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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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## Season's Greetings!

ABOVE: These island youngsters dressed in holiday season colors want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Left to right in the back row are Jaxson Shaffer, Drew Christensen, Piper and Teddy Koehler, Donovan Shaffer and Beckett Dobos. In the front row are Olivia Christensen holding Cal Jackson, Braylee Dobos, Liesl Jackson and Rachel Cooper. The photo was taken by Bobbi Jo Dobos of A Moment in Time Photography just before the Thanksgiving break from school. It's always tough to get the kids to sit still for a group photo, but Bobbi has a knack for getting great results with her camera. Call her at (419) 341-1603 for more info.

### Holiday season arrives on the islands!

Another busy year on the islands has come to an end, and it's the time for islanders to enjoy the holiday season with enough festive activities to make Santa jealous. Here are some of the events you might want to attend. Mark your calendar and come out and celebrate with your island friends.

#### **LAKE ERIE ISLANDS CONSERVANCY POTLUCK** - Mon., Dec. 10th - 6 p.m.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy is excited to announce that they will be holding their annual LEIC Christmas party back at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on Monday, December 10th, at 6 p.m. They want to thank their partner, The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory, for this opportunity. Ham, hot cider and coffee will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. As they are a Conservancy, they ask that you bring your own plate and table service for the festive evening. They will have a social hour first with a sparkling grape juice toast. Please bring any other nonalcoholic beverage you would like for the evening. Please RSVP to Lisa Brohl by email at leiconservancy@gmail.com or phone or text at 419-366-2087.

It is a great time for the community to see the Lighthouse and hear about our Conservancy as well as Stone Lab's wonderful programs.

#### **HOLIDAY BUFFET WITH SANTA** - Sun., Dec. 16th - 2 p.m.

The Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee is hosting "A Holiday Buffet with Santa" on Sunday, December 16th, at 2 p.m. upstairs at the Town Hall. Enjoy a holiday buffet and dessert, plus a visit from Santa. Catch up with friends while the children anxiously await the arrival of Santa and his sleigh full of surprises! Santa knows about the children enrolled at Put-in-Bay School and the Island babies. If you are bringing an off-island child, please call Heidi Ladd (704) 516-3616 ASAP! Bring a pair of mittens, warm hat or scarf which will be donated to those in need.

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year  
from  
Put-in-Bay Gazette  
Kendra & Jeff Koehler



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**Happy Holidays**

RHB  
Round House Bar  
Put-in-Bay, OH

from  
**Mike "Mad Dog" Adams**

Ziggy Zaggy, Ziggy Zaggy  
**HO! HO! HO!!!!**

RIGHT: The Reel Bar began hosting the island's Euchre players on November 7th. The group will be playing at the Reel Bar into the new year on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.



**Holiday Fun** Continued from page 2

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT**

- **Thurs., Dec. 13th at 7 p.m.**

Put-in-Bay School's Annual Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th, at 7 p.m. Music teacher Gay Pippert-Ladd's students will be singing traditional holiday songs this year. Everyone is invited to come hear the kids perform.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST JUDGING**

- **Fri., Dec. 14th between 7 & 9 p.m.**

Make sure your home or business is decorated in time for the Annual Island "Judging of the Lights" the evening of Friday, Dec. 14th. A group of Santa's elves who double as island youngsters will be driven around the Island and judge the most beautiful lights and displays of the holiday season. Be that someone with the most creative display on the island and win one of several cash prizes! Good Luck! Awards will be announced at a later date. The annual Lighting Contest is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee.

**AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

- **Sun., Dec. 16th**

For 119 years, wildlife enthusiasts have been counting birds at Christmas time. This citizen science effort has given us data on changing bird populations-and is great fun! Birders everywhere will be out looking and counting during this count week time. If you want to be part of this historical event, here is how locally.

The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held in the Lake Erie Islands Count Circle on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Participants will be needed on Kelleys, Pelee, and the Bass Islands that day. On South Bass, we need volunteers to listen for owls in the early morning, travel the island bird watching during the day, and to watch their feeders at home. We are also looking for birders or feeder watchers to help with Middle Bass and North Bass.

If you are interested in watching your feeders or traveling South Bass for all or part of the day, call Lisa Brohl at (419) 366-2087 or e-mail at leiiconservancy@gmail.com. Those on South Bass can meet at the Brohl residence (441 Mitchell Rd.) at 7 a.m. for coffee. We will get together for pizza and to share results after the count. Please contact Nancy Welter to participate on Middle Bass at 419-341-5806 or nkw2329@yahoo.com.

John Pogacnik, the official Count Circle Compiler, will be coordinating the efforts on Kelleys Island. Please correspond with him at jpogacnik@hotmail.com or Tom Bartlett at thomas.bartlett@gmail.com if you wish to help at Kelleys.

Participation in the Christmas Bird Count is free and a lot of fun! Join us this year!

**REEL BAR NEW YEAR'S - Sun., Dec. 31st**

New Year's Eve will be very special at the Reel Bar. Andy and Angela and crew are offering a dinner package, by reservation only, which will include a champagne toast (call 419-285-1318 or email info@reelbar.com for reservations). Dinner seating is at 7 p.m. Long-time-island-favorite piano man John Salamon will return for his fifth New Years to ring in 2019 with the "John Salamon's Touring Piano!" Folks are welcome to attend the show and festivities with or without the dinner package. Reservations or questions: 419-285-1318.

**TOPSY TURVEY'S NEW YEAR'S**

- **Sun., Dec. 31st**

Topsy Turvey's will be open New Year's Eve, so come on down, enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and music, and celebrate with friends.

**Watch the Panthers play**

The Put-in-Bay High School Panther Basketball team is playing in a tournament on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan on Friday, Nov. 30th, and Saturday, Dec. 1st. Patrick Myers will broadcast the games live on WPIB.com. Just tune in starting a noon on Friday. Check the Live TV tab and go from there. There will a total of 6 Panther games over the two days.

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# Happy Holidays...from all the Elves at WPIB!

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## Coopers Woods Update - Almost There!

In May of this year, a Letter of Intent was signed by a majority of the three DeRivera Park Trustees to sell Cooper's Woods to the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy.

On September 6, 2018, the LEIC has received a large grant from the Conservation Fund toward the purchase of Cooper's Woods.

On October 25, 2018, a conditional purchase agreement was signed between the DeRivera Park Trustees and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC.)

On November 14, 2018, the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund awarded the LEIC the grant funds needed for the second half of the purchase price for Cooper's Woods and pay for the necessary purchase expenses!

There are still have some conditions to meet for DeRivera Park and for the granting agencies before the sale is finalized. But we are so close and excited to report this good news!!!

We wish to thank the DeRivera Park Trustees for working with us to sell and preserve the woods. We are grateful to all the members of the Friends of Coopers Woods, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the whole community who have been working for this for so long!

The Friends of Cooper's Woods is actively supporting the efforts of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy to Save Cooper's Woods. We are hoping to have more good news soon!

## News Briefs

### Panel to decide suspension

The Ohio Supreme Court has appointed a 3-judge panel which will decide on whether Put-in-Bay mayor Mack McCann will be suspended before the outcome of his ethics violations trial which is now scheduled for late February.

### Man injured in Labor Day 2016 brawl dies

The man who was injured in an altercation at the Jet Dock in September 2016 has died. Karl Goss, 55, suffered brain injuries during a Labor Day brawl which left him permanently disabled and on a ventilator until his death Nov. 12th. Police have been unable to find witnesses who might help solve the mystery of what exactly happened to Goss. A civil suit is scheduled to go before a jury in September 2019.

### Could there be no more voting at PIB?

Officials from the Ottawa County Board of Elections want to close the polling location on South Bass Island and have islanders either vote by absentee ballot or vote at the Board of Elections office in Oak Harbor in future elections. The Village wrote a letter to election officials saying they were opposed to eliminating the polling place at Put-in-Bay.

### Euchre this Winter

Euchre will take place at different locations this winter depending on what's open and closed. Players began at the Reel Bar on Wednesday, November 7th. Handouts showing the dates and places were available from Mary Staley and Keri Carnicom. For December, Euchre will be at the Reel Bar on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. There will be three quarters of play.

Each one will have seven weeks. We will keep score but your lowest score each quarter will be thrown out. If you miss one week, your score of 0 for that week will be the one thrown out. Additionally, each quarter we will have one date where you can play "for fun," but it will not count for the score.



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The Jet Express II cost \$3,000,000 in 1992 when it was built for Put-in-Bay Boat Line. The owners at the time were Skip Duggan, Mack McCann, Marv Booker and George Stoiber. Adjusted for inflation, that figure is \$5,400,000 today.



Wishing You and Yours  
A Joyous & Happy  
Holiday Season!

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“Wishing Our Community a Happy, Safe Holiday Season!”

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department



ABOVE: Left to right are Legion members Bob Hilt, Dave Gundlach, Berni Meyers and Cliff Fulton at the Feather Party.



## Warmest Thoughts & Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year






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## Island Girl “Christmas TIME”

By Christine L. Ontko



**CHRISTIE ONTKO**

There was a table filled with brightly colored Christmas decorations while hand-made desserts and cookies filled another. Jessie’s hand-made jewelry was displayed at the head table, and island girls, Kelly Dress and newlywed Michala sat on the opposite side displaying their Stone Lab clothing. Caroline Jackson sold little succulent plants (adorbs!) and island harvested lavender in sachets. It seemed as if the entire community came out to support our local artisans and non-profits. Amy Huston and Susan Byrnes organized another amazing Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Amy even sold out of her soup! The Christmas Bazaar has been a tradition since I can remember. Mrs. Linda Mahony (FKA Mrs. Goaziou, teacher at Put-in-Bay School) was in charge and I remember being so excited each year getting ready for this event! My excitement hasn’t changed. When the Christmas Bazaar occurs, it marks the beginning of the holiday season here on Put-in-Bay and this writer couldn’t be happier. I LOVE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY! Especially, when I’m here at home, on “my” little Lake Erie Island, because it’s the beginning of the winter months, when things slow down and we all have more time.

Christmas brings back memories of family togetherness. My dad would get laid off from his ferryboat captain job and my mom would be all done with the family business, too. No more 56 (sometimes plus) hour work weeks. It was so wonderful having both my parents at home during our lunch hour from school and family dinners would become a regular occurrence once again. My dad would clap and say at our meals, “Mom’s a good cook!” and my big brother Davey and little sister Natalie and I would chime in, too.

There was more time for family, baking, and warm fires and it still means this. Now, the holiday time is when college daughter Meredith comes home for some RnR. I get to be with her each day and drive her nuts in the morning with my all my loud noises making breakfast. Rattling all the pots and pans in the morning before noon is my “thing.” Not a moment to waste! The island holiday time is a time for me to take a stroll down memory lane with an impromptu stop at my mom’s (I just have to be careful not to catch her at nap time.) Or, time to drive my little Smart car out to grown daughter Anna’s apartment on East Point. She also gets to finally rest a bit from her long days managing Joe’s Bar. And, I get to stop in unexpectedly. We all have more time.

Christmas is a time of community and cheer. Potlucks pop up, the school holds its Christmas concert and house parties are the thing. Lights go up in and all around the island and there’s even a bit of friendly competition about all of this colorful decor. Fruit baskets are delivered to people of age sixty and over (OMG in five short years, Cliff will be receiving one!) and often times we’ll hear about the carolers who travel around the island spreading their musical cheer. Santa arrives and gives a special gift to all island children. It’s good to give, people. Do it! An island Christmas is filled with sharing.

We are all so hectic during the tourist season and fall slows down a bit, but still, we’re busy. Christmas marks the beginning of more time for all of us to really feel grateful for each other, to feel a part of our island community. It’s the time when the island comes alive with holiday cheer, sharing and being together. We begin to celebrate all the hard work from the summer months and give time to one another. If you’re lucky like me, you’ll get to experience an island Christmas someday in your life.



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## Don't get mixed up about Christmas on the island!

For the past couple of decades, the island has had two Christmas celebrations. One was celebrated by even the earliest island pioneers on December 25th and continues to be celebrated to this day. The second Christmas was celebrated in July.

We all know the story of the real Christmas, but the one in July, as it pertains to the island, began a number of years ago when a local watering hole began to market it to increase business. It didn't take long and the event began to be celebrated by the community as a whole, and with the blessing of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce.

At first there were holiday lights all around the village, decorated and lit boats parading through the harbor, a Christmas parade through the village, and even Santa made an appearance. It took a lot of work to make it all happen. As the years went by, the event began to suffer a slow death. There were no more decorated boats in the Bay, nor were there floats for a jolly parade around the park. One by one, the bright Christmas lights in the windows and on the buildings disappeared. There were a few vestiges of the dying event around town like the big blow-up Santa at the Crew's Nest, and there were always a bunch private boats decorated with holiday lights, but the writing was definitely on the wall. Even the young ladies dressed in tight and revealing Santa outfits became scarcer and scarcer. The Chamber and businesses were still promoting the event, but it was becoming obvious there was no real need to put on anything fancy as the crowds continued to come.

Then, about a half-dozen or so years ago, things took a turn, the crowds that came for Christmas in July began to become the cause of concern. The increase in open containers, the smell of pot in the air, the flaunting of the law, the uninvited large groups congregating on private property, and the sickening amounts of litter left behind on the streets and in the park made the Christmas in July weekends like no other busy weekend. Many businesses also began complaining about problems with patrons and, in some cases, dramatic decreases in normal summer weekend revenues. We heard more than one island employee tell us of customers saying they would never come back after seeing what the island was like on this weekend.

The Chamber of Commerce soon took it off their calendar of events, but a few businesses persisted. The holiday became worse and worse and island officials became concerned about safety to the point that more than 100 law enforcement officers were on the island for the event this last summer. The bad public-

ity from the event and resulting problems were just the opposite of what the original Christmas in July promoters had envisioned.

For the last five years or so, people would talk about their disdain for the weekend, but 2018 was the year that changed everything. No tourist community wants the word "chaos" in any headline dealing with their community, but that's what we as a community were getting. A large group of business people met at the Senior Center after the event and formed the Safe Island Task Force, a group which has now been working diligently since last summer to turn the weekend around and bring some sanity back to the island. They have been approaching the issue from all aspects, and we recommend giving the group your support in any way you can.

In early November, one of the last holdouts, hotel owner Mark Mathys who operates several large island-promoting web sites, put out a post on the internet saying Put-in-Bay has cancelled the Christmas in July weekend. The post went viral and made headlines from Cleveland to Detroit in the media.

We'll have to wait and see what happens next when it comes to celebrating Christmas twice a year on Put-in-Bay, but it looks encouraging that we just might be celebrating only the real Christmas on the island from now on.

### Found on the Internet

*Editor's Note: We found this about Christmas in July on the Internet awhile back. It's good for a chuckle.*

"Still, most of the island's returning party people will mark their calendars for Christmas in July, July 26-29. The debaucherous blowout covers the town in over-the-top holiday decorations, while intoxicated Santas stagger the streets.

We get a preview of that famous Put-in-Bay summer party scene Saturday night at the Round House, where locals of every legal drinking age converge in Afro wigs, go-go boots and neon polyester minidresses for buckets of beer, big-hugged reunions and plenty of grooving to the '70s cover band."



ABOVE: Barb Chrysler (left) from Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and Mary Parker (right) from the Park Place Boat Club are seen looking at a menu from the old Castle Inn that Mary was given as a present at a 60th birthday party for her at Tipper's this past month. If we do a little math and check the prices, it appears Mary and the menu might be about the same age. A bottle of wine was \$1.50. A cup of coffee was 10 cents and a burger was 35 cents. The Castle, located on Niagara Blvd. out by Crown Hill Cemetery, was very popular years ago when the downtown bars closed at 1 a.m. It burned in the early 80s.

## LEI Conservancy & PIB Twp Park District Wish List

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District have a wish list to help them with their conservation and preservation work here on the islands.

If you can help them out with any of these items, contact them at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. Or you may have skills you wish to contribute - please call!

1) Volunteers are ALWAYS NEEDED to spread mulch on trails, remove downed trees and pick up litter-garlic mustard pulling in spring-Massie Cliffside Preserve, Scheeff

East Point Preserve, Dodge Woods, Jane Coates Trail, Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve and Forested Wetland Preserve.

2) Recycled copying paper, ink for printers (Brother LC 61, HP970XL, HP971XL - Must not be generic)

3) Part-Time Employee or AmeriCorp intern funding

4) Assistance with trail layout, construction, parking, mulching and signage with extension of the trail at the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Area.

5) Interpretive Signs for Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve and other new preserves (\$200 each-can add donors name); Bench (\$2,000-can add donors name).

6) Website and Social Media Assistance

- 7) Adobe editing programs
- 8) GIS Maps of our Preserves
- 9) Larger Office Space, Assistance sorting, filing, organizing office.
- 10) Bird Banding Supplies - Conduit, 12 - 3/4-inch X 10-foot, 24 - 1/2-inch X 10-foot, 5 - 3/8-inch rebar X 10-foot, 36 - 9-inch metal tent stakes, 1 - 5-pound hammer
- 11) New members! Check us out at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org!

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# Island Diary November 2018

**Thurs., Nov 1st** - There's an ATV/Quad party at the Bird's Nest for those who are anxious to get back on island roads with their favorite vehicles. Rob Hard was on hand to serve hot chili and hotdogs from his famous Chili Wieners fish shanty. Bell Choir practice resumes at St. Paul's for the season.

**Fri., Nov. 2nd** - The annual Harvest Dinner takes place at Tipper's in the evening. There's a pretty good crowd there to enjoy the turkey dinners with all the trimmings.

**Sat., Nov. 3rd** - The annual closedown takes place at Heineman Winery in the afternoon. There's a good crowd there to enjoy the deep-fried turkey and all the really delicious side dishes.

**Sun., Nov. 4th** - In the morning the Goodyear blimp flies directly over Put-in-Bay harbor headed in an easterly direction. Fall colors on the island are in their glory.

**Mon., Nov. 5th** - Miller Boat Line's M/V South Bass arrives in downtown Cleveland heading to Great Lakes Shipyard for her 5-year hull inspection as well as getting a bottom cleaning and a fresh coat of hull paint. The PIB High School Sailing team is out in the harbor with empty sails. It's so calm you can almost hear the fish swimming below the surface. It's their last on-the-water practice. They will begin practice again in April.

**Tues., Nov. 6th** - About 250 votes are cast at the Senior Center on this mid-term election day. The ferry boats are halted in the afternoon due to strong southwest winds clocked at 46 mph at the South Bass Island Lighthouse. The last ferry from the mainland in the morning goes around the east side of South Bass, stops at Middle Bass and then ends up at Miller's downtown dock. Gordy Barr from Middle Bass flies to the island from the mainland to cast his vote. In the evening, it's Pizza and Game Night for the elementary students. After downing three large pizzas, ten children played checkers, chess, Jenga and Pictionary. Two even played UNO for the first time!

**Wed., Nov. 7th** - At the Put-in-Bay Village Workshop meeting, water plant consultant Darryl Blanchard recommends the Village look at waterline from mainland. Euchre is off to a good start for the winter as players head to the Reel Bar.

**Thurs., Nov. 8th** - Caiti Bolyard is the fill-in ticket person at the Lime Kiln Dock. The home of the late Bob and Winnie Schmidt on the water at the end of Toledo Ave. is demolished. That makes for three old island homes torn down this year.

**Fri., Nov. 9th** - The American Legion post hold its annual Feather Party. When it comes to the prizes, more people want cash rather than a turkey.

**Sat., Nov. 10th** - At 1 a.m. the temperature dips below freezing for the first time this fall. By 6 a.m. the temperature is 25.5 °F with winds at 32 miles per hour out of the WSW. That's a windchill of 7.3 °F. The ferries are halted for the day. Christine Ontko is attending the Sandusky Art Walk with her helper Anne Singler and is stranded on the mainland. Over on Middle Bass, there's a Thanksgiving gathering at Middle Bass General Store for those on the island.

**Sun., Nov. 11th** - The island's veterans enjoy a Veteran's Day dinner at the Senior Center.

**Mon., Nov. 12th** - Topsy Turvey's hosts the PIB Chamber of Commerce meeting and the Martini Monday ladies in the late afternoon and early evening.

**Tues., Nov. 13** - Kenny Fox is working on the seawall in front of the Crew's Nest. Mark Wilhelm is in Toledo to get some work done on the fire department's pickup truck only to find they had the wrong part. Mark had to have a friend drive him from Toledo to the ferry.

**Wed., Nov. 14th** - At St. Paul's, the Safeguarding God's Children workshop takes place. Workshop participants join the youth for the Diner Day lunch. In the evening, there's a group at the fire station taking a training course.

**Thurs., Nov. 15th** - There's a snow/rain mix in the morning. The Island veterans are at the Senior Center for their monthly meeting and lunch. The Christmas Bazaar takes place in the Town Hall in the afternoon. Congratulations to Bret Klun from the Keys and his wife Meredith who are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary.

**Fri., Nov. 16th** - Village fiscal officer Courtney Blumensaadt is in Elyria attending a conference about records retention, Roberts Rules of Order and sunshine laws. Bayview Avenue is busy with activity. The eyesore, unfinished bistro framework in front of the white house behind Mossbacks is being removed, Barry Koehler is building new steps for his parent's dock, and Kenny Fox continues to work on the seawall near the Crew's Nest. In the afternoon, there's a meeting at the home of Renee Market for those interested in the 2019 Green Week event.

**Sat., Nov. 17th** - Jake Dunfee from Rescue Marine is with Capt. David Dress and crews on Miller Boat Line ferry Islander west of the islands pulling Camp Perry Firing Range Buoys and Davis Besse Security Zone Buoys out of the water for winter. The always-popular Ladies Night takes place at Island Hardware. In the evening, there's a birthday party for Pat Thwaite and Mary Parker at Tipper's. Mary hits a milestone year.

**Sun., Nov. 18th** - The Put-in-Bay Fire Department holds a pancake/French toast fundraiser breakfast with sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee at the fire station. In the evening, the Community.

**Mon., Nov. 19th** - The Rec Committee is decorating the park in the afternoon. A crew is installing bubblers on the Crew's Nest docks to keep them ice free. Thanksgiving Service takes place at St. Paul's.

**Tues., Nov. 20th** - The brightly-lit Christmas decorations are up in DeRiviera Park and on the poles along Catawba Ave. Bobbi Dobos from A Moment in Time Photography gathers a group of island youngsters for a photo shoot for the cover of this month's Gazette. The winner of the Junior Class raffle for a season pass on Miller Boat Line is drawn and is won by Jon Scarpelli and Kristen Stanford.

**Wed., Nov. 21st** - Island kids have no school thanks to Thanksgiving. This is the last day of the regular Miller Boat Line Schedule for 2018. Go to millerferry.com



## Gypped by Woody Widmar

I feel that I've been gypped  
From my favorite time of year  
There wasn't the gradual  
change to fall  
Or Indian Summer this year

My ragtop's sitting in the yard  
The patio furniture's still out  
The garage needs  
to be organized  
I'm a little behind no doubt

The threat of winter came early  
Just how long will the ferries run?  
Need to do my winter shopping  
Before they're finally done

Looking forward to the holidays  
There's always so much to do  
Decorate, send out cards  
and bake  
Attend some parties, too

The winter solstice  
on the twenty-first  
Gives us the shortest day  
of the year  
Then the days get longer  
Makes me smile from ear to ear

One more thing I want to say  
Before this ditty's through  
Merry Christmas one and all  
And Happy New Year too !!!

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**Thurs., Nov. 22nd** - Shaena Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 2004) celebrates her birthday this Thanksgiving Day. There are only two ferries today - one in the early morning and one in the late afternoon. If you drove by Danny Drake's Getaway Inn on Concord Ave., you would have thought he had the place rezoned for a used car lot. It turns out he was having a variety of the French, Drake and Boag families over for the holidays. Dianne and Bob Smith hosted a group of friends at their home on the South Shore.

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LEFT: Members of the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Browns Backers met at the Goat earlier this fall to present a check to the Nature and Wildlife Center. Left to right are Capt. Russ Brohl, Mike Mewhorter, Chris Ladd, Rachel Mohn, Corky & Jerry McIlrath-Flint, Diane Nemece, Kelly Mohn, Jim and Jan Anteau, Andy Mohn, Mark Chance, Noreen and Rich Hahn and Woody Widmar.



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## Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America will take place on Put-in-Bay on Saturday, December 15th, at 10 a.m. starting at Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The event is to remember our fallen heroes, to honor those who serve, and to teach our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedom.

A wreath on the grave of every veteran is the mission of the Wreaths Across America program.

Originating in 1992, Wreaths Across America focused on placing remembrance wreaths at Arlington Cemetery. By 2005, the idea had spread across the nation with thousands wanting to emulate the Arlington project in their own state and county cemeteries. In 2017, over a million wreaths were laid at more than 1400 locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

This year on Saturday, December 15th, National Wreaths Across America Day, volunteers will place wreaths on 160 graves at Put in-Bay's two cemeteries - Crown Hill and Maple Leaf -- and at the cemeteries at Middle Bass and North Bass.

If you would like to be a part of this effort, please meet at Maple Leaf Cemetery at 10 a.m. on December 15th. If you are a relative or friend of a veteran, you can place a wreath on the grave of your special veteran. Please contact Marty Faris at 419 285-4772 for information. There will be cookies and hot chocolate and coffee at the Town Hall after the wreath laying.

The wreaths are live evergreen, assembled in Maine and brought to Ohio by volunteers. Each wreath is comprised of 10 balsam bouquets representing 10 special qualities our veterans embody. The evergreen represents longevity and endurance; the forest scent evokes purity and simplicity; the red bow symbolizes great sacrifice and the circular shape - eternity.

Donations to purchase this year's wreaths came from the Village of Put-in-Bay, Put-in-Bay Township, Pasquale's, Island Bike Rental, The Goat, Put-in-Bay Resorts, DeRivera Park Trust, Heineman Winery, Island Cart Rental, Julene Market, and the Scheible Downing American Legion Post No. 542.

Please join us in keeping the memory of our veterans alive....

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Among the guests were Doraime Toms, Marylou Ramsbottom and her son Rich, Walt and Sue Duff, Gail and Bill McCracken, Rich and Carol Roberts, Mary Ann McCann and Sarah Toole.

**Fri., Nov. 23rd** - There's a bit of ice on the ferry docks, but the temperature goes up in the afternoon and it turns out to be a pretty nice day. Workers are unloading concrete blocks in front of Mr. Ed's Bar on Delaware Ave.

**Sat., Nov. 24th** - The island's biggest UofM fans, Monk Nemece from Mitchell Rd. and Aaron Schroeder from East Point Construction, weren't happy with OSU winning the big game 62 to 39 today!

**Sun., Nov. 25th**

- Agnes Uszak from Chapman Rd. is getting a jump on things and putting up her outside Christmas lights.

**Mon., Nov. 26th**

- It's a rainy morning with plenty of wind switching from the east to the west. The island children are back in school. "Miss Christie" Ontko is substituting for Linda Rence.

**Tues. Nov. 27th**

- It's Giving Tuesday at the Nature & Wildlife Center. Every dollar donation is tripled. Bird bander Tom Bartlett captures a baby owl to show everyone. What a hit.

**Wed., Nov. 28th**

- The home of Amanda and Elizabeth McCann on Put-in-Bay Rd. is all lit up for

the holidays.

**Thurs., Nov. 29th**

- The PIB Panther Basketball Team hits to road to play in a tournament on Beaver Island in the middle of Lake Michigan.

**Fri., Nov. 30th**

- The Panthers arrives on Beaver Island to play in the tournament with teams from Beaver Island, Washington Island in Wisconsin, and Mackinac Island in Michigan. The games are broadcast live by Patrick Myers on WPIB.com.

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# Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader  
News, views & comment from a South Bass cottager ...

I am back on the mainland now, the old cottage buttoned up for another year. That confused little bird that had been hanging around finally abandoned the last of our birdhouses in early November, and a few days later I packed the truck, drained the plumbing, and headed home.

As usual on closing day, Mrs. Larry heads to the ferry shortly after I turn off the water. I dally along, working through my unwritten list and loading the truck for the trip back to the mainland. When my work is done, I pour a drink and raise a silent toast to another season's end. It was a fairly mild day for November, cloudy and 50-ish. I took my time to walk slowly around the yard and cottage, checking to make sure that I hadn't forgotten anything, but more so, to say goodbye, to take a little more time, unconsciously reflecting on the past year, smiling to myself, recalling happy guests, brilliant sunsets, and long, peaceful days, fortunate to be doing mostly nothing at all. It was a perfect day to linger, it almost seems a waste that such a beautiful place will sit cold and empty until April.

I walked back inside, checking to see that nothing was left behind. But as I turned to close the door, there was a noise from upstairs. I rushed up the steps, thinking a squirrel or chipmunk had somehow crept in – but found nothing. I poked around a bit before I went back downstairs; perhaps it was just the wind, or a stick from the big oak bouncing off the roof. Back outside, I checked my watch, plenty of time before I need to leave for the ferry. I walked out by the lake, looking out toward Rattlesnake, Middle Bass, and Sugar Islands. Suddenly, there were voices, I thought they might be coming from the street, someone taking a walk, or maybe a neighbor stopping to say good-bye. But when I got to the street, nothing – the sound was coming from inside the cottage!

This time I ran inside and bolted up the steps toward the muffled sounds – not a thing! Again, I poked around; back downstairs I walked slowly into each room, not sure of what I was looking for and less sure of what I might find. Then, as I passed the staircase on the way to the kitchen, I heard it again. This time I was quiet; lingering for a few seconds at the bottom of the steps I listened intently – two voices from upstairs, a man and a woman – I could not make out what they were saying, but this time I was sure, I was not alone!

Slowly, ever so quiet, I crept up the steps, on my hands and knees, one step at a time, inching closer toward the soft voices. Finally, at the top, I peered up into the dimly lit bedroom. There, sitting on the edge of the bed, were a young man and woman. They looked to be in their mid-twenties, nicely dressed: She wore a long, dark blue dress, trimmed in white lace, and a floppy, purple hat with a yellow ribbon; he was dressed in a brownish uniform with large, black buttons, slightly crumpled, a heavy, woolen material, with a high collar; his tall, brown boots were tightly laced and glistened in the soft light from the window. His hat sat on the pillow next to them as they continued their quiet conversation.

I sat motionless, listening intently; they smiled, laughed, and looked, unmistakably, like a couple in love. I'm not sure how long I was there, my knees ached as I watched, I moved slightly to stretch my leg – suddenly, they were looking directly at me, this time, no time to hide! I didn't know what to say, or what to do! They both stared, surprised, but certainly not frightened – they almost looked calm. Then, the young woman smiled, "I'm so sorry Larry, we did not intend to startle you. You see, we usually don't come in until you've left for the Winter, we were surprised to see that you were still here. I hope you're not angry."

I stammered, "But, what ... who ..."  
The gentleman interrupted, "Please kind sir, don't be alarmed. You see, we spent our honeymoon here, shortly after the cottage was built. It belonged to my uncle, he graciously allowed us to use it. We loved it here, but unfortunately, we never had a chance to return, that is until ..."

"My husband never came back from the war. He was on a ship, bound for Europe, just a few days after we left the island – I would never see him again." She paused, tears filled her eyes, "Then, finally, we were reunited here, in your cottage."

"We first came back many, many years ago, long before you were even born. The cottage is empty all Winter long, like you Larry, we thought, what a waste, why not stay, re-live our brief honeymoon, the happiest days of our short life together. And now, we come back every year. We can get by without heat and water, we never leave a mess, and until now, you never knew we were here. We love the quiet, the peace, the sounds of the lake, the ice and snow, the time alone with just each other."

Finally, I was able to speak, overflowing with questions, the how, where, why? But looking at these two young people, a gracious couple from another time, their smiles, the love they have for each other, and for this special place, "Of course you are welcome to stay, I'm so sorry I interrupted, do you need anything? Can I get you something ..."

"Thank you Larry, we're fine, we have everything we need, and more. And don't be concerned, we will be gone by April – you will never even know we were here."

The young lady stood up, straightened her floppy, purple hat, walked across the room to where I sat on the floor at the top of the stairs; she slowly bent down, putting her tiny hand on my head, she kissed me softly on the cheek. I started to speak, but she put her finger over my lips and smiled, "It is time for you to go."

I sat for a moment, not sure of what to do, then without another word, I scampered down the steps, pulled the door closed, and turning to lock it, I hesitated, then turned the key – off I went!

I jumped in the truck, not entirely sure that I believed what just happened, but feeling good that our tiny cottage will be filled with warmth, not wasting away in the cold, lonely darkness, filled with laughter and love through the long months ahead. I rolled down the window as I pulled out of the short, gravel driveway, I yelled out as loud as I could, "Merry Christmas!"

As I drove down the West Shore and on to the Lime Kiln Dock, past so many empty homes and cottages, I could not help but to wonder who else might have an unexpected guest!



ABOVE: Larry with Santa a few years back.



LEFT: Dave Nuttall (left) and Rudy Rence (right) are seen here deep frying one-of-the-many turkeys prepared for the Closedown Party at Heineman Winery the first Saturday in November. The duo made sure each and every turkey was done to perfection. About 20 turkeys were prepared for the event.

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# 2018 Lake Erie Islands Holiday Gift Guide By Gordy Barr

The Holidays are here. Glad tidings to all! But, what do you get your spouse for Christmas? Is your spouse impossible to buy gifts for? He already has a monster truck (for crushing Volkswagens), a helicopter pad, and his stainless steel Rolex Daytona triple register chronograph is seldom worn while ice fishing. For her? After all that needless cosmetic surgery, the opera trip to Paris, and buckets of precious metal and gem stones (stolen from the Czar of Russia), what else is there? Well, here are some gift ideas that the special person in your life will love!

**1)** Christie Ontko is the founder and CEO of Ontkorganix.com (visit her web site). Like Amazon, Ontko has several world headquarters (Hawaii and South Bass Island). Ontko's internationally known business started off with a simple product called Gramma's Salve. It was a secret formula used in her family for several generations to deal with everything from insect bites (on outer islands) to filet knife cuts. It even works on hurt feelings. Powerful stuff. Ontkorganix has evolved and now offers balms, skin care lotion bars, vegan soaps, aluminum free deodorants, lip stuff, and

reef safe sun care. The shea butter is so good, you could put it on French toast! But don't...

**2)** There are three essentials one needs to live: oxygen, water, and books (not in that order). There are no books on Mars, that is why there is no life on Mars. It is a fact and I stand by my research. By typing in "Put in Bay book" or "Middle Bass book" in the search bar of EBAY there are a number of "Island" titles that come to light. Mike Gora has several books and some Island merchandise available including Lonz of Middle Bass, Early Adventures at Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, and Johnson's Island, and My Sweetest Libby (see www.mikegora.com). Robert Dodge wrote several books about Put in Bay in the 1960s and 1970s (these surface on EBAY occasionally). Jessie Martin wrote a wonderful narrative called Kelleys Island. Leslie Korenko has a number of extraordinary books about Kelley's Island history (Amazon) that are readily available. Jeff Koehler's mother wrote a book about Ballast Island (rare!). Tom Koroknay's Lyman Boats: Legends of the Lakes is another lake classic (\$50.00, available at Lymanboat.com). First editions of *Middle Bass and other Lake Erie Islands* (self serving me!) is available on EBAY.com.

**3)** Island Jewelry from Jessie Green (www.jessiejewelry.com). Her many specialties include a Lake Erie Islands necklace's made of 14kt gold or sterling silver. She also offers an "all Island" bracelet. She specializes in various forms of nature themed artisan jewelry that would make Louis Comfort Tiffany jealous. And of course, there is her famous beach glass jewelry (each piece is custom and unique).

**4)** A Miller Boat line season pass. Passes are on sale November first to December 31st, 2018. Put in Bay \$410.00 (regularly \$450.00). Middle Bass \$475.00 (regularly \$525.00).

**5)** Griffing Air Services offers a special air package that offers \$500.00 worth of flights for \$450.00. This is available for purchase any time of the year.

**6)** Warther Cutlery 4.5" filet knife with leather sheath (\$85.75). The best knife ever for cleaning your Walleye and Perch! The founder, Ernest Warther was born 72 years after the Battle of Lake Erie in 1885. This fourth generation family business is located in Dover, Ohio. See Warthercutlery.com. Beware, this knife is very sharp! Ontkorganix's Gramma's Salve may be your only salvation if you slice your finger.

**7)** For your man, a case of Thirsty Dog Christmas Ale, the DVD Road House (staring Patrick Swayze), The DVD Step Brothers (your man is secretly a 14 year old in a mans body and wants to punch his brother Derrick in the nose), the DVD Terminator (staring Arnold Schwarzenegger, the first one), and Annie Hall (Woody Allen takes over the Kremlin with a Gatling Gun accompanied by his Asian sidekick, Cato). Lock your man in the living room by himself for the night. Occasionally slide pop-tarts under the door.

**8)** Edmund Fitzgerald Water Globe (\$11.95 on EBAY). Your man will love listening to Gordon Lightfoot drone about the

Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald while drinking Thirsty Dog Christmas Ale as he shakes this ship wreck in a plastic globe. The Fitzgerald was launched in 1958 and sank during a November gale in 1975. The freighter frequently sailed through the Pelee passage.

**9)** LL Bean Chamois cloth shirt (LLBean.com, \$54.95). Old school. This marvelous shirt can be worn in the ice shanty or to a fancy dinner party on Starve Island. Great range in this shirt as well as a wide color pallet to chose from. I always get the tall (verses regular). The more chamois, the better!

**10)** Filson Fanny pack (Filson.com, type in "fishing waist pack," \$135.00). Manly and faintly intoxicating in appearance, this is the perfect island accessory for keeping essentials close by and available. It is over engineered, yet simple, and made of the finest materials. I never go to North Bass with out mine. The web belt is perfect for attaching your Fire starter Knife. Fanny packs are a bit controversial but once you start using your fanny pack you will find no outfit (even a tuxedo) is not complete without it! There are no Tuxedos on Mars.

**11)** Mora Light My Fire Swedish Knife made of Sandvik Steel with sheath (\$32.00, Amazon). Great all around knife that even has a flint and steel hidden in the pommel. It is well priced. If you are trapped on Middle Sister Island you can sharpen sticks to fight off coyotes. You can start a signal fire to alert rescuers. Middle Sister Island is ill tempered (as is the wildlife that resides there). There was a coyote living on North Harbor Island (summer 2018). I found a dead fox on East Sister Island (2018, it probably died of insect bites). The insects on the Sister islands will strip the flesh off a cow (down to its bones!) in a matter of minutes. If you visit one of the Sister Islands, you need this knife and a case full of Ontkorganix Gramma's Salve. Knife rides well on your fanny pack.

**12)** Remington Model 870 shotgun (The Store: Fin, Feather and Fur, Milan, \$329.99 to \$369.99). Hunting is good fun and a great way to get protein into your diet. You can buy a Pelee Island guided pheasant hunt for your man to round out the package! (Pelee Island Hunts at Pelee.org, \$113.00 to \$271.00, fall and winter hunts available). Pelee is 10,000 acres of fun!

**13)** Lisa Brohl recommends Sorel Boots. Russell loves his. Shearling lambskin has been medically proven to be good for your ankles. She is also a fan of long underwear. "Long underwear! You shouldn't have!"

**14)** A membership to the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society or a sponsorship in the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Both include free entrance, and both have great gift shops that include a number of rare Lake Erie Island books. Experience nature without the complication of insect bites and chaffing. If you are bitten (or chaffing) you can count on Gramma's Salve for relief!

**15)** Make a donation to the Chapel on North Bass in your spouse's name. (Make check to North Bass Chapel. Mailing address is Kerry Burriss, Isle of St George, Ohio, 43436).

**16)** Gift certificates to your favorite Island establishments. Kyle got me a gift certificate to the Middle Bass General Store. I bought a pizza, a soft serve ice cream cone, and a Middle Bass Island General Store tee shirt. Thanks Eddy, Joe, Maddy, Krissy, Peggy, Laura, Dillon, Evan, Lucy, and the rest of the staff from 2018. It is December. I am still wearing the pizza right now. It is riding just below my fanny pack. There is no chaffing thanks to Ontkorganix Gramma's Salve.

**17)** Duluth Fish Decoy: This company makes the most

beautiful fish decoys. They can be found in folk art museums, US president's homes, and in the dens of movie star. Perch and Walleye decoys range in price from \$60.00 to \$200.00 (depending on size, you can even have silver coins inlaid). They are hand crafted by Jim Perkins and are investment grade. Duluthfishdecoys.com (1-218-341-9338).

**18)** Are you a food Viking? Have you ever wondered where to purchase a jar of duck fat, anchovy paste, Truffle cream sauce, or a good spiced pear chutney? Visit the "all things French" web site: The frenchfarm.com. The odds are good and the goods are odd. Bon appetite!

**19)** Middle Bass Cottager Roman Sapecki has a tremendous eye for the lens. A professional photographer for over 50 years he has a gift for taking a person or object and capturing the best of it. Roman owns Lakeerieislandtrade.com and sells Lake Erie Island related prints, post cards, Battle of Lake Erie pictures as well as jellies, jams, and coffees. Visit this site soon! Amazing product!

**20)** Make a gift certificate that the bearer (your spouse) can redeem for a two-hour nap (good in any of the lower 48 states). Beware of forgeries or counterfeit certificates. To all my "Island friends", have a great holiday season! We will see you soon on the rocks!

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RIGHT: Here are (left to right) Brad Ohlemacher, Paul Jeris, Rob Stolph and John Donahue pictured with the PIB Gazette while fishing in the Pacific off Los Suenos Resort & Marina in Costa Rica recently. Paul has traveled to more countries than anyone we know and has taken tons of Gazette reading photo in some the most remote destinations in the world. The only problem is that Paul rarely sends them to us. Perhaps he's going to start sending them to us now!



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If you're having problems with bad cell service or slow internet, there seems to be help coming to the island. AT&T claims to have the best coverage for cell service on the island, and Megabits Island Internet (see ad on page 5) is promoting internet service that will have better coverage than Spectrum or Frontier.

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John and Paula Ladd were the first on the island to put up Christmas decorations this year. It seemed like Halloween was hardly over. Before Thanksgiving, there were decorations in the Village Park and at the Crew's Nest and a couple of other places on the island. This year's Christmas Lights contest judging will take place on Friday evening, December 14th, so make sure you have your lights up by then. This year, a group of island youngsters will be handling judging duties.

**Great Items Still Available**

Thanks everyone for supporting the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Christmas Bazaar! It was very successful-thanks to Susan Byrnes and Amy Huston for organizing a great event! Thanks to all the vendors who participated as well.

If you still need a gift for someone for Christmas, there are still cool handmade slippers made by Tracy Burgess, a table made from wood of the barn at the Massie Cliffside Preserve (Bruckner barn), Middle Bass Music Festival and LEIC T-shirts for sale. They are still selling raffle tickets on a colorful afghan made by Tracy until our Christmas Potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on December 10th when they will draw the winner!

Contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 if you wish to buy any of these items,

**Hints of Things to Come in 2019**

Besides Miller Boat Line's new ferry coming in 2019, we're hearing of other things to come next year as well. Tipper's and the Beer Barrel Saloon have some work going on that will change things up a bit. Mr. Ed's has a new "tree house" bar going in on the property behind Lovella's. There's are new steps leading to the Goat's Biergarten, Das Lokal, from the parking area up above. There will be a new watering system for the flower baskets in the park if the Garden Club's efforts come to fruition.



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## School News

**by Steve Poe,  
Superintendent**

The Harvest Dinner on November 2nd was a huge success. Over 290 dinners were served with the proceeds going to the Gustav Heineman Scholarship. This amounted to over \$1,800 this year! We want to thank the many businesses who donated food and the Niese family for allowing us to use Tipper's Lounge. We especially want to recognize the efforts of Woody Widmar who worked in the kitchen for three days preparing the delicious turkey meal.

Our National Honor Society and advisor Ms. Alyssa Smith have been busy this past month with two worthy causes. For "Operation Candy" they collected excess Halloween candy and sent it to the men and women in the armed services. For Ottawa County families in need, our students collected non-perishable goods. The class collecting the most food won a pizza party! Super job, National Honor Society!

Our basketball teams open their season on the road at the first ever tournament of the Great Lakes Island Schools. The schools competing include Washington Island, Wisconsin; Mackinaw Island, Michigan, Put-in-Bay, Ohio; and host, Beaver Island, Michigan. Coach Schuffenecker returns a number

of talented players from last year, including seniors Jack Booker, Lauren Peter, and Max Schneider. Go Panthers! Please tune into WPIB radio to listen to the games live.

Our annual holiday concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with opening and maintaining the ice rink. From snow removal to watering, drying out and coiling hoses to ice repair... this is not a one-person job. Please contact Steve Poe at the school if you are willing and able to help with the ice rink. We are also looking for parents to help monitor and supervise the ice rink when it is in use.

The last day of school prior to winter break is a half day on Friday, December 21st. We return on Thursday, January 3rd. We would like to advise all parents to keep their telephones close by on mornings when there is "questionable" weather. This year we will again announce delays and closings via our "School Messenger" instant messaging system.

### PIB Township Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate Board Member

A volunteer position on the Township Board of Zoning Appeals as an alternate member is open. The position is appointed by the Township Trustees. An alternate is to be available to take the place of an absent regular member at any meeting and may vote on any matter on which the absent member is authorized to vote. Due to the summer/winter vacation nature of the islands alternate members are used often for meeting and voting purposes.

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ABOVE: These ATV riders are seen here celebrating on Friday, November 1st, at the Bird's Nest Resort. You ask why! For the next six months, they can ride their machines on island roads. They are not allowed on the roads from May 1st to October 31st. In the back row (left to right) are Ryan Daugherty from the Bird's Nest, American Legion Commander Ed Hubner, Maria Pope-Hard from Island General Store, Rob Hard from the Bike Shop and the Black Squirrel, Aaron "Vern" Schroeder from East Point Construction, Billy Petersen, and Dustin Shaffer from Island. In the middle row are (left to right) Kris Hodgson from East Point, Tip Boyles from the Park Hotel, Mike Bova, Kelly Mohn from Commodore Resorts, Heather Tullis, Courtney Russell, Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce president Brad Ohlemacher, Andy Schuttleworth holding Whiskey, Anna Engel from Joe's Bar, Angie Ohlemacher from Bird's Nest and Barb Hodgson from East Point. Kneeling in the front is Art Boyles.

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**Christmas by McKenna Stacy**

I would like to wish everybody a merry Christmas. I hope you all get to spend the holiday time with your family. Spending time with our family is very important. I hope that you all stay safe during the holidays too. On November 15th it was the Christmas Bizarre. Everybody had great things there. I was there from 3:30 to around 4:00 because then I left for basketball practice. I hope that everybody had a successful table. I am very excited for the holiday because I bought my mom and dad each a gift for Christmas around July, and I've been waiting to see them open their gifts. I think the best feeling is giving people gifts. Giving is a great feeling. When I receive a gift it makes me feel loved by the people who gave me the gift, but when I give a gift to someone it has a better feeling. Each year around Christmas time we get to enjoy a break from school and more time with our families. I hope this year that the boats run late because I would really like to go to Fremont to visit my grandparents before or after Christmas. I love when I can go to the mainland late in the season because visiting my grandparents is very important to me. I wish I saw them more than I do. I hope you all have a good Christmas!

**Winter weather forecast**

Toledo's TV station 13abc's First Warning Storm Team has come up with a Winter Weather Forecast for this part of Ohio. The forecast begins with December rather cooler than normal, but dry. January will have near normal snow and temperatures. February could be brutal this winter based on similar years. They are comparing this winter with the 2014-2015 one. It call for below normal temps and above normal snowfall.

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*Pictured: Put-in-Bay Harbor, Russ Brohl bucket fishing while Patrick Myers glides by in his ice boat, circa 2015.*

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RIGHT: Members of Put-in-Bay's American Legion Post were at PIB School for a program in their honor one day in November. Back Row (left to right) are Howard Martens, Dave Warga, Bob Bahney, John Ladd, Don Stephens, Berni Meyers, Tony Peter, Dave Gundlach, Bob Hilt, Rich Roberts, Tim Luecke, Tom Cooper, Walt Duff, Ed Hubner and Dave Frederick. Kneeling in the front row are Paul Kohrs, Eddie Sheller, John Linhart and Gerald Shanley.



## COMMANDER...AHOY! Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy (Part 1)

By Paul Bolden



PAUL BOLDEN

Growing up in Cleveland there was an amusement park called Euclid Beach (I'm dating myself). I had a favorite ride called "Dodgem" which were bumper cars. The point was to crash your vehicle into another while going around an indoor track. There is another game of Dodgem that takes place in and around PIB harbor during the summer (but this one is not particularly fun). Frankly, it's a scene of confusion particularly around the fuel dock. This confusion comes from some boaters knowing the rules of the road and others not. It would almost be better if everyone new the rules or no one did!

During our first off-season mariner class we are going to discuss some of the rules of the road plus a few other items. The following 10 questions are based on things I've actually witnessed in our harbor.

Let's begin with the quiz to test your knowledge on a few things.

### QUIZ

- 1) When overtaking another vessel on her starboard side, how many horn blasts are required to let boaters know of your intention to pass? a) One long blast. b) Two short blasts. c) No horn blast is required, just proceed carefully.
- 2) During the high season the marina downtown is packed nearly to capacity. As you pull into the marina you hear another vessel give his horn three short blasts. What is being communicated to you and other boaters. a) Nothing, there are lots of horns being blasted. b) A skipper is indicating a claim to a particular slip or rafting position prior to docking. c) There is a nearby vessel proceeding astern (backing - backing out).
- 3) When in distress, what is the VHF emergency channel? a) Use any channel in an emergency as time is of the essence. b) Channel 16. c) Channel 9.
- 4) Which grouping are the usual VHF working channels? a) 68, 69, 71, 72. b) 9,16. c) If your marine radio is functioning properly all channels should be working.
- 5) When entering PIB harbor there are two "No Wake" boards on the port and starboard sides of the channel. What is No Wake? a) Any passengers asleep when entering the harbor should not be awake until the vessel is docked and secured. b) Named after some guy Kelvin. The resulting effect

of his equation should be minimized or eliminated. ( $w=\sqrt{gk}$ ). c) All passengers should remain seated while underway in the channel.

- 6) When entering the harbor at night, turn on your dock lights if your vessel is so equipped. This will aid in visibility and help in preventing nighttime collisions. a) True b) False.
- 7) What are jet ski legal hours of operation? a) Anytime if the jet ski has a valid state registration sticker. b) 6am to 6pm for both registered and unregistered jet skis. c) Sunrise to sunset.
- 8) Kayaks are not required to be registered? a) True b) False
- 9) Is it okay to let passengers sit on the gunwales, transom or bow while underway? a) Yes, so long as everyone is safe and having a good time. b) No, not until you've cleared the harbor and in open waters. c) No occupant of a vessel underway shall sit, stand or walk on any area not designed for that movement.
- 10) It is okay to swim off the transom while docked in the marina? a) True b) False

**ANSWERS:** 1-b 2-c 3-b 4-a 5-b 6-b 7-c 8-b 9-c 10-b

### Explanation

- 1) When overtaking another vessel it is two short blasts of your horn when passing on your starboard side and one blast to port.
- 2) When backing your vessel out of a slip in a marina (for example) you are to give 3 short horn blasts alerting others of your movement astern.
- 3) The emergency channel is always channel 16. You may be instructed by the Coast Guard to change to another working channel at some point.
- 4) 68, 69, 71, 72 are common working channels but not the only ones. Working channels are those designated for communications between non-commercial vessels.
- 5) This was a bit of a trick question (LOL). The foaming water created at your transom by your vessels forward momentum is your wake and is expressed as follows:  $w=\sqrt{gk}$ , where  $w$  the angular frequency equals the square root of  $g$ -gravity times  $k$ -angular wavenumber. This equation was created by Lord Kelvin resulting in what's called the Kelvin Wake or as we now refer to it as simply "Wake." I know... who cares, I just couldn't resist. The important thing is that a "No Wake" means little to no splashing or bubbles created by your vessel off your transom.

6) False. Actually by turning on your docking lights when entering the harbor can cause confusion for other boaters who may confuse your docking lights for navigation lights. Docking lights are just for docking assistance.

7) In Ohio jet ski operation is from Sunrise to sunset. The actual times vary seasonally.

8) False. Like other vessels. Kayaks and canoes require state registration. Sail boards, kite boards, paddle boards and belly boats or float tubes are exempt from registration and titling laws.

9) No occupant of a vessel that is underway shall sit, stand, or walk on any area not designed for that movement except when immediately necessary for safe and reasonable navigation or operation.

10) False. It is prohibited by federal law to swim in a marina...period! Quite simply the risk is shock and electrocution. We've had this happen at PIB.

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ABOVE: Taking a training course at the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department this past month are (Back row - left to right) Asst. Chief Mark Wilhelm, Chief Michael McCann, instructor Trevor Ross, Sue Seaberg, JR Domer, Capt. Chris Ladd, David Bianchi, Safety Officer Greg Dobos, Kayla Johnson, Carl Krueger, and Mark Wilhelm. Around the table starting in front and going around to the right are Adam Danes, Austin Bolyard, Jon Linhart, Renee Market, Kate Mitterholzer, Keri Carnicom, Amanda McCann, Elizabeth McCann, Kurt Bethard, Nate Jones, Bryan Gilles, Andy Shuttleworth, Anna Engel and Ryan Daugherty.

## PIBIO - Skip the Straw, Save Cooper's Woods & No Open Containers by Peter Huston

These are not just slogans, but concrete ideas that really matter to us here on South Bass Island. Ideas that will make our island a better place for us to live, and a better place for our guests to visit. Each one of these great ideas deserves more than a mention, but I wanted to share them with you, even so briefly, so you can see how these important ideas are entwining into a better island for us all.

Probably one of the most asked questions we got this past summer was "where is Coopers Woods?" and "why do you need to save them?" The slogan was short and to the point. It really got peoples attention, but there is so much more here than just protecting the trees. There were jobs and island governance, ecology and housing, parks and recreation all wrapped into a very compact issue. There is no way to unwrap this in 500 words, but the net result, a result that has been years in

the making, will be a win for all involved. A long journey for the Friends of Coopers Woods, Lake Erie Island Conservancy, the DeRivera Trustees and their dogged, dedicated leadership. They preserved a forest, ensuring that there can be new dorms built elsewhere for summer workers, which will aid in providing quality temporary housing for our seasonal workers that keep our island's short summer economy running.

Building on a better island experience, there was this summer's "Skip the Straw, Save our Lake" campaign, an ecologically important project promoted by the manager and staff at the Round House Bar and shared by many of the island establishments funded by a purveyor of spirits. Imagine a slogan that actively encouraged the consumer's awareness in misuse of plastic straws that continue to distress our lake and fish, while generating interest in alter-

native materials like corn for straws and cups, plus the money saved helped to fund a transformative foundation, the Lake Erie Foundation that is working to reduce the algal blooms in Lake Erie. That is one amazing slogan, a slogan that changed how our guests see disposable trash forever. Imagine doing that again in 2019 and beyond. Let's do it.

So we have great wooded places to visit and we are being better consumers, why not go the distance and make our island a safer place too. So what is more unnerving than seeing under informed visitors nonchalantly walking and driving around the island with open containers, of all sorts, filled with who knows what? It has to make us wonder what message are we sharing with our guests and visitors. Who are we? We are not the Key West of the North and Delaware Ave is not Duval Street. So how do we cultivate a safer destination for our friends

and guests? We need to talk about "No open containers" a lot, not just in passing but actively with posters and stickers that crowd the visual space. We can be a "No Open Container Community" and we should be excited by the idea that we can affect this change as a community, together.

So in 2019 lets make our island safer, cleaner, more fun to visit. Lets share the message that the next big message NO OPEN CONTAINERS is who we are. Not just slogans, but real change that makes us better. We have talked about it, now lets keep it growing. Let's really share with them how to celebrate island style.



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ABOVE: Jessie Greene from Jessie's Jewelry was at the Christmas Bazaar selling her custom-made jewelry from her studio on the island.

# Get Me to the Poll on Time!

By Gordy Barr

**Dateline: Monday, November 5th, 2018**

I was excited. Tomorrow was Election Day. I was going to travel from Middle Bass to Put-in-Bay to exercise my right to vote. I love being a citizen of the United States of America! I love doing my civic duty!

Like the high-pitched whine of a mosquito in a dark bedroom, talk of a big November blow was cycling through Middle Bass island's gossip chain. The Miller Ferry boats were going to be cancelled. Airplanes would fall from the sky. Election day was tomorrow and the Voter Weather Suppression Satellites controlled by (choose one) Democrats/Republicans were going to keep many from voting.

Tuesday, November 6th, 2018, parked itself in a gale. The Miller Boat Line had to shut down (as the, choose one: Republican/Democrat operatives, had told it to). My back-up plan was flying off with Griffing Flying Service from Middle Bass to Put-in-Bay, then catch a later plane back to the mainland so I could get to work in Cleveland). But, flying had become dicey.

I kept in touch with Rhonda Trocko at Griffing. There was going to be a lot of choppy air and they were waiting things out. She did point out that the wind direction was favorable (southwest) and that the operator of the Voter Weather Suppression Satellites controlled by the (choose one) Democrat/Republicans might go on coffee break. If there was an opportunity they could act.

At 9:45 a.m., Rhonda called. The (choose one) Republican/Democrat Voter Weather Suppression Satellite operator must have gone to Steak and Shake for a hamburger. We had a window of (voter) opportunity!

The plane landed at Middle Bass. Griffing pilot Kara Clifford grinned from the cockpit of Griffing's Britten / Norman BN2A Islander (the big bird). "I am here to shuttle you to the polls!"

"My heroine!" I shouted.  
 "But we have to stop at North Bass first to pick up a worker..."

My worry brain emerged from my primary brain (I am the man with two brains!).

What if we were trapped on North Bass? What if the Voter Weather Suppression Satellite operator (choose one: Democrat or Republican) had finished his curly fries and was re-arming the satellites? I would be trapped on North Bass. Although some might view this as a great opportunity

to hunt for beach glass, I was serious about voting.

Airborne, flying to North Bass, Kara and I were bounced around the plane's cabin like pucks at a youth league hockey game. She skillfully laid in the Islander on North Bass's north/south runway. This was another day at the office for her. She is unflappable (unflappable is not an airplane pun).

I was pretty sure Kara was not working for the Voter Weather Suppression Satellite people (choose one: Republican/Democrat). We taxied to leave after picking up the North Bass passenger. All freckles and armed with a single auburn ponytail,



ABOVE: Hero pilot, Kara Clifford, had her ponytail blown out by the savage winds created by the (choose one) Republican/Democrat Voter Weather Suppression Satellites on Election Day!



ABOVE: Poll workers at the PIB Senior Center on Election Day were (left to right) Chan Stevens, Carol Pennington, Susan Byrnes, Woody Widmar and Paula Hubner. There was no recount at Put-in-Bay!

she powered up the Islander and we were airborne and on our way to Put-in-Bay!

There were some halfhearted attempts by the Voter Weather Satellite Suppression people (choose one: Republican/Democrat) to knock us out of the sky, but the six-minute flight from North Bass to South Bass proved disappointingly uneventful.

Kara said she would be back in an hour or two to fly me to the mainland (Voter Suppression Satellites, willing). Ponytail bobbing, she slipped back into the cockpit of "Big Bird" and taxied away.

My usual Put-in-Bay chums, Jeff Koehler, Russ and Lisa Brohl and Christie Ontko were off island and had voted earlier in the day. Jessie Greene volunteered to drive me to the Senior Center, but it would cost me lunch at Tippers.

The issues around the Lake Erie Islands are important to me. That is why I choose to vote there (versus Cleveland). I want to support local officials that are in tune with Middle Bass and the islands. I support levies that make our islands a better place.

I also love the ritual of voting in person. I like the institutional smell of the voting booth's curtains. I like seeing the white ballot form with important black printing on it. I like marking the circles with my pen and making sure to fill in the entire circle. My choice matters.

My vote would not be wasted. The people working the poll that day, Chan Stevens, Susan Byrnes, Paula Huber, Carol Pennington and Woody Widmar, would make sure that my vote was properly entered, accounted for and registered. These are people that can be trusted. Their competence would never be questioned.

The contrast to Put-in-Bay's clean efficient poll operation would be Broward County Florida Elections Board. Confusion reined. Mysterious ballots were found. Mysterious ballots disappeared. No one knew how many ballots there were... A dangling chad is not a type of men's underwear.

At fault were the (choose one) Democrats/Republicans. Out of ten million potential voters for the US Senators race between Republican Rick Scott and Democrat Bill Nelson the race was decided by a razor thin margin of 10,000 votes. Indeed, in that election, every vote counted.

The Broward County Election Board needs Chan Stevens, Susan Byrnes, Paula Huber, Carol Pennington and Woody Widmar. But I doubt any of them would want to live in South Florida...

**Notes on the Story:**

1) I was supposed to have lunch with Put-in-Bay Gazette editor Jeff Koehler on Election Day (I wanted to vote as well as discuss removing the Put-in-Bay Gazette's restrictive columnist salary cap), but he had a doctor's appointment on the mainland. As it turned out, he cancelled his doctor's appointment due to the active Voter Weather Suppression Satellites operated by the (choose one) Democratic/Republican party. Per Jeff, "We talked about this two weeks ago. I completely forgot you were coming over!"

Jeff, no one likes to be forgotten. I have seen the 1987 thriller classic movie Fatal Attraction (featuring a bunch of, choose one, Democrats/Republicans behaving badly). I will not be ignored.

2) Any time there is a Voter Weather Suppression Satellite crisis and I have to Island hop to get to the polls I always stop at Tippers for a fried Bologna sandwich (like the last 4 elections it seems). Sandy Funtal always waits on me. Sandy sadly informed me the fried Bologna sandwich was no longer on the menu, although it was sometimes offered as a special (like those Lee Iacocca Chrysler K cars that sometime pop up on EBAY). I hate to change traditions, but I ordered a new sandwich called the Sloppy Pig (pork belly, kielbasa, pulled pork, Coleslaw, house barbecue sauce and cheddar cheese on a golden brown bun). It was delicious. I guess sometimes change isn't bad.

3) The (choose one) Republicans/ Democrats have long controlled the weather to suppress their opponent's voters. You would think they would use this power to help America's farmers. "We have scheduled a Tornado for next Friday. Better put those cows in the barn and get those crops harvested by Wednesday!"

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Evie Laura Cultice



Liam Miller



Payton Faris



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Frank Reinheimer

## Milestones

### BIRTHS

#### Evie Laura Cultice

Congratulations to Brian and Justine Rhoad Cultice on the birth of a 7 lb 13 oz, 20-inch-long daughter, Evie Laura, on Friday, November 16th, at 7 in the morning at St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, OH. Justine, a former Round House bartender, works at Cameo Pizza when she's not working on the mainland in the real world. Brian, a former taxi driver on the island who now owns a taxi company in Bowling Green, has been working with the Put-in-Bay Gazette since he was an intern from Bowling Green State University a decade ago. Island maternal grandparents are Roger and Joan Rhoad from Cameo Pizza and East Point. Paternal grandparents are Keith and Jan Cultice and Jerry and Karen Moffet, all of Marblehead.

#### William (Liam) Jon Miller

William (Liam) Jon was born to Katy and Jonathan Miller on November 18, 2018. Weighing in at 7 lb. 3 oz., he is already loved and adored. Grandparents Cliff Fulton of Freshwater Charters and Christie Ontko of Freshwater Treat & Remedies, and columnist in the Put-in-Bay Gazette, are overjoyed! Liam is eager to make it over to the island on his first boat ride.

### HONORED

#### Payton Faris

Payton Faris recently received special recognition from the Ohio House of Representatives of the 132nd General Assembly of Ohio on receiving the 2018 All-Northern Lakes League First Team Honors in Baseball. Payton is a 2018 graduate of Perrysburg High School and is the son of Nick (PIBHS graduate of 1993) and Tara Faris. Both Nick and Tara are former employees of the Boardwalk. Payton is the grandson of Put-in-Bay residents Kelly and Marty Faris. The commendation reads: "A student of Perrysburg High school, you are, indeed, deserving of this prestigious recognition for your outstanding accomplishments as a baseball player. A fine young athlete, you compiled a tremendous record of success this season and were named a pitcher for the All-NLL first team, and your record of personal achievement stands as a hallmark worthy of emulation. In a society that seeks to teach the future leaders of our state and nation the fundamentals of self-reliance and the rewards of individual effort, athletic competition has become a valuable educational tool. Through your participation in baseball, you have learned the important lessons of self-discipline, perseverance, hard work, and good sportsmanship that will undoubtedly be of benefit to you throughout your life. Thus, it is with genuine pleasure that we congratulate you on your athletic achievement and offer best wishes for continued success - Representative Theresa Gavarone, House District 3." Payton is attending the Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia, and is majoring in business administration. And yes, he is playing baseball for the Wheeling Cardinals.

### ENGAGED

#### Janine Cerny & Ryan Little



Janine Cerny (PIBHS Class of 2011) and Ryan Little are happy to announce they became engaged to be married this past August in Croatia. Ryan is the son of Marion and Stephanie Little of New Albany, Ohio, and is a Quality Lead at Key Bank. Janine is the daughter of islanders Joe and Carol Cerny and is employed at the law firm of Squire Patton Boggs. They are planning an August 2020 wedding.

### OBITUARY

#### Frank Reinheimer



Frank William Reinheimer, 80, of Port Clinton, OH, passed away, Sunday, October 28, 2018, at the Heritage Village of Clyde, Clyde, OH. Frank was born on June 07, 1938, in Sandusky, OH, the son of John L. and L. Margaret (Storck) Reinheimer. On May 21, 1966, in Elyria, he married Lynette M. Means and she survives. Frank was a graduate of Port Clinton High School, Bowling Green State University and the Claude W. Pettit College of Law. He was

an attorney in the law firm of Reinheimer & Reinheimer with his father John L. Reinheimer and then with his son, James L. Reinheimer, in Port Clinton, until his retirement in 2011. He proudly served in the U.S. Army for two years in the 82nd Airborne. Frank was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, American Legion Post #113 and the Oliver H. Perry Masonic Lodge #341 F. & A.M. When they were children, Frank, his brother Jay and parents lived on Put-in-Bay in the summers, on Chapman Rd. Later, Frank bought a cottage on Chapman Rd., so that his young children would learn to love the island life too. The cottage is still in the Reinheimer family. For many years, Frank was the solicitor for the Village of Put-in-Bay, and served under mayors Dick Fox, Bob Ladd and Steve Urge. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Lynette Reinheimer; sons James L. Reinheimer, Michael (LuAnne) Reinheimer and Keith Reinheimer; daughter Melissa (Andrew) Bucher; eight grandchildren and brother: Father John J. Reinheimer. Frank was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were conducted by Father John J. Reinheimer on November 2nd and interment was in Riverview Cemetery with a military graveside service. Memorial contributions may be given to Stein Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Shriner's Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com).

#### Joan Bowen Loeffler

Joan Loeffler, 87, of Catawba and summer resident of Put-in-Bay for many years in the 1950s - 1970s, passed away on November 8th. She was born in Kankakee, IL in 1931, and raised in Chicago, before moving to Ohio where she graduated valedictorian of her class at North Troy High School in Lemoyne. She was awarded a full-ride scholarship to Flora Stone Mather College (now Case Western Reserve University) and graduated with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Joan later pursued post graduate work at both George Washington University and Bowling Green State University. She married Donald F. Loeffler in 1952, and eventually settled in Port Clinton where Joan raised their family and where she became involved in many local community organizations. Joan was particularly proud of serving on the board of Ida Rupp Public Library eventually becoming its President. During her tenure, Ida Rupp expanded to its current location and increased its circulation and program services. She also served on the inaugural advisory board of Bowling Green State University-Firelands College and was an active member of Literary and Social Club, Playmakers, the Port Clinton Yacht Club, the Catawba Island Club and the Nomads Travel Club. Joan was a voracious reader, loved to travel and loved to entertain. In particular, friends, family and neighbors enjoyed Joan's annual "Memorial Day First Shot Party" where the firing of a pre revolutionary war cannon welcomed in the summer season. Joan attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Put-in-Bay. Joan's husband of 58 years, Donald F. Loeffler, M.D., preceded her in death. She

is survived by her three children, and seven grandchildren, a among others. A celebration of life was held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Port Clinton on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Memorial contributions may be made to Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison Street, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 or to the Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance Scholarship Fund c/o Ottawa County Community Foundation, 306 Madison Street, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452.



Joan Loeffler

### RIP Martini

The last of the Skyway feral cats, Martini, passed away this past month at the Black Squirrel B&B. In 1999, during a huge round up of wild cats around the Skyway, Barb Chrysler and Valerie Kowalski, came to take away of all but two of them, Martini and Greasy. They kept the place free of mice and rodents. Greasy disappeared, but Martini became domesticated. Rob and Maria at the Black Squirrel took Martini in after the Skyway closed. Martini, estimated to be 21-22 years young, will always be remembered and loved. RIP



ABOVE: Here's an interesting tidbit about three siblings who graduated from Put-in-Bay High School. Sharon Duggan (PIBHS Class of 1959), Jeanne Burgess (PIBHS Class of 1961) and Tom Lunt (PIBHS Class of 1962) were for a short time in November 76, 75 and 74 years old. That was until Sharon's birthday on Nov. 21st!

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TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = SrCen  
TwpH = Township Hall

## DECEMBER EVENT SCHEDULE

- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- Yoga • Tues & Thurs - 4p • Senior Center
- Bank Open • Wednesdays - 9:30a - 3:30p
- Euchre • Wednesday Evenings • Reel Bar
- Senior Center Calendar • See Page 20
- Library Programs Calendar • See Article This Page
- Leaf Pick Up • Daily (Weather Permitting) thru Mid Dec • Village Only
- Browns Backers • Dec 2 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- Browns Backers & Christmas Party • Dec 9 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- LEIC Holiday Potluck • Dec 10 - 6p • SBI Lighthouse
- Senior Luncheon & Fruit Basket Handout • Dec 12 - Noon • Sr Cen
- Holiday Concert • Dec 13 - 7p • School Gym
- Wreaths Across America • Dec 15 - 10 to 11a • Island Cemeteries
- Browns Backers • Dec 15 - 8:20p • Topsy Turvey's
- Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count • Dec 16
- Holiday Buffet with Santa • Dec 16 - 2p • TH
- Santa will pass out gifts to the island children
- PIB School Lets Out for Christmas Vacation • Dec 21 - Noon
- Browns Backers • Dec 23 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- Browns Backers • Dec 30 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- New Year's Eve w/John Salamon • Dec 31 • Reel Bar
- New Year's Eve • Dec 31 • Topsy Turvey's

## DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Al-Anon Family Group • Thursdays - 7:30p • St Paul's
- PIB Recreation Committee • Dec 3 - 3:30p • School
- Put-in-Bay Village Planning Com • Dec 4 - 11a • Town Hall
- Put-in-Bay Village Council • Dec 5 - 9a • Town Hall
- PIB Twp Zoning • Dec 5 - 1p • Twp Hall
- Village of PIB Tree Commission • Dec 11 - 9:45a • TH
- Park District Meeting • Dec 11 - 10a • TH
- PIB Twp Trustees • Dec 11 - 5p • Twp Hall
- Put-in-Bay Village Council • Dec 12 - 9a • Town Hall
- PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • None in December
- Bd of Education • Dec 12 - 7p • School
- PIB Twp Port Authority • Dec 15 - 9a • Twp Hall
- PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Dec 18 - 7p • Twp Hall
- Legion • Dec 20 - 11:45a • Sr Center

## DECEMBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- Mass • Sundays - 10:30a
- PSR/CCD • Dec 4, 11 & 18 - 3:30p • Corner Stone Room
- First Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 2 - 10:30a
- Communion Service Feast of the Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary • Dec 8 - 1:30p
- Second Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 9 - 10:30a
- Third Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 16 - 10:30a
- Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 23 - 10:30a
- Christmas Mass • Dec 24 - 3:30p
- Feast of th Holy Family • Dec 30 - 10:30a
- Feast of Immaculate Conception • Dec 8 - 11a • St Michael Kl
- Feast of th Holy Family • Dec 30 - 10:30a

### St. Michael's Kelleys Island

- First Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 2 - 9a • St Michael Kl
- Communion Service Feast of the Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary • Dec 8 - 11a
- Second Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 9 - 9a • St Michael Kl
- Third Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 16 - 9a • St Michael Kl
- Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass • Dec 24 - 9a • St Michael Kl
- Christmas Mass • Dec 24 - 3p
- Feast of th Holy Family • Dec 30 - 9a

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- Worship • Suns - 10:30a w/Sunday School most weeks
- Worship • Weds - 9:30a
- Conversations in Faith • Weds - 5p
- Christmas Eve Service • Dec 24 - 8p
- Christmas Service • Dec 25 - 10:30a
- Bible Explorers (1st - 5th Grades) • Tuesdays - 3:15p
- Youth Bell Choir & Lunch (4th Grade & Above) • Thurs - 12:05p
- Youth Group for 6th Grade & Up Meets One Sunday Per Month
- Chalking the Doors • Sun, Jan 6

### St. John @ the Bay

- Services • Dec 9 & 23 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

## COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

- PIB School Resumes after Christmas Vacation • Jan 3
- Put-in-Bay Yacht Club Winter Doldrums Party • Jan 18 & 19 • Holiday Inn Express, Westlake, OH
- Cleveland Boat Show • Jan 17 - 21 • IX Center in Cleveland

## RECYCLING HOURS

- Recycling • Mons & Weds - 8a to 2p • Transfer Station

## MEDICATION DISPOSAL STATION

- 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

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LEFT: Kate Byrnes, Class of 2022, selling a raffle ticket to Carol Roberts of West Shore for a book of airline tickets. The raffle drawing will be on December 15, 2018. Photo by Susan Byrnes

## Christmas Bazaar

### A Success! by Susan Byrnes

The rain and sleet didn't deter the turnout for the Annual Christmas Bazaar held Thursday, Nov. 15th, at the Town Hall. A continual flow of shoppers packed the room visiting more than 20 tables of local arts and crafts including bird seed, knitted items, succulent plants, jewelry, homemade skincare products, local photography, watercolors, merchandise made from used sails, batik pot holders, decorative wood cutting boards, furniture made from Massie barn, soup, baked goods, jellies and peanut brittle to name just a few.

Thank you to the following vendors: Amy Huston, Sandi Glauser, Jackie Taylor, Kate Ptak, Peggy Leopold, John Lowery, Lisa Brohl and Susan Byrnes of LEINWC, Lisa and Russ Brohl, Tracy Burgess, Gene and Pam Zajac and Mike and Susan Byrnes of LEIC, Kendra Koehler and Dan Savage of LEIHS, Kelly Mohn and Woody Widmar of LEI Browns Backers, Russell Brohl, Christina and Rick Brown, Kelly Faris, Jessie Green, Jill Cooks, Brenda Nemec, Kate Ptak, Christie Ontko, Kelly Dress and Mikayla Coe Saunders of Stone Lab, Ashley Rill and Audrey Socha, Heather Durdil, Caroline Jackson, Kate Byrnes and Jacob King of Class of 2022, Zoe Zura, Karin Kirsh, Cecilia Glauser, Hannah Lentz, Joseph Byrnes and Alex Knauer of Class of 2020. Also, thank you to the Village of Put-in-Bay for the use of the Town Hall.

Additional thanks to the Butterfly House Gift Shop, Reel Bar, Topsy Turvey and Tipper's for opening their doors for the event. And last, but not least, THANK YOU to all the shoppers that came out to support our locals despite the lousy weather... it wouldn't have been a success without you!

## What's Happening at Erie Islands Library?

This is the time of the year that we look forward to celebrating Christmas and the New Year with family and friends. At the library, we look forward to the New Year and the new ideas for programming that our friends suggest to us. Please let us know if you have an idea for a program that you would like to present or you would like us to arrange. We have had numerous requests for travel presentations. If you are interested in coming to the library to share an adventure that you have taken, we would love to have you!

### Painting with Bee

One program idea originally suggested by a patron is "Painting with Bee." Brenda Nemec will be sharing her talent with twenty ladies on Monday, December 3rd, at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. At this time, there is a waiting list for this event. Sorry but walk-ins will not be able to paint unless someone previously does not show up.

### Workshops for Adults and Kids

Librarian Sue Duff will be doing two workshops, one for adults and one for kids, called "Design Your Own Christmas Card." The class for adults will be on Wednesday, December 5th, at 1 p.m. with the class for kids on Thursday, December 6th, at 4:30 p.m. Sue has all the supplies you will need to make your own Christmas card for that someone special.

### Story Time for PreSchoolers

There will be a "Story Time for PreSchoolers" on Monday, December 10th, at 11 a.m. The theme will be "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Stories will be read, songs will be sung along and fun poems/finger plays. A special craft will be made before children leave. This event is intended for all ages through three years.

### Movie & Popcorn Night

December's Movie and Popcorn Night will be Tuesday, December 11th, at 5 p.m. "The Secret Life of Pets" will be shown. Join Librarian Gay Pippert for this delightful animated PG movie about what pets do when you are not at home. Popcorn and beverages will be served to children and adults in attendance.

### Library Closed

Erie Islands Library will be closed on Monday, December 24th, and Tuesday, December 25th, as well as Monday, December 31st, and Tuesday, January 1st, to allow the Erie Islands Library staff to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

### Holiday Greeting


Enjoy this holiday season with those that make you happy. Peace to you and your families and friends. From Karen, Gay and Sue, "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

## December BIRTHDAYS

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- 6th Ashley Sweeney  
Bill Jellison  
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Richie Scarpelli
- 7th Neoma Woischke  
Craig Cerny
- 8th Kelly Faris  
Michelle Pugh  
Jane Market  
Kevin Scott
- 9th Ryan Stoiber  
Miranda Riddle  
Michael Byrnes  
Miyah Uszak
- 10th Jeanne Kozlowski  
Tali Steidl
- 11th Lisa Brohl • Ed Sergio  
Caitlin Market  
Maria Tintera  
Carol Pugh
- 12th Chuck Lunt  
Margot Rupp  
Don Frederick  
Mary Alice French
- 14th Emily Morrow  
Corlyn Kindt  
Elyse Drake  
Judy Burgess
- 15th Tammy Knaser  
Debbie Harlan  
Beth Batt  
Alex Tigges
- 16th Sue Seaberg  
Billy Nainiger  
Anita McCann  
Macy Wolfe  
Sherman French
- 17th Sue Duff  
Joey Wolf • Dawn Schill  
Tony Kowalski  
Mary Case • Marty Knaufel  
Karyn Diskin Lyle
- 18th Christy Frederick Bykowski  
Russ Brohl • Dan Palmer  
Lori Stevens  
Corey Myers
- 19th Rose Kahler  
Mark Pillon • Dan Savage
- 20th Seabrook Riddle  
Edward Luecke  
Steve Donohoe  
David Holcott
- 21st Nick Faris  
Tom Seaberg
- 22nd Travis Kowalski  
Kevin French  
Carol Root
- 23rd Paul Ladd  
Audrey Sheehan  
Pat Baker  
Bob Kindt  
Mary Roesch  
Kira Hubner
- 24th Joe DaPore • John Dodge  
Sara Booker Sheehan  
Shawn Dages
- 25th Jason Root  
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Robby Lucas  
Joan Booker
- 26th Mark Matousek • Mike Matousek  
Marge Rudd  
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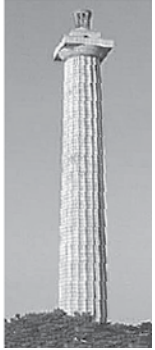
Year 1 Section 1 Fall Season-Center Town- Includes hydrants valves on Toledo Ave. Part of Langram Rd. to Concord then part of Toledo Ave. to Bayview Ave., Bayview Ave. between Catawba Ave. and Toledo Ave., Concord Ave., Erie St., Loraine Ave., and Hartford Ave.

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ABOVE: When Mother Mary Staley from St. Paul's needed help early in November for her dog, Gabe (center), who had pancreatic issues, she called Dr. Mark Reineck DVM (left) from Fremont Animal Hospital and Andrea Russell (right), a vet student. The two volunteered to fly over to PIB where they treated Gabe in the waiting room at the PIB Airport. Dr. Reineck said he has flown to the islands before. He had to treat a horse that broke a window over its stall and got a piece of glass stuck in its nose.



ABOVE: Left to right at Gail McCracken, Jean Hilt, Peggy Leopold and Maisie Ruchala were among the ladies at Topsey Turvey one Martini Monday night in November.

**Official Nov. 6th  
Election Results**

Voters on the island headed to the Senior Center in early November to cast their votes for local issues.

Here is the official vote count for the various local tax levy issues: 1) PIB Twp Port Authority, renewal/decrease, 0.45 mills, maintenance & operations, 5 years; 2) PIB Twp, renewal 0.45 mills, cemeteries, 5 years; 3) PIB Twp, renewal 1.3 mills, EMS, 5 years; and 4) PIB South Bass, renewal 1.2 mills, fire protection, 5 years.

**PUT-IN-BAY TOWNSHIP PORT AUTHORITY**  
**For the Tax Levy . . . . . 382 76.10%**  
**Against the Tax Levy. . . . . 119 23.90%**

**PUT-IN-BAY TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY (CEMETERIES)**  
**For the Tax Levy . . . . . 382 76.10%**  
**Against the Tax Levy. . . . . 120 23.90%**

**PUT-IN-BAY TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY (EMS)**  
**For the Tax Levy . . . . . 424 83.79%**  
**Against the Tax Levy. . . . . 82 16.21%**

**PUT-IN-BAY SOUTH BASS TAX LEVY (Fire Protection)**  
**For the Tax Levy . . . . . 329 78.90%**  
**Against the Tax Levy. . . . . 88 21.10%**

DECEMBER   2018				
PUT-IN-BAY SENIOR CENTER				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4 pm Yoga 7pm Dupl. Bridge</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>12pm Sr. Lunch/Reel Bar 1pm Mah Jongg</p> <p>4pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p> <p>1pm Bridge</p>
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<p><b>24 SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b></p>	<p><b>25 SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p>	<p><b>27 ** 60+ Clinic**</b></p> <p>12pm Sr. Lunch/Reel Bar 1pm Mah Jongg</p> <p>4pm Yoga</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p> <p>1pm Bridge</p>
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*\*Don't forget to check out this month's highlighted "Special Programs/Events"*

# Miranda Krueger to travel with Bike & Build

Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) will be bicycling across the United States from Jacksonville, FL to Santa Cruz, CA this coming summer. She will be traveling with Bike & Build, a nonprofit organization that engages young adults in service-oriented cycling trips to raise money and awareness for the affordable housing cause.

Starting in Jacksonville, she will spend her first two weeks hugging the Gulf of Mexico en route to New Orleans where she will spend multiple days assisting with ongoing Katrina recovery. Miranda will then move on to Texas and then it's on to the best of the West - the Land of Enchantment, and the Loneliest Road in America before setting out to California. There are a total of 14 days designated to assisting with building homes along the way.

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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Youth Activities

St Paul's youth activities are underway again. The youth bell choir, directed by CC Wisniewski is preparing new music and welcomes new participants. The Bible Explorers are looking at various stories about Jesus on Tuesdays. We also are offering Sunday School this fall during Sunday worship. The first fall "Diner Day" saw 30 of our PIB students enjoying lunch together thanks to our chefs - Sue Kostura and Sue Cooks. The youth who attend Diner Day spent a few minutes helping with a church project. They pulled over 100 the prayer books out of the pews for an update showing us that many hands do make light work. The teen youth group is still talking about the pilgrimage they took last summer. One of the highlights was a 17-mile bike ride. Our teens attended a fall organizational meeting in Huron on November 18th and will continue monthly meetings with youth in other Episcopal Churches this school year.

## Safeguarding God's Children

The adults who support our myriad youth programs are expected to attend the Episcopal Church's "Safeguarding God's Children" seminar once every three years. On November 14th two instructors from Elyria came and led the program for 14 participants. This program is offered across the US and is open to all members of the community.

## Updating Church

St. Paul's continues to update the church facility. The sacristy, where our altar guild prepares for worship, has needed new cabinets for years. The previous ones were very difficult to open and close due to their age. The "Planting For Tomorrow" program initiated almost five years ago provided funds to improve their work space which also included ceiling restoration. We were pleased to get this completed before the boats stopped running. This fall the bathrooms received a face lift we've discussed for several years. We now have a bathroom with a wider door to allow a wheelchair easy access. The walls received fresh paint and the lights were improved. St. Paul's will continue to look for ways to make the historic building accessible.

## Food Pantry

The Food Pantry located at St. Paul's will be well stocked for the winter thanks to a number of community donors including the PIB school students. We appreciate all the cottage residents who drop off canned food as they close their cupboards. We also want to thank those who provide financial contributions and those who volunteer their time to keep the shelves stocked. Each month we have a different volunteer stocking the shelves. Other volunteers go shopping and bring food to the island before the last boat runs. Please remember - St. Paul's does not have room to sponsor a clothing drive. We ask residents not to leave clothing in the food pantry area.

## Vestry

St. Paul's vestry had a busy year in 2018 and hopes to relax a little in December with a social event instead of a long meeting. The work accomplished in 2018 would

not have occurred without their diligence and especially our facilities coordination, Bob White. The vestry looks forward to new ways of spreading the Gospel in 2019.

## Join Us

Please join us for our worship services on Sunday and Wednesday mornings. We will offer two additional services on Christmas Eve (8 p.m.) and on Christmas Day (10:30 a.m.). Our adult Conversations in Faith completed the discussion of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" in November and will begin "The Way of Love" on Wednesday afternoons at 5 p.m. throughout December. The Way of Love draws from Bishop Michael Curry's sermon about love given at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle last summer. Did you know Mo. Mary has eaten lunch sitting next to Prince Harry's father on a British ship? Come to the Conversations in Faith to hear "the rest of the story."

## Chalking the Doors

Chalking the Doors will occur on Sunday January 6th. Be sure to sign up for this traditional house blessing in December by calling the church office, e-mailing or the sign-up sheet in the undercroft.



ABOVE: Attending the "Safeguarding God's Children" seminar at St. Paul's were (left to right around the table) Rev. June Hardy Dorsey (Instructor), Bob White, Wes Baker, C.C. Wiesniewski, Erin Music (Elyria), Roberta Scarpelli, Kira Hubner, Michelle O'Donnell, Rev. Mary Staley, Jessie Greene, Rev. Greg Stark (Instructor), Candy Baker, Gail McCracken and Sandy Hartzel.

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ABOVE: Gene Zajac (left) built this table and presented it to John Ladd (right). The wood the table is made out of came from the barn that stood near the corner of Columbus Ave. and Massie Lane, property which was once owned by John's grandfather and is now part of the Massie Cliffside Preserve. Gene made several tables from the wood and they were available at the Christmas Bazaar at the Town Hall. ABOVE RIGHT: This is what Tipper's looked like the busy night of the Harvest Dinner. This photo was taken when things had already started to clear out. Tipper's will close after Saturday, December 2nd, for the winter and will reopen when winter is over.



## Senior Center News from Chris Joyce

### Senior Christmas Luncheon

HO HO HO! It's hard to believe it's almost the end of 2018. This year has sure flown by! Our Senior Christmas Luncheon is set for Wednesday, December 12th, at 12 noon here at the Senior Center. This is a wonderful annual event with fabulous food and delightful company, so please RSVP by Wednesday, December 5th, so we can tell the Caterer how many meals will be needed! The Girl Scouts will be passing out the Christmas Fruit Baskets at that time also!

### Thanks, Girl Scouts!

All of us here at the Senior Center want to give a huge "shout out" to the Put-in-Bay Girl Scout troops for taking on the enormous project of assembling and delivering the Senior Fruit Baskets again this year!!! What a wonderful gift to all the island seniors to keep this holiday tradition going!

### Check Calendar for Activities

During the off season, a "Soup and a Show," "Wii Bowling" or similar activity is added at least once a month but are often not planned far enough in advance to make this publication. Please check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our website [www.PIBseniorcenter.org](http://www.PIBseniorcenter.org) for any last-minute events.

Our Aquamotion classes remain on hold until further notice as there is no pool for us to use at this time. Instead, we are doing "Older and Much Wiser" aerobics on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m.

Our Senior Lunch location has changed for the winter to the Reel Bar. They will still be served at 12 noon every Thursday. Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. on Wednesday either by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. It is important to let the Reel Bar kitchen know the lunch count by noon Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for our senior lunches!

### To Your Good Health

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m., this is a wonderful service they provide so feel free to get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday Dec. 27th.

This free health clinic is put on by the Ottawa County Health Dept. for those 60 and older. If you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

### Volunteers Needed

We are honored to host the Legion Lunches every third Thursday of the month. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer to help serve the lunch, make dessert and/or clean up afterward. Please help us support our veterans.

### Thank You!

I want to thank everyone who's been helping at the Senior Center while I recover from knee surgery! What a wonderful group of Seniors we have here on Put-in-Bay. Remember the Senior Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday ... Wishing you all a very special Christmas Holiday with family and friends.

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# Kelleys Island News

by Leslie Korenko

Leslie Korenko

Winter came in with a bang. By mid-November we had temps regularly below freezing. And so it begins; the stocking up and hunkering down for winter. We rush to get doctor appointments out of the way, check propane levels, complete house check forms so the Police can check on our houses, and wait for our packages arrive at the Post Office or ferry (and soon, the airport). Speaking of last-minute projects, on a recent tour of the Island we noticed that the Post Office has been repainted, two pavilions at the West Bay Inn were demolished, solar panels were installed on a west side home, and everyone took pictures of the massive barge working on the new Hancock Wood POWER CABLE. The crane on the barge was so tall, we wondered why the whole unit didn't tip over. We always have a great turnout for ELECTIONS and this year was no exception. With 328 voters, we had 220 ballots cast (103 voted on the Island) which is a 67% turnout. Amazing for a mid-term election with no local issues. The VFW POTLUCKS will be starting very soon (unofficial word is December 9, so watch the Post Office for updates).

## TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX

Three readings and one special Council meeting and the Transient Occupancy Tax is on the books. However, it was reduced from 3% to 2%. When you invoice your customers, you must list the tax. For example: Rental of house for week \$1000, Erie Co. Transient Occupancy Tax (4%) \$40.00, Kelleys Island Transient tax (2%) \$20.00 for a total of \$1,060.00. Sources of revenue have been drying up and the village, like most communities, is scrambling to balance increased costs with diminishing income. The Transient Occupancy Tax is expected to bring in an additional \$26,600. The Village is also exploring other sources of income. The Baumans (Venture Resort) questioned why the rental business is taking the brunt of this, even though it was explained that the visitors actually pay the tax, and why there weren't taxes on bar stools, docks, lawn mowing or home businesses, etc. There was some discussion at the November meeting as to what the Village was doing to assure that everyone is paying the Resort Tax. Apparently the State can provide a list of those who do pay, but will not share how much. Reporting suspected scofflaws is difficult because you need to provide proof that they are under reporting. The Village indicated that they will be providing the State with a list of potential taxpayers who advertise on various web sites and in newspapers.

## COUNCIL NOTES

Council meetings, which are now on Saturdays, have been pretty well attended. This meeting had almost 40 people in attendance (likely because of the

## Fruit Baskets for Island Seniors

Are you 60 or over? Are you a year-round resident of PIB? The PIB Recreation Committee needs your help. Senior Fruit Baskets will be handed out the week of December 10th.

Please contact Suzanne Kostura if you are new to 60 or know someone who is 60 that has not received a Basket in the past. Private message Suzanne on messenger. The Rec Committee is trying to update their list.

Also, if you are on the list and will NOT be on the Island the week of December 10th, please let us know as the fruit baskets are perishable. Thank you!

room tax). The POLICE reported 184 phone calls, eight tickets for speeding, driving under suspension, stop sign, no headlights, parking, and 4-open containers and 1-urinating in public. Our EMS has six runs, and are doing continuing education training. The FIRE DEPT. had one run. They ordered a new fire hose (to replace the oldest one) and have applied for two grants. They are particularly concerned on how to provide water to fight fires in those areas with no fire hydrants. The FAA will hold a meeting on the AIRPORT. On our wish list includes better lighting and a real heli-pad (for Life Flight). Work at the WATER DEPT. continues with one of the three filter tanks sand blasted and painted and another almost done. The stack of bags in the parking lot is the media that will go

into the tanks. The new electric panel is now in and will be connected soon. Back in 1979 the Corps of Engineers worked to protect some of our shoreline. That paperwork is on its way to us so we can evaluate its impact and work on some areas that now need protection. The ANTENNA PROJECT is finally underway at the TRANSFER STATION. A pad, 50 x 50 feet in size and 5.5" thick has been installed. Twenty cement trucks made round trips on the ferry to accomplish this work. The first three years' rent has been received. SERVING OUR SENIORS is looking at subsidizing transportation costs for Dr. visits for Islanders and are working with the KELLEYS ISLAND LANDOWNERS ASSOC. to work out a plan for implementation. With so many groups coming to the Island, there is a need for a tour tram vehicle. Several options are being explored by private individuals and Shores & Islands. The Village BUDGET was approved but with a \$50,000 reduction from last year's figures. Council is serious about controlling spending. Deb Haig was appointed to the BZA and Knut Lahrs and Don Gilles were retroactively re-appointed to the DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.



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## Marsha Parker retiring

Marsha is retired from Christmas decorating after 25 years. No more climbing ladders, standing on a truck, sorting out extension cords, setting up Santa's sleigh, reindeer, carolers, hanging banners and lights along the streets, across the street such as between the churches. She was following in her dad Joe Parker's footsteps. Of all the "hats he wore," Christmas was his favorite.



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ABOVE: These ATV riders paraded around the island on Thursday, November 1st, to begin the six-month season for allowing these kind of vehicles to use island roads. They are seen here at the new pavilion at the Bird's Nest getting ready to parade. The group ended up at Tipper's.

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## Fall Traveling

There's something to be said about traveling. Maybe that's why so many island folks travel to the far ends of the world whenever they get a chance.

Berni and Donna Steinbach traveled to Iceland for a few days this past month.

The island's Cigar Ambassador, Richard Warren, was in China for a cigar festival.

Simona Michael from Ahoy B&B and her son, Emil, and daughter, Emma, from the Ahoy B&B were in Las Vegas and then in a few National Parks in Arizona and Utah. Also in Nevada were Ed and Paula Hubner from Put-in-Bay Road, and Round House entertainer Mike "Mad Dog" Adams.

Caroline Jackson, from the Goat, and her kids, Liesl and Cal, headed to San Diego for a week with her sister-in-law, Phoebe Koehler, and her son, Teddy.

Chef Mike Catey spent some time enjoy Mint Juleps at Churchill Downs in Kentucky.

Scott Jackson from the Goat flew on business to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands for a few days.

Several from the island were in Europe in November. Susan Market was in Italy. Ty Winchester and his mother, Teri, were on a river cruise in Europe. Bill and Bonnie Cantillon from Mikes Drive were in Germany and the Netherlands.

Others went to other islands to escape the early chill of fall. Paula Garsteck from the Round House was on Cat Island in the Bahamas with Ray and Laura Fogg, Jen Yaw and Kim Stoiber in the Bahamas. Bret and Meredith Klun were in the Dominican Republic with Ryan and Jenny Stoiber and Kim, Jen and Paula a few days later.

Agnes Uszak from the Crew's Nest was in the Bahamas and Florida with her daughter Miyah.

Bobbi and Greg Dobos were in Cancun, Mexico, where they took in some snorkeling and the Day of the Dead celebration.

Rich and Kathy Loroff from the Golf Cart Depot and Subway, Jason Fitzgerald, Steve and Jenny Firman from Commadore Resorts took a Caribbean cruise in November.

Cullen Blaney, Erin Urge (PIBHS Class of 2018), Jessica Krueger (PIBHS Class of 216) and Cody Porche (PIBHS Class of 2014) spent a weekend in Kingsville, Ontario, in November.

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