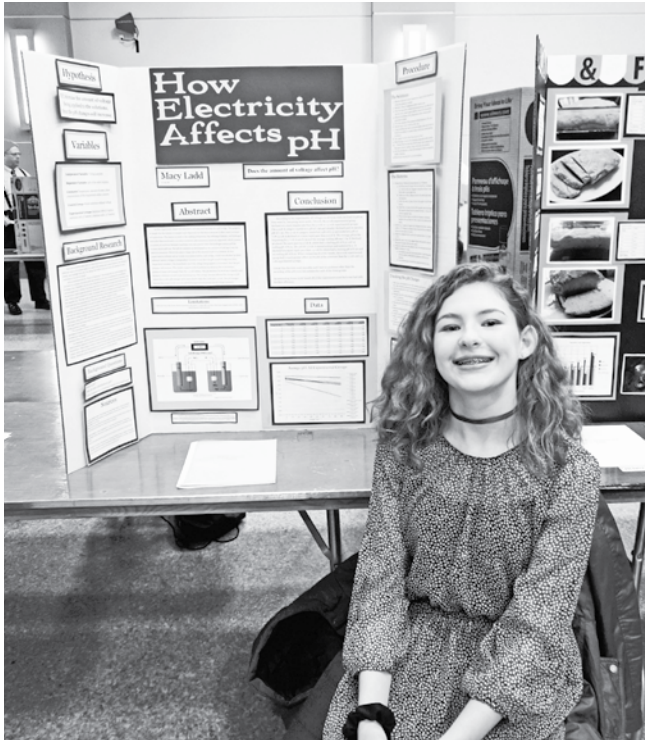
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ABOVE LEFT: Seventh-grader Macy Ladd presented her science fair project on "The Effect of Electricity on pH" and received an overall rating of superior, meaning she will be participating in the state science fair. Macy will travel to Ohio State University May 12th to compete against the top scientific minds in Ohio. ABOVE RIGHT: Put-in-Bay kids cruising on the Carnival Vista through the Caribbean for winter break with their Put-in-Bay Gazettes are Kate Byrnes, Erin Urge, Doug Steidl, Jacob King, Bealy Steidl, Tali Steidl, Joseph Byrnes and Lila Steidl. Photo by Dee Dee Duggan.



## 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 included:

- 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 / STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Three students traveled to the University of Toledo on Saturday, March 10 to compete in the District Science Fair against the best and brightest science students in Northwest Ohio. Sophomore Alexandra Knauer presented her project titled "Mega-Farms vs Climate Change: What Causes Algal Blooms" and received an overall rating of Excellent. Freshman Elena Schroeder presented her project titled "The Inhibitory Effects of Over-the Counter Acne Medications on Escherichia coli Growth" and received an overall rating of Excellent. Seventh grader Macy Ladd presented her project on "The Effect of Electricity on pH" and received an overall rating of Superior. Receiving a Superior rating at the District Science Day results in an invitation to participate in State Science Fair! Macy will be traveling to The Ohio State University on Saturday, May 12 to compete against the top scientific minds in Ohio. Congratulations to all three ladies on all of their hard work and dedication!

### SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

On Friday, April 27 Mrs. Knauer is organizing our first ever "Social Studies Fair." Students are busy researching and creating projects to show fellow students, teachers, and judges. The public is welcome to view the projects the afternoon of April 27.

## The Talent Show from McKenna Stacy

Friday, March 16th, the school held the annual talent show! I saw all of the acts, and the kids were quite talented. Some of the acts were in groups, and some kids went up alone. Some of them were very funny (Tape Face) and some looked like they took a lot of time to prepare. I think that everybody who went up on the stage did very well. It was fun to watch all of the people go up and show their talent to everyone. I hope that there are more people who try next year. There were quite a few kids that went this year, but I hope to see more. The audience was full, and it probably took a lot of guts to go out there! The parents and family members were all there to support their contestant! It was fun to watch, and I am glad that I did watch it! Some of the kids did dances, and others did comedies. There was also a bell choir. All of the kids should be proud of themselves, because it is hard to go out on the stage in front of everybody. They all did great!

### TRACK

This is the first year that Put-in-Bay School is fielding a high school track program. Juniors, Jack Booker and Lauren Peter have been working out on the island since March 5 and have practiced with the Port Clinton high school track team a couple of times in order to be acclimated to running exact distances on a school track. We will be entered to run in six track meets, including the Ottawa County Meet on May 1. Go Panthers!

### SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Seniors Gwena Market, Erin Urge, Tatey Kowalski, and Justin Wilhelm enjoyed a wonderful trip to Hawaii over Easter break. They were able to take in many of the historical sites such as Pearl Harbor and experience all the things that Hawaii has to offer. They will present a slide show of their trip at the next board meeting on April 11.

### OHIO'S STATE TESTS

Students in grades three to eleven will be testing in various areas April 5 through April 20. Parents, please ask your child which tests they are taking 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 the computer lab.

### TATEY KOWALSKI

Congratulations to senior, Tatyana Kowalski on her academic accomplishments. She will represent Put-in-Bay School at the annual Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet on April 18. 'Tatey' plans to attend Wright State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Dan and Valerie Kowalski.

Tatey has also been invited to present her science fair project, titled "Phree from Phosphorus Phertilizers (Phinally!)" at the Students Wildlife Symposium sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Symposium is part of the Environmental Educators Council of Ohio conference that will take place at Maumee Bay State Park on April 12, 2018. Way to go Tatey and good luck!

### HIGH SCHOOL PROM

This year's prom will be held at the Crew's Nest on Saturday, April 28th.

### REMINDER

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

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ABOVE: Fun at this year's Talent Show - Judges Judy Leahy, Connie Drake and Andrea Lee Gatewood; Second Place Dancers Emma Michael, Miyah Uszak and Olivia Christensen; and first place winner Blake Booker who performed as a mime. - Photos by Barry Koehler

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## PIBVFD News

We at the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. are so happy to have Deacon Mike as our FD Chaplain. He brings inspiration to all of us! Love having him at our meetings.

Ice training was our effort this winter. There was ice training on the mainland with local departments: Danbury, Port Clinton and Catawba fire departments.

The Coast Guard traveled to PIB on Saturday, February 10th, for an interactive ice training at downtown docks.

Some of our members attended the Bowling Green Fire School in March.

Thank you for supporting our monthly pancake breakfasts. We enjoying doing them.

Please reach out to us for the effort to have house numbers on each and every house in township in case of emergencies.

Enjoy Spring and think Safety First!  
 Thank you! FD volunteers!



ABOVE: George and Sharon Weisenbach from Middle Bass elaborated George's Birthday with daughter Wendy and husband Gary Green at "George & Wendy's Seafood Grill" on Sanibel Island earlier this winter.

### Remember Them?

Do you remember Chick, Doggie, Stub, Red, Pal, Zoro, Boop, Angles, Dirty Gerty, Lefty, Carb, Butch, Nick, Dude or Skinny? If you do, you've been around PIB a long time.

## St. John@TheBay News

As always, we invite you to join us at St. John@TheBay Lutheran Mission.

Our small, but devoted community will be gathering on the first and third Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm.

We will gather around a table, to hear a story. Then, through creative wondering and exploration, we will discover, together, through conversation and prayer, how this story speaks to us ... and connects with our lives.

### HERE'S THE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 1 ... EASTER WORSHIP at St. John ... 9:00 am. and April 22 ... Led by Jim and Linda Stauffer

### COMING IN MAY ...

- We will return to our unique and casual and WEEKLY pattern of worship.
- We will also be switching to our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, May 27.
- Here's what the May Worship Schedule will look like:

Sunday, May 6 ... Pastor Jim Lehman 3:00 pm  
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 Sunday, May 20 ... Jim and Linda Stauffer 3:00 pm  
 Sunday, May 27 ... Pastor Jim Lehman 6:30 pm

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LEFT: Having fun getting their photo taken reading the Put-in-Bay Gazette this winter at the Crow's Nest in Venice, Florida, are left to right Doug Mehling from Trimotor Dr. at the PIB Airport, Bob & Jean Hill from Victory Woods, Barb Mehling, Gail and Bill McCracken from Victory Woods, and Kathi and Jack Spayde from Fox's Den.

## Senior Center News from Chris Joyce

Spring is slowly arriving here on Put-in-Bay! We welcome April at the Senior Center as the ice has long melted away and snow gives way to green grass. During the month of March we enjoyed some special activities such as the "Soup and a Show Social", a couple "Wii Bowling & Snack Nights" and our "Tipper's Senior Social"! 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 Mon. the 9th at 6pm, we'll be having a "Soup & Show Pajama Party," then on the Mon. the 16th at 6pm we will have "Game Night" and finally on Friday, April 27th, we'll be enjoying our monthly Senior Social at Tipper's.

Looking ahead: On Weds. May 2nd from 10-2pm the "Senior Day at Camp Perry" is being held with an "OHIO SPORTS" theme; the cost is \$6 and includes 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 5th @ 5pm we'll be gathering at the Senior Center for a "Kentucky Derby Party." On Wednesday, May 9th at 10am (during our coffee social) Stein Hospice will be here to present an informational program "Hospice 101", and finally, on Weds. May 16th we'll be heading to Fifth Third Field for 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.PIB-seniorcenter.org](http://www.PIB-seniorcenter.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, aquamotion, Mah Jongg, yoga, bridge, Senior lunch at Tipper'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 Tipper's every Thursday at Noon. It's important to reserve your spot by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the Center at 419-285-5501 to make a reservation. We must let Tipper's 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 10:00am 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 & 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 26th. 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.

William Shakespeare once wrote ... "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." 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!

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**Perry's Monument requests public input on future of historic landscape**

Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial has opened the draft Cultural Landscape Treatment Plan & Environmental Assessment for public review and comment for 30 days. The Cultural Landscape Treatment Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) will guide future management of the historic memorial landscape and determine impacts from implementing this plan. The cultural landscape treatment plan includes care of historic trees and shrubs, addition or alteration of ramps, sidewalks, or stairs to improve access to the plaza and memorial column, installation of wayside exhibits, locations for future housing and outdoor gathering space, and enhancements to park gateways.

The purpose of the EA is to guide management, treatment, and use of resources at the Memorial and evaluate impacts to natural and cultural resources. The proposed action is needed at this time to provide park staff with a detailed plan that supports historic landscape management in accordance with NPS planning and management policies. The NPS has drafted concepts for moving forward and is seeking public and community input during this 30 day period.

The plan is available at the park administrative offices, the Erie Islands Library, and online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=70006>. Comments will be accepted from March 23 through April 22. For further information, call 419-285-2184.

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**Reality Check**

By Woody Widmar

More than thirty years of island life  
I've never taken my time for granted  
Still I'm called an interloper  
From the mainland been transplanted

I make my living in the heat of summer  
Like most of the people here  
Saying I'm semi-retired  
Working only half the year

During the six months I'm employed  
Each week close to one hundred hours  
I rarely have the leisure time  
To stop and smell the flowers

Don't get me wrong I'm not complaining  
This routine for me is great  
That's why from season to season  
I can hardly wait

Driving down the quiet streets  
We wave at every car  
And they are waving back  
Because they know who you are.

Then one day not long ago  
I walked into the back of the bar  
The toilet was running overnight  
And a pot boiled down too far !!

Yep I love life on this rock  
But sometimes what the heck  
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