

# *The* Put-in-Bay 25¢ GAZETTE

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## Merry Christmas!



We would like to extend a very special thank you to the Rec. Committee for decorating DeRivera Park and the gazebo scene you see here, and to our island Santa Claus! Come see Santa on December 15th at the Town Hall.

## December Island Community Events

### **LEINWC Wild Giving Tuesday | Dec. 3rd**

Make room for all your Black Friday purchases! Clean out your closets and bring all your clean, gently used clothes to the Wild Giving Tuesday clothing exchange on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. Set up starts at 3 p.m. with the exchange happening from 4 to 6 p.m. Then from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be cocktails, snacks and owl banding! Be safe and good luck with sales! Hope to see you Tuesday!

### **Bird Banding on South Bass | Dec. 3rd - 5th**

Tom and Paula Bartlett will be on the island for bird banding December 3rd through 5th. They will be banding the afternoon of Tuesday, December 3rd, all day Wednesday, December 4th, and the morning of Thursday, December 5th, at the Brohl residence at 441 Mitchell Rd., Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456. They will be banding owls the night of December 3rd and 4th at the Barnhill's Vineyard at the tip of East Point. If you have questions on times or location, give Lisa Brohl a call or text at 419-366-2087. Always a great opportunity to see the birds up close!

### **Community Tree Lighting | Dec. 4th**

Bring your friends and family for the holiday tree lighting in DeRivera Park at 5:30 p.m. on December 4th. Hot chocolate and fun will be provided!

### **Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament**

#### **Mackinac Island | Dec. 6th & 7th**

The Panthers, Put-in-Bay High School's basketball boys' and girls' teams, will head to Mackinac Island on Thursday, December 5th, to take part in the second annual Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament, aka "Battle of the Great Lakes." Last year's tournament took place on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan and was a tremendous success. Tournament play will take place on Friday, December 6th, and Saturday, December 7th, in the gymnasium at Mackinac High School!

The boys' team will play the Beaver Island team at 3 p.m. and Washington Island at 5:45 on Friday. The next day they play Mackinac Island at 1:30 p.m.

The girls' team will play the Beaver Island team at 1:45 p.m. and Washington Island at 4:15 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, they play Mackinac Island at 12:15 p.m.

WPIB ( [www.PutInPayRadio.com](http://www.PutInPayRadio.com) ) will be live streaming the Great Lakes Island High School Basketball Tournament. Helping with the live broadcast this year will be Put-In-Bay School Superintendent Steve Poe alongside Kevin Boyles from Beaver Island!

It is expected a number of Panther fans will make the trip to Mackinac to root for their team.

### **Conservancy Potluck | Dec. 10th**

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold its annual Christmas Potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on Tuesday, December 10th, starting at 6 p.m. We will provide the ham, coffee, hot cider. Please bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share as well as a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Please RSVP

by calling or texting Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or 419-285-5811 or e-mail at [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com). It is always a beautiful spot to celebrate the end to a busy year of land preservation!! Thanks to our partners at the Ohio State University Stone Laboratory for the opportunity!

### **Holiday Concert • School Gymnasium | Dec. 11th**

Put-in-Bay School's annual holiday concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th, at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Students in grades K – 8 will perform songs to ring in the Holidays and New Year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Senior Lunch • Senior Center | Dec. 11th**

HO HO HO! The Senior Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, Dec. 11th, at 12 noon at the Senior Center. This is a festive annual event with fabulous food and delightful company, so please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4th, so the caterer will know how many meals will be needed! The Christmas Gift Baskets will also be passed out at that time!

### **Christmas Holiday Santa Visit | Dec. 15th**

On Sunday, December 15th, the children of Put-in-Bay will be paid a visit by Santa Claus upstairs in the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. This year, the event will be a luncheon followed by Santa passing out gifts to the island children. The event will begin at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome, so come hungry and ready to enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

### **Audubon Christmas Bird Count | Dec. 15th**

Walk the island from dawn to dusk listening, watching, counting. Enjoy the quiet time of year. Or sit in your recliner and watch colorful winter birds visit your bird feeder for a portion of the day. It all adds up with statistics from other birders around the country and a lot of fun to participate!

The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be held in the Lake Erie Islands Count Circle on Sunday, December 15, 2019. 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 the island for all or part of the day, call Lisa Brohl at (419) 366-2087 or e-mail at [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com). Those on South Bass can meet at the Brohl residence (441 Mitchell Rd.) at 7 a.m. for coffee and strategy. We will get together for some food and to share results after the count. Participation in the Christmas Bird Count is free and a lot of fun!

Contact Nancy Welter at ([nkw2329@yahoo.com](mailto:nkw2329@yahoo.com)) or 419-341-5806 to participate on Middle Bass. John Pogacnik, the official Count Circle Compiler, will be coordinating the efforts on Kelleys Island. Please correspond with him at [jpogacnik@hotmail.com](mailto:jpogacnik@hotmail.com) or with Tom Bartlett at [hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com](mailto:hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com) if you wish to help at Kelleys.

### **Christmas Party at Island General Store | December 18th**

A week before Christmas, on Wednesday afternoon, December 18th, stop by the Island General Store for some holiday cheer. There will a "wonderful" punch, cookies, cheeses and other goodies, plus a drawing for some fun gifts. Everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy the spirit of the season.

### **New Years Eve | Dec. 31st**

Topsy Turvey's will be having their annual New Year's Eve party on December 31st. Entertainment will be provided by Patrick Masalko and Jamie Jamtastic. The Forge will also be open. Check their social media for more details as the date gets closer.



## 2019 Election Results

Island voters went to the Senior Center on Tuesday, November 5th, to vote for two candidates for mayor, former mayor Judy Berry and current major Jessica Dress. Jessica was re-elected by just a two-vote difference, 57 to 55.

All the other local candidates ran uncontested. PIB Village Councilman Kelly Faris was reelected with 84 votes. In the township, incumbent trustee Chris Cooper had 285 votes and Laurie Miller, candidate for the Township Fiscal Officer position received 275 votes.

School Board members, Billy Market with 255 and JR Domer with 196 votes, also retained their seats. On Middle Bass and North Bass, there were write-in votes for the School Board positions on those islands. Kathryn Schneider received 8 votes and Ruth Ann Stonerook on North Bass received 4 votes.

When it came to tax levies on the ballot, all of them passed. The Put-in-Bay Township renewal levy with increase 4.8 mills for maintenance of roads (unincorporated) (5 years, 2020) passed by a vote of 155 to 63; the Put-in-Bay Township renewal .25 mill levy for the physician's house (5 years, 2020) by 251 to 78; and the Put-in-Bay Township renewal for 1.5 mill for current expenses (5 years, 2020) by 245 to 79.

### WESTSIDE STEVE

**CHECK FACEBOOK**  
"Westside Steve Simmons"  
**For Day-to-Day Schedule Updates**  
**December 2019**

- Fri 20: Barbarino's, Columbia Station OH - 8PM
- Saturday 21: Firehouse Grill, Malvern OH - 8PM
- Friday 27: Sully's Irish Pub, Medina OH - 8:30 PM

**Put-in-Bay Days!!**  
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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**"Skipper of the Lake Erie Booze Patrol!"**

There was one tax levy which only Middle Bass voter voted on. The Put-in-Bay Township (Middle Bass) renewal levy of 3 mills providing/maintaining a refuse site on Middle Bass (5 years, 2020) passed by a vote of 26 to 2.

Voter turnout in the Village election for mayor was 67%. The Village has 166 registered voters. In the Township, the turn out was 56% of the registered voters. There are 474 registered voters on South Bass Island, 105 on Middle Bass and 9 on North Bass. Ottawa County's overall voter turnout for the election was in the 41% range. This shows how seriously islanders tend to take their right to vote.

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**DOWNTOWN PUT-IN-BAY**



**LEFT:** The veterans at this year's Veterans Day dinner at the Senior Center "got Hanked" with a wonderful dinner cooked by Hank Bayles from the Crew's Nest, with help from Keri Carnicom and Elora Hubner.



**RIGHT:** Bob Bahney, Tom Cooper and Bob Hilt at the adult beverage center at the Veterns Day dinner at the Senior Center/ Fire Station.

"...gut busting, adult humor..."  
- The Daily Oakland Press

# The Ray Fogg Show

**warning: dangerously fun!**

Watch Ray's Facebook page for more Key West shows.

**January**

17 Fri, Lakewood, OH, 9pm @ Vosh  
1414 Riverside Dr. Go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for tickets.

18 Sat, Franklin, OH, @ JD Legends  
Private Event

**February**

5 - 8 Wed-Sat, Key West, FL @ Sloppy Joe's Bar  
Corner of Duval and Greene. Put-in-Bay Music Fest  
(show times @ [rayfogg.net](http://rayfogg.net))

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



This group at the new Goat in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands watched Kevin Ryan read the PIB Gazette. Working backward on the left and going around the table are Jeff Vargo, Audrey Sheehan, Dennis Giacontere, Derek, Aurora and Jenny Jackson, Kendra Koehler, Liesl, Scott, Cal and Caroline Jackson, Easton Jiminez, Saint Rivera, Jamie Hoffman, Corey Williams and Marisa Rence.

# Memorable Experiences at the 2019 Great Lakes Islands Alliance Conference

A group of Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, Kelleys and Pelee Islanders headed to Mackinac Island to attend the third annual Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) conference that took place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 20th through 22nd at Mission Point Resort.

GLIA is an organization which brings together islanders from the numerous islands in the Great Lakes to discuss challenges and common interests, issues, problems and solutions. The group is still in its infancy, but more than 120 people attended the event. Among the attendees were elected officials, business owners, educators, media, air and ferry transporters, year-round and part-time residents and conservationists from the various islands.

This conference is the only Great Lakes-wide event dedicated to the needs of island communities to foster relationships and share information concerning Great Lakes island living. This conference is the only Great Lakes-wide event dedicated to the needs of island communities to foster relationships and share information concerning Great Lakes island living.

Participants from more than a dozen Great Lakes islands were in attendance. They came from Beaver and Washington Islands in Lake Michigan; Madeline Island in Lake Superior; Harsens Island in Lake St. Clair; South Bass, Kelleys, Pelee (Canadian) and Middle Bass Islands in Lake Erie; Mackinac, Bois Blanc, Drummond, Manitoulin (Canadian), Bois Blanc, Les Che-neaux Islands in Lake Huron; and Neebish Island in the St. Mary's River.

Among the attendees from the Lake Erie Islands were Austin and Caitlin Bolyard, Lisa and Russ Brohl, Glenn Cooper, Jackie Taylor, Eric Engel, Kelly and Martha Faris, Peter Huston, Jeff Koehler, Julie Leopold, Steve Poe, Anita McCann, Amanda McCann and Matt Miller from South Bass Island; Dave DeLellis, Barbara and Leib Lurie, Janice Hensel and Clayton Walls from Pelee Island; Harold Stieber, Patricia Ahner, Julie and Kim Valentine, Cindy Hearndon, Cynthia Holmes and Jordan Killam from Kelleys Island; and Mike and Jean Gora and Renee Fultz from Middle Bass.

There were there sessions with general topics dealing with the islands, but also breakout small group sessions on topics such as education, communications, affordable housing, infrastructure, tourism, safety, ecology and more. There were also side trips to Fort Mackinac which looks over the downtown and harbor area, the water treatment plant, the Butterfly House, the sewage treatment plant, the airport, the transfer/recycling station, the library, the police and fire stations and the medical center,

Featured speakers at the 2019 conference included Lisa Powers, chairwoman of the Mackinac Bands of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians; Phil Porter, Director, Mackinac State Historic Parks; Eric Ellis, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission; Lisa Brush founder and executive director of the award-winning Stewardship Network, among others.

The 2020 Great Lakes Island Summit will be hosted by four islands: South Bass, Middle Bass, Kelleys and Pelee. Next year's event is scheduled for the week between the Wine Festival and Oktoberfest in early October. A group has already met at South Bass Island to begin coordinating and planning the event. Among the many things they can use help with are accommodations, transportation, meals, speakers and more. If you are interested in helping out with the event, please contact Peter Huston at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce office.

To learn more about GLIA, visit [www.greatlakesislandsalliance.org](http://www.greatlakesislandsalliance.org).



This group of islanders has already begun the work of putting on the Great Lakes Islands Alliance conference scheduled to take place here on the Lake Erie Islands next October. Left to right are Lisa Brohl, Anita McCann, Caitlin Bolyard, Kevin Dailey, Rene Fultz, not identified, Mother Mary Staley (hidden), Kristin Stanford, Jackie Taylor, Peter Huston and Steve Poe. They are seen here at the Town Hall at their first planning meeting.



At the end of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance conference, the islanders from Mackinac who helped plan the event, (left to right) Rick Linn, Christine Rollins, Dennis Bradley, Anne St. Onge, Mike Olson, transferred the responsibility for the next meeting to the islanders from the Lake Erie Islands (continuing left to right) Peter Huston from Put-in-Bay, Jordan Killam from Kelleys, Mike Gora from Middle Bass and Dave DeLellis from Pelee.

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Heartfelt Holiday Wishes from Our Family to Yours

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Boardwalk Family of Restaurants



The PIBHS Class of 2020 and Pasquale's staff were all smiles after a successful pizza fundraiser on November 3rd for their senior class trip. Left to right are Hannah Lentz, Carin Kirsch, Joseph Byrnes, Alex Knauer, Ty Winchester and Adam Hazen. Missing from photo is Cecilia Glauser who was delivering pizzas on Middle Bass. -Photo courtesy of Susan Byrnes

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Mother Mary hanging out at the steeple at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

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a Prosperous 2020!

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## Island Kids are a Treat for Halloween



LEFT: Rachel Cooper, Piper Koehler, Melody O'Donnell and Meredith Cooper during Erie Islands Library HalloReads at the StoryWalk at Dodge Woods Nature Trail.



RIGHT: Liam and Allie Market at the StoryWalk.



(L to R) Evelyn Wertenbach, Nora Blumensaadt and Vivian Scarpelli enjoying the costume contest and haunted house at the Town Hall.



Rocco and Harper Scarpelli as Sharkboy and Lavagirl at the Halloween Parade.



Beckett and Braylee Dobos as Alfalfa and Darla. Darla is not happy!

*Holiday Greetings*

from Island Transportation  
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for a  
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& A Happy New Year*

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# Island Calendar December 2019

**Birthdays of the Month**  
**Mike Byrnes - Dec. 9th**  
**Lisa Brohl - Dec. 11th**

**Anniversaries of the Month**  
**Tom & Brenda Dailey - Dec. 6th**  
**Pat & Teresa Finney - Dec. 7th**

*Schedule Subject to Change*

TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass

Twp Hall = Township Hall • MOS - Mother of Sorrows

- ❑ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ❑ First National Bank Open • Wed - 9:30a to 3:30p
- ❑ Library Schedule of Events • See Page 23
- ❑ Senior Center Activity Calendar • See Page 20
- ❑ Euchre • Weds - 7p • The Forge
- ❑ Leaf Pick Up in Village • Thru mid-Dec
- ❑ Please put leaves on or near the curb
- ❑ Browns Backers • Dec 1 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Bird Banding • Tues Afternoon Dec 3, All Day
- ❑ Wed Dec 4 & Thurs Morning Dec 5
- ❑ • Brohl Residence on Mitchell Rd
- ❑ Owl Banding • Dec 3 & Dec 4 - Night
- ❑ • Barnhill Vineyard East Point
- ❑ Community Tree Lighting • Dec 4 - 5:30p • DeRivera Park
- ❑ Great Lakes Basketball Tournament • Dec 6 & 7 • Mackinac Is
- ❑ Browns Backers • Dec 8 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Plus Christmas Exchange for Members
- ❑ LEI Conservancy Potluck • Dec 10 - 6p • SBI Lighthouse
- ❑ Holiday Senior Lunch • Dec 11 - Noon • Sr. Center
- ❑ PIB School Holiday Concert • Dec 11 - 7p • School Gym
- ❑ Wreaths Across America • Dec 14 - 10a
- ❑ • Maple Leaf Cemetery
- ❑ Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count • Dec 15
- ❑ Holiday Luncheon with Santa • Dec 15 - 1p • Town Hall
- ❑ • Santa will pass out gifts to island children
- ❑ Browns Backers • Dec 15 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Open House • Dec 18 - Afternoon • Island General Store
- ❑ PIB School Lets Out for Christmas Vacation • Dec 20 - Noon
- ❑ Browns Backers • Dec 22 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Browns Backers • Dec 29 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ New Year's Eve Fun w/ Live Entertainment • Dec 31
- ❑ • Topsy Turvey's
- ❑ New Year's Eve Fun • Dec 31 • The Forge

## DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- ❑ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • First Monday of the Month - 7p • Fire Station
- ❑ Recreation Committee • Dec 2 - 3:30p • School
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • Dec 5 - 1p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Dec 10 - 9:45a • TH
- ❑ Park District Meeting • Dec 10 - 10a • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Dec 10 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Lake Erie Island Conservancy • Dec 10
- ❑ PIB Village Planning Com • Dec 11 - 11a • Town Hall
- ❑ Village Council Mtg • Dec 11 - 9a • TH
- ❑ Bd of Education • Dec 11 - 12:10p • School
- ❑ PIB Twp Port Authority • Dec 16 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Dec 17 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Village Council • Dec 18 - 9a • TH
- ❑ Legion • Dec 19 - 11:45a • Senior Center

## DECEMBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ❑ PIB Mass • Suns 10:30a • MofS
- ❑ Second Sunday of Advent • Dec 8 - 10:30a
- ❑ Third Sunday of Advent • Dec 15 • 10:30a
- ❑ Fourth Sunday of Advent • Dec 22 - 10:30a
- ❑ Christmas Eve Mass • Dec 24 - 3:30a
- ❑ Holy Family Sunday, Mass • Dec 29 - 10:30a

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ❑ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a • Coffee Hour Follows
- ❑ Christmas Eve Service • 8p
- ❑ Christmas Day Service • 10:30a
- ❑ Office Holiday • Dec 26 & 27
- ❑ Bible Explorers • Tuesdays - 3:15p
- ❑ Confirmation Discussion • Wednesdays - Noon
- ❑ Bell Choir Practice • Thursdays - Noon

### St. John @ the Bay

- ❑ Services • Sundays Dec 8 & 22 - 3p
- ❑ • Mother of Sorrows

## COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

- ❑ Spaghetti Dinner • Date TBA • PIB Vol Fire Dept
- ❑ PIB School Resumes after Christmas Vacation • Jan 6
- ❑ PIB Yacht Club Winter Doldrums Party • Jan 17 & 18
- ❑ • Holiday Inn Express in Westlake, OH
- ❑ Cleveland Boat Show • Jan 16-20 • IX Center in Cleveland

## RECYCLING HOURS

- ❑ Mons & Weds - 8a to 3p • Transfer Station

## MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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

## LIBRARY HOURS

- ❑ Monday 10 a - 1p; Tuesday & Thursday 3 to 7p; Wednesday 10a to 4p; Friday Noon to 4p; Sat 10a - Noon; Closed Sundays

**Email Items for the Island Calendar**  
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# Shop Holiday Bazaar Island Makers

Still shopping your holiday gift list and missed the Bazaar? Let us help connect you to our Island's amazing craftsmen and creative talents. There's plenty of time to contact Bazaar makers for that perfect island-made gift.

The Holiday Bazaar was a homecoming reunion of the island community at the Townhall. Shoppers were delighted to discover four new Island Makers debuting at the Bazaar. Jess Dress makes beaded jewelry, including glittering tiara-like headbands. Hand-sculpted birds on rustic mobiles fly with Sue Thwaite, along with ornate hand carved walking sticks. Nate Seaberg uses island cedar wood to create art and clocks. Terri Heineman's husband, John Baker, makes cheese boards, complete with spreaders, from many types of island woods.

Bazaar Sponsor Lake Erie Islands Conservancy supports bird conservation with big bags of birdseed and license plate birdhouses made by Brian Hovey. They have LEIC T-shirts and scrubbies made by Tracy Burgess Sayeh from recycled yarn from LEIHS Resale Shop. Contact Lisa Brohl, 419-366-2087, who also offers son Russell's canning jars of preserves.

Bazaar Sponsor Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center gift has Ohio wildlife coloring books as well as stocking stuffers: metal straws, glass water bottles and kayak safety key chains. Leave a message at 285-3037 for Sarah Cochran or chat with our wonderful new Director, Renee Fultz.

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Acrylic and watercolor miniatures of island scenes as well as Monument Christmas cards are available through Facebook page Painter Sarah Cochran.

Jessie's Jewelry is accepting February commissions for the Great Lake Erie Pendant necklace, as well as Valentine's rings, earrings, and bracelets. Available now are Ohio snake necklaces and stocking stuffer toe rings, [jessie@jessiesjewelry.com](mailto:jessie@jessiesjewelry.com)

Retired now, Kerry Burris crafts her attractive seasonal wreaths and candle centerpieces and Sue Seaberg makes popcorn balls. Heather Durdil has designed a yarn version of the Monument.

You can count on our Bazaar regulars. Jill Cooks' sail cloth sewing benefits the PIB Yacht Club sailing program. She makes tote bags, purses, dopp kits, and zipper bags.

Kelly Mohn takes orders for her pumpkin rolls as well as sells orange and brown Brown's Backers t-shirts and hats. Cristina Brown supplies peanut brittle while Ric ornately designs marquetry cutting boards. Kelly Faris Photography features island scenes. Sandi Glauser creates island-themed pillows. Mary Ann Meyers creates island photo greeting cards and promotes the ink and watercolor drawings of island scenes by her friend, S. Spangler. Mary Ann provides Mary Kay products.

If you had to miss the Bazaar, you still can relish the talents of your island neighbors by contacting Island Makers from the Bazaar.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center wish to thank all who had a table or shopped at the Bazaar. Thanks also to Sarah Cochran and Susan Byrnes for organizing the event!

Rene Fultz from the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center at the Holiday Bazaar at the PIB Town Hall on Thursday, November 21st.



Carol and Rich Roberts (left) checking out some of Jill Cooks' (right) handmade items at the Holiday Bazaar.

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Enjoying a lighth repast at the Forge in November were (left to right) Michele Heineman, Adam and Acka Riley and Edward Heineman.



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# Island Diary November 2019

**Fri., Nov. 1st** - The temperature dips into the 30s for the first time since last spring. It's the beginning of the PIB High School's Panther basketball season. They begin with morning drills called Morning Madness.



After this photo, we've decreed Ryan "Doc" Daugherty this season's poster child for ATV riding on the island.

**Sat., Nov. 2nd** - The Heineman Winery Close Down takes place at the winery. You've got to love those deep-fried turkeys and all the great homemade dishes.

**Sun., Nov. 3rd** - The lights are on at Pasquale's as the PIBHS senior class prepares pizza for a fundraiser for their class trip.

**Mon., Nov. 4th** - Linda Parker, Sue Latham and Linda Mahony take a walk through Cooper's Woods. All six members of the Village Council and Mayor Dress meet with Fiscal Officer Courtney Blumensadt to discuss the 2020 Village budget. Police Chief Steve Riddle is on hand to discuss an officer resignation, a new full-time officer hiring and promotions in the department.

**Tues., Nov. 5th** - If you voted at the Senior Center, you had your choice of either using the traditional paper ballot or a touchscreen ballot. Before 11 p.m., the Ottawa County Board of Elections releases the unofficial vote count which shows former mayor Judy Berry with 19 votes and incumbent mayor Jessica Dress with 14 votes.

**Wed., Nov. 6th** - In the morning, the mayoral unofficial vote count reads Dress 56 and Berry 50. The USCGC Bristol Bay, WTGB-102, with a buoy barge attached to the bow, spent the night between Kelleys and Put in Bay. They head east in the morning. A group of island seniors are on the mainland at a Toledo Walleye hockey game.

**Thurs., Nov. 7th** - Members of the Words & Wine Book Club meet at Karen Wilhelm's house. Participants bring their own beverage and an appetizer. The crew of the M/V Put-in-Bay takes the ferry to Cleveland for its 5-year hull inspection and bottom painting.

**Fri., Nov. 8th** - Marty Harayda brings a group of Middle Bass islanders over to PIB for the Harvest Dinner at Tipper's. The South Bass has its first below freezing temperature of the season.

**Sat., Nov. 9th** - All the golf cart rental places are finally closed. It's cold and gray. There are no big events to attract visitors. This is the quietest weekend on the island since early last spring. But over at the Middle Bass General Store, 105 people

are celebrating with an island Thanksgiving.

**Sun., Nov. 10th** - The Fire Department hosts a fundraiser breakfast at the fire station. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, ham, orange juice and coffee. The Annual Meeting of the Browns Backers takes place at Topsy Turvey's. A crew from Heineman Winery is over on North Bass getting things tightened up for winter. At the EMS station, representatives from Mercy Health Life Flight system are taking island volunteers Joey Wolf, Greg and Anne Auger, Jessica Dress, Tina Rogers and Bill Burger, go through competencies to make sure they can give the best of care.

**Mon., Nov. 11th** - The USCG Bristol Bay passes between South and Middle Bass Islands in the morning heading east. There's a ground breaking ceremony for the new addition at the Nature & Wildlife Center just before the cold rain starts. The students at PIB School present a musical tribute to the veterans on the islands. There's preschool story time at the library which includes making a turkey craft to take home. The PIB Chamber of Commerce holds its meeting at Topsy Turvey's. There's the annual Veterans Day dinner at the fire station and Senior Center. Hank Bayles, a bartender from the Crew's Nest, cooks a great prime rib for the event.

**Tues., Nov. 12th** - There are a couple of inches of snow on the ground with a temperature of 24 degrees at noon! The wind is gusting to 25 knots! All ferry trips are cancelled for the day! Space Night at the library is fun for the kids who are painting space suncatchers and assembling rotation/revolution models. Highlight of the evening of fun was playing in the space shuttle. Everyone went home with bags of "space food": moon pies, goo yogurt, juice packs and more!

**Wed., Nov. 13th** - It's the first time this fall that the temperature dips into the teens. The Village Council meets in a rare mid-day meeting. Council votes to hire a new full-time police officer to complete the five-man department. John and Peggy Leopold from Victory Woods and Larry Cundiff and Luella Kacirek from Duff Woods leave the island and head south for the winter.

**Thurs., Nov. 14th** - The temperature goes above freezing for the first time in several days. Bobbi and Greg Dobos return to the island to their kids, dogs and chickens after a vacation on the Mexican coast.

**Fri., Nov. 15th** - The annual American Legion Feather Party takes place at the Town Hall in the evening. It's the first Feather Party for the young Cooper sisters, Rachel and Meredith. Rachel wins a turkey. Among the other winners are Lisi Faris Puffenberger (PIBHS Class of 1986) and her daughter Halle.

**Sat., Nov. 16th** - There's a first birthday party for Evie Cultice at the Jeris Lane home of her parents, Brian and Justine Cultice. Evie's beautiful cake ends up on the floor. It's Ladies Night at Island Hardware.

**Sun., Nov. 17th** - There's a close down fish fry party potluck at the Island General Store on Middle Bass.

**Mon., Nov. 18th** - Heidi Ladd is looking to update the list of islanders who receive the senior fruit baskets each holiday season. You have to be 60 to get one!

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**Tues., Nov. 19th** - Put-in-Bay Garden Club president Barb Hunter comes to the island to check out the beginning of work on new garden at the corner of Hartford and Delaware in the Village portion of DeRivera Park. The new garden is sponsored by PIB Garden Club and Village of Put-in-Bay.

**Wed., Nov. 20th** - The Village Council meets to discuss the 2020 budget. Susan Byrnes and Lisa Brohl kayak around the island. It takes them about four hours.

**Thurs., Nov. 21st** - Islanders head to the Town Hall for the annual Christmas Bazaar. There are plenty of gift items and stocking stuffers to choose from. Also open for the event are the Butterfly House, the bar and gift shop at Heineman Winery and The Forge.

**Fri., Nov. 22nd** - Workers are busy putting in the waterslide at the new Crew’s Nest pool. Other workers are busy laying the foundation block for the new addition at the Nature & Wildlife Center. There’s a birthday party for Patricia Thwaite at the Forge. Pat is celebrating one of those “special” birthdays.

**Sat., Nov. 23rd** - Mike Goebel puts the finishing touches on the “shanty bar” at the Forge. Their outside bar will be open all winter in true island fashion. The island kids at Meredith Cooper’s 8th birthday party in the Beer Barrel Saloon enjoy skating on the concrete floor now devoid of chairs and tables for the winter. We hear she requested homemade Norwegian Krumkake for her birthday breakfast.

**Sun., Nov. 24th** - Marisa Rence from the Yellow Tree B&B on Put-in-Bay Rd. is on St. Croix celebrating her 30th birthday with other SBI (PIB) friends and co-workers. Workers are raising the finger dock at the DeRivera Dock about 16 inches so it won’t be underwater and unusable this coming season.

**Mon., Nov. 25th** - The Crew’s Nest crew is getting the dock bubblers installed so the docks won’t heave this winter in the ice. Jim Glauser is busy raking leaves along the lakefront in the downtown park. Workers are sealing cracks in asphalt at the airport.

**Tues., Nov. 26th** - Workers are pouring concrete at the seawall in front of the Crew’s Nest. Mother Mary is seen hanging around the steeple at St. Paul’s attempting to put the rooster wind vane back on top. Unfortunately, there was a problem and the wind vane could not be put back up on top. Lots of islanders are getting off the island due to the windy weather forecast. Some island ladies attend White Christmas at PlayHouse Square in Cleveland to start the Christmas season.



Some island gals at Playhouse House Square on Nov. 26th to see White Christmas! Left to Right are Anna Nemec, Noreen Hahn, Jan Anteau, Diane Nemec, Jean Chervenak, Debbie Larcey, Linda Rence, Barb Hunter. Merry Christmas to all!

**Wed., Nov. 27th** - Heavy winds with wind gusts topping over 60 miles per hour hit the island after lunch. Miller Boat Line runs only one boat to the mainland from the downtown dock at 9 a.m. and returns to the island at 10 a.m. before the wind really got heavy. Because the way the ferry was loaded, it is backed into the dock for unloading.

**Thurs., Nov. 28th** - Happy Thanksgiving! The wind has died enough for ferry service to resume. Caroline Conrad was the last vehicle on the morning ferry.

**Fri., Nov. 29th** - Miller Boat Line starts its extended-season ferry schedule. It’s time to start religiously watching the weather forecast so you don’t get your vehicle stuck on the island for the winter. There’s a Thanksgiving Potluck at the Village Pump on Kelleys Island. Pat Finney and his son Patrick put minnow cars in the lake off Miller Boat Line’s dock in Squaw Harbor.

**Sat., Nov. 30th** - It’s Tipper’s last day open for 2019. Those watching the Buckeye game enjoy \$3 beers, \$1 tacos and 60-cent wings. Time for a well-deserved winter rest.

# Moss on the Rock

## Calling All Singers

Annie Parker is recruiting former Island Christmas Singers to reprise Robert Frost’s Stopping by Woods at the Wednesday, December 11th, Senior Luncheon. It’s so interesting to look back at all the people, some as little kids, who participated in those decades ago.

## Put-in-Bay Music Festival

The 4th Annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 6th, 2020. In homage to the centennial of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, the 2020 music festival will feature all women and women led musical groups. Watch for more details as the event details are released.

## Chamber News

Brian Cultice was elected to fill the open position on the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce board of directors. Brian will begin his term starting in January 2020. The Chamber is happy to announce they were awarded a RUBY award for their Kids Love Put-in-Bay brochure. This years Skip the Straw campaign netted a \$10,000 donation to the Lake Erie Foundation. The full list of 2020 chamber events is now listed online at [www.visitputinbay.com](http://www.visitputinbay.com).

## Golf Cart Case No Longer Up in the Air

The court has dismissed a case brought by Mary McCann which would’ve allowed her to keep the golf cart that is on the roof of her golf cart rental booth about a block south of the Jet Dock entrance on Hartford Ave. The case was simply dismissed because the appeal was filed one day late. The Village had brought suit against having the cart there because it violated the signage portion of its zoning ordinance.

## Road Races Date for 2020

The 2020 PIB Road Races are scheduled for September 29th through October 2nd. Racing at the airport will take place on Wednesday, September 30th, and Thursday, October 1st.

## Bath House Improvements

Village Administrator Anne Auger tells us the new epoxy floor at the bath house in the downtown park is spectacular. The cost to prepare the floor properly and put the coating on was just over \$27,000. The next project is a new roof for the building.

## Moving to the Mainland

Judy Ruggiero from Mike’s Drive is relocating to Youngstown, Ohio. Longtime island residents Scott and Deb Ferrell have sold their home to Dee Dee Duggan who recently sold her large home downtown across from the school. We asked Dee Dee if she was going to continue to run the home as a B&B like the Ferrells did. Dee Dee said she will continue to run it only as a B&B for her four kids.

## Dates set for “Bash on the Bay 4”

The 2020 “Bash On The Bay 4,” the island music festival that takes place at the Put-in-Bay Airport at the end of August, will take place on two days this coming season, August 26th and 27th. According to reports, the headliners have been signed, but promoters are waiting to fill out the paybill before the they are announced. Watch for more info as the event gets closer.

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An ambitious project started this fall was the complete repainting of the eight Civil War cannons along Bayview Ave. in the downtown park. Methodical Tim Schlueter, an employee of the DeRivera Park Trust, is shown here scraping the paint off of one of the cannons in October. The work is tedious and literally involves taking every speck of paint off down to bare metal. Each cannon gets a new coat of primer and a couple of coats of black paint. Several of the cannons were done this fall, with more needing completion this coming season. While you still have a chance, slow down as you drive by the cannons. You will be amazed by how great the repainted cannons are compared to the ones that have not yet been done. The cannons have been in the park since 1899.



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## PETER HUSTON

Not to scare you, but Friday the 13 this coming up in two weeks. In fact, 2019 will have had two “Friday the 13th” by years end. “13” is not scary, nor bad luck although many folks may tell you so. There’s lots of superstitious history that has perpetuated that notion. But really there are so many great reasons to love and embrace 13. I personally learned to love 13 after my Grandmother gave me an old copy of “Ripley’s Believe it or not”. As a kid I

ploughed through every strange fact after fact reading it cover to cover. It was there that I learned about the power of 13. I thought I would take some of those lucky thirteen ideas and share them with you and perhaps connect a few of them to island life. Let's start with the monument.

1) Italian immigrants helped build Perry's Victory. For them the number 13 is considered lucky. "To do 13" in Italian (fare tredici) is to hit the jackpot. Which we certainly have done since it was built!

2) 13 is considered lucky by the Chinese because 13 means “assured growth” or “definitely vibrant”. While we don’t have any Chinese living here year round, many young Chinese students work here every summer. I like to think we have created a “vibrant” connection with their culture.

3) Winning island card players know that a standard 52-card deck of playing cards has four suits of 13!

4) I'm sure our 5th grade math class students can tell you that 13 is a prime number, that is, a number greater than one that can only be divided by itself and one. 13 belongs to a distinguished group prime numbers It's pretty amazing that prime numbers like 13 are truly unique "islands" of mathematics.

5) If math was not your best subject, did you pay attention to learning US History in school? I loved learning history and I know that every child in our school learns about the 13 original colonies—which became the original 13 American states. Because of those 13 original colonies, the first US flag had 13 stripes and 13 white stars.

6) You may be surprised to know how many times the number 13 shows up on the one dollar bill. There are 13 arrows, 13 olive branch leaves, 13 olive fruits, 13 stars above the eagle, 13 steps of the pyramid, and 13 bars on the shield. So it's important to remember we celebrate 13 every time we spend or make a dollar.

7) The Battle of Lake Erie was won by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry who some say was the luckiest person alive on that 10th day of September, 1813 when he defeated the British Navy and changed the course of American history.

8) Anyone that can get to the village bakery early knows that there are 13 baked goods in a baker's dozen. (One for the baker to test!)

9) Sport fans know that many famous athletes have found great luck wearing the number 13, Island Browns Backer fans know their lucky 13 is Odell Beckham, Jr.

10) And finally we are "lucky" to live on one of the 13 unbridged islands in the Ohio waters of Lake Erie: South Bass, Middle Bass, North Bass, Gibraltar, Kelleys, Rattlesnake, Green, Ballast, Sugar, West Sister, Mouse, Starve and Turtle!

So the next time you start to worry about 13 take a moment to recall the unique power of 13 and say “fare tredici.”

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## Listen to Larry

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



LARRY SCHRADER

It is often said that cottage life on South Bass Island is an adventure, and indeed it is; pleasant surprises, the unexpected, the unplanned. From the quirky old cottages; unpredictable, Erie storms; ever-changing ferry schedules; and an unusual collection of island characters, there is never a dull moment. And often, that same spirit of adventure that we share on Lake Erie lures us to explore other islands.

Recently, we took advantage of just such an opportunity. A few weeks ago, shortly after closing the cottage for the year, we embarked for Saint Croix in the Virgin Islands, at the invitation of two of our West Shore neighbors, Bill Boag and Jim French, a pair of island gentlemen, two unique personalities indeed. With Mrs. Larry rounding out our foursome, it was a combination of the “Odd Couple” and “Three’s Company.” Ostensibly, they planned the trip to coincide with the opening of the new Goat Soup & Whiskey location, but I suspect it was just an excuse to spend ten days in the sun and sand of this sleepy, tropical island.

I had barely finished unpacking the truckload of tools, clothing and supplies that I hauled back from the island; the first snows of early November were already in the air; but ready or not, we were off! St. Croix, with a population of about 50,000 people, is nestled in the warm, blue waters of the Caribbean. There are countless secluded beaches, quaint restaurants and bars, and plenty of open spaces to enjoy the near perfect weather. By day, with our two septuagenarians in tow, we explored the historic sites in Christiansted and

Frederiksted; traveled to Cane Bay and Point Udall; toured the local rum factories, a brewery, and even a distillery where they made island vodka from the local breadfruit! We attended a goat race; watched countless sailors negotiate the shallow reefs; wandered deserted beaches; and lounged in the shade by the pool. We were welcomed at the local yacht club, enjoyed a sunset cruise aboard a beautiful catamaran, and even squeezed in time for a pre-opening dinner at the new Goat.

Another evening, I enjoyed freshly caught tuna in an historic, old restaurant at the end of a sandy drive, frequented over the years by an odd collection of the rich and famous, including Ted Kennedy, Joe Biden, Walt Frazier, Jackie Robinson, Olympic hockey legend Mike Eruzione, Bill Buckner, Roger Clemens, Steven Seagal, Bill Murray, and Michael J Fox. My favorite spot was probably the local gas station, alone on a secluded country road. A crude awning teetering on the side of the building served as a makeshift bar and restaurant – coffee in the morning, food and beer or local rum almost any time of day, and even an elaborate outdoor brunch, just a few feet from the gas pumps, on Sunday morning! You could shop for groceries inside or buy fresh seafood from the trunk of a car parked out front.

There are few similarities to Put-in-Bay. St. Croix is much larger and crowds of tourists are scarce; the only golf carts I saw were at the golf course! But the Crucians and visitors alike seem to share that universal island vibe – never in a rush; always time to stop for a conversation; moving slow and easy, feeling lucky to be surrounded by an abundance of nature’s best.

Finally, we wished Scott, Caroline, and their Goat crew the best of luck in their new adventure (they hope to officially open their new restaurant in a couple weeks). We reluctantly boarded the plane for the flight back to Cleveland, tired, colored by the sun, and already dreaming of our own next adventure.



Left to right are past Put-in-Bay Yacht Club Commodore Bill Boag, PIBYC bartender Kathy Schrader, St. Croix Yacht Club manager Brian Cayne, Jim French and Listen to Larry exchanging a PIBYC burgee to St. Croix Yacht Club.



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# The East Point Anchor, an Island Tradition

Something happened on Halloween that hasn't happened in many years. The large anchor on East Point that sits by the road at the head of the tree-tunneled lane that leads to the Anchorage ended up on the front lawn of Put-in-Bay School. For many years it was tradition for the students to "pile" the school with anything from around the island that wasn't tied down. The anchor was always the prized item because it was very heavy and took some ingenuity to transport. Kudos to those who completed the task this Halloween!

There's a bit more to the anchor story to be told. Before Halloween, Pam Ackerman spent a few days on the island. Pam, who now lives in California, spent summers on the island when she was growing up. She had an interesting story to tell. Her grandfather, Brad Granfield, married one of the three Engel sisters, the daughters of the "Engels" part of the E&K Winery (Engels & Krudwig). The two other sisters' husbands, one of whom was Barbi Barnhill's father, Marion Yenney, ended up operating the winery because the sisters didn't want to. The only problem was that the three men did not get along with each other and the company ceased making wine about 1960.

The Granfields owned the Anchorage, now the home of Maryann McCann, and Pam would stay with them and play with her Barnhill cousins on East Point. Pam's parents, Charles Ackerman and Helen Grandfield, were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Lee Lindenberger. Warren Miller from Wa-Li-Ro, the boys choir group associated with St. Paul's, was the organist. Charles and Helen had their wedding reception on the lawn at the Anchorage and later dined at Cooper's Restaurant (now the Goat). Eventually, her grandfather sold the Anchorage and bought the "Salt Box,"

which is currently the home of Amanda and Elizabeth McCann on Put-in-Bay Rd.

Pam told us about the large anchor, the very same one that ended up on the lawn at Put-in-Bay School. She told how her grandfather acquired the anchor in Detroit and brought it to Put-in-Bay and placed it where it sits today. Pam didn't give a specific date, but we're guessing it was sometime in the 1950s. It was originally painted white, not the silver color it is today. When we told Pam how the island kids would take the anchor on Halloween and put it in front of the school, she was surprised to learn of that.

We wonder if Pam's grandfather ever thought that the anchor he brought to the Island would be an island landmark and part of an island tradition more than 60 years later.



**ABOVE:** Pam Ackerman standing with the anchor on East Point.



**LEFT:** The anchor on the school lawn this Halloween.



**RIGHT:** Brad Granfield, the man who brought the anchor to the island.

# Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Wins Ruby Award



The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau (Visitputinbay.com) received a RUBY Award for its brochure "Kids Love Put-in-Bay" Thursday afternoon Oct 24th at the Ohio Travel Association's (OTA) 2019 Ohio Conference on Travel. Presented annually by Ohio Magazine and the OTA, the RUBY (Recognizing Uncommon Brilliance Yearly) Awards honor outstanding efforts made by Ohio tourism entities in the marketing and promotion of their destinations.

"The OTA is a great way for small organizations like Visitputinbay.com to be recognized by the larger travel industry for our creative work to promote Put-in-Bay, South Bass Island and we're honored to have earned this recognition," said Peter Huston, Director of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

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Julene Market, Peter Huston and brochure designer Denise Discenza posing with the RUBY Award.

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Curator Dan Savage from Lake Erie Islands Historical Society graciously accepted a valuable and rare item for the island museum’s collection this past month. Sam Irwin from Essex, Ontario, came over to the island with an early Perry Monument watch fob that is more than 100 years old. For years, Sam has been going to Pelee Island and is well-aware of the historical importance of the Lake Erie Islands. For those who don’t know what a watch fob is, it’s a small ornament piece suspended from a pocket watch chain. Years ago, pocket watches were carried in a vest pocket with a chain suspended from a buttonhole.

Sam’s brass fob featured a monument with the wording “PERRY MEMORIAL MONUMENT • LAKE ERIE O.” The only problem was the monument on the fob didn’t look anything like the Perry’s Monument which has graced South Bass Island for more than 100 years.

In a previous visit to the island museum, Sam learned that the fob his father had given to him came from before the final design of Perry’s Monument had been decided on.

And indeed, the piece is rare. Dan, who had never seen another one of these fobs, plans on displaying the piece along with the artist’s rendition of the same early-design monument that hangs in the island museum.

What remains a mystery is how the fob came into the possession of Sam’s father who was born in 1904 and a child when the fob was made. Sam had no additional information, but it would be interesting to know the fob’s complete journey to its final home in the museum.

While Sam was on the island, he also stopped by the school and dropped off several soccer balls and basketballs for the Panther students to enjoy.

On behalf of us islanders, thanks Sam for both donations.

If you’re interested in preserving the history of the Lake Erie Islands, please consider joining the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society.



**ABOVE:** This 100+ year-old watch fob showing a proposed Perry Monument design complete with its small leather strap was recently donated to the Lake Erie Islands History Society Musuem by Sam Irwin from Essex, Ontario.



**LEFT:** This artist rendition is one of the proposed early Perry Monument designs. Sam Irwin’s watch fob features the identical design.

**RIGHT:** Dan Savage (left), the curator at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society with Sam Irwin who donated an extremely rare watch fob for the museum’s collection. The two are seen here in front of an artist’s rendition of the same Perry Monument that is on the watch fob.

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# Islanders Busy Traveling

Once the busy season ends, islanders begin to travel, and we don't mean just to the mainland or to Florida. Here's a little run down of who has been where this fall.

Dave and Kathy Holscott were in India and Nepal where they flew over the Himalayas and saw Mt. Everest.

Paul Jeris from the Island Club chalked up visits to Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia and Dubai in just a few days. Kevin Cody was also in Dubai. Among those with Paul in Costa Rica were Rob Stolph, Brad Ohlemacher, Tim Pompei, John Donahue and Ryan Daugherty.

Barb and Tom Cooper and their son Chris were in England again.

Mike and Beth Niese traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit their daughter.

Marc Wright and Kelli Krassow, from the Forge, ran in the New York City Marathon.

Matthew Stacy and his mom Kristi traveled to Toronto.

Joe Bodenbender, Audrey Socha, Jen Yaw and Ty Winchester spent a few days in Las Vegas to catch Jerry Seinfeld show.

The number of islanders heading to the St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands was impressive. Among there were Larry and Kathy Schrader, Jim French, Bill Boag, Ed and Paula Hubner, Jane Market, Anne Auger, Carl and Chris Krueger and their daughters, Jessica and Miranda,

Dave and Kathy Holscott from Mitchell Rd. are two of the most-traveled residents of South Bass Island. This fall they were in India and ran into these two fellows, one who was wearing a GOAT shirt and one wearing a Put-in-Bay shirt. It is indeed a small world.

**LEFT:** This group was celebrating Paul Jeris' 60th birthday on Tortuga Isle, Costa Rica on November 10th. John Donahue and Rob Stolph made sure to bring the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

**ABOVE:** David and Denise Zavagno celebrating her 40th Birthday on Necker Island, BVI's.

**LEFT:** This group got together for an inpromptu cocktail party at the new Goat in St. Croix in November. Left to Right are Ed and Paula Hubner, Derek Jackson, Shawn and Jessica Chaney, Aurora and Jenny Jackson, Nick Cartwright, Jill Guseman, Bill Boag, Leisl, Caroline and Cal Jackson, Jeff Vargo, Audrey Sheehan, Scott Jackson, Kathy Schrader, Marisa Rence, Listen to Larry Schrader, Kevin Ryan, Jim French and Corey Williams.

and Kendra Koehler, and this doesn't include all of those people who are helping open up the new Goat Soup & Whiskey.

Speaking of the Virgin Islands, the British ones that is, island travelers there included Jen Yaw, Nick Cartwright, Jill Guseman and Paula Garsteck.

Mike Buttrey, Michala Wertenbach and their daughter Saylor took time out for a cruise to the Bahamas.

Greg and Bobbi Dobos enjoyed beach time in Cancun, Mexico.

Steve and Jill Cooks from Shore Villas were on a cruise in Japan and South Korea.

Dave Washtock and Margaret Krob traveled to Sequoia National Park in California.

Sue Thwaite flew to Europe where she spent time in England, the Netherlands, Italy and Sicily.

Gill Terry from the West Shore visited the World War II museum in New Orleans.

Tom and Stephanie Thanasui were in Greece, but didn't run into Scott and Susan Market who were also there.

Bob and Jody Frimel were in Slovakia and Hungary.

Simona Michael, and her children Emil and Emma took a trip out west to visit the "four corners," Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah.

Dave and Kathy Holscott read their Put-in-Bay Gazette while flying over the Himalaya Mountains near Mt. Everest.

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Kelli Krassow and Marc Wright at the New York City Marathon.



Nan Burr from the West Shore read her PIB Gazette while in Nashville, TN, the night of the 53rd Annual Country Music Association Awards. Nan didn't attend, but said the city was sure fun!

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Despite the cold rainy weather a hearty bunch came out on Monday, December 11th, for the groundbreaking for the new addition to the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Left to right are Paula and Ed Hubner, Dianne Smith, Rene Fultz, Peter Huston, Kristin Stanford, Renee Market, Peggy Leopold, Russ and Lisa Brohl, Jackie Taylor, Tom Thanasiu, Jeanne Burgess, John Leopold and Valerie Chornyak.



(L to R) Scott and Caroline Jackson, Jane Market, Anne Auger, and Chris and Carl Krueger enjoying the Put-in-Bay Gazette in St. Croix.

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# Freedom of Speech

By Gordy Barr

My son Alex was three and was not speaking.

He was content to sit on the cooler of our 22" Boston Whaler Outrage and watch the water as it rushed by on our way to neighboring islands like North Bass. His eyes were keen and bright and he understood things (don't put your fingers in electrical outlets, don't eat sand, don't put plastic dry cleaning bags on the cat, give lot of hugs). But, he didn't talk.

When he was born we had a scare during delivery. His umbilical cord wrapped around his neck for a brief period of time. Fortunately, the problem unknotted itself. His APGAR test was perfect, but there was a tremor of concern. Would there be any longterm effects from the cord wrap?

If deprived of oxygen, the human fetus abandons systems (apraxia). The first to go is speech and the last to go is the heart beat. It is a hierarchy of system's reduction (in the event of catastrophic trauma) developed over several million years of evolution.

Alex developmentally was doing fine, but he did not speak.

We took him to a speech pathologist named Debbie Ungamack in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. If his speech center was damaged, she was the one that could help salvage what remained. She was the top in her field.

Six months, three times a week, we visited her home office. Alex loved the trains she provided, but he still remained mute. The worries of dealing with the long-term implications of Alex's issue were starting to weigh on my wife and I. Time seemed to crawl with no results to show for our efforts.

On December 22nd, 1998 we were having a routine therapy session. Debbie was doing her best to explain about body parts using a Mr. Potato Head doll. She would point to the doll's various appendages, "Alex this is his hat, these are Mr. Potato Head's eyes, this is his moustache, look, his shoes..."

After 15 minutes Debbie removed Mr. Potato Head's ears. "Alex, what is Mr. Potato Head missing?" "This went on for several minutes. Alex played with a train, Debbie continued her query about the missing ears, and I felt a sense of dread that my lovely son was going to have a very difficult path in life.

"Alex, what doesn't Mr. Potato Head have?"

Alex had enough. He stood up, extended his arm, the small wooden train in his fist, and dropped the train like a rapper drops his microphone.

"Mr. Potato Head has no neck." While not the answer Debbie was looking for, it was true; Mr. Potato Head has no neck!

He walked out of the room. Debbie looked at me, tears in her eyes, and said "Merry Christmas, Gordon. I don't think Alex needs me any more..."

*Notes on the story:*

1). Alex graduated from Hawken School in 2014 and Miami of Ohio in 2018 (Business and Spanish).

2). He is fluent in three languages and lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

3). He works for a Swedish company, Education First (EF) that does educational travel and experiential learning programs for Colleges and Universities.



This buck was spotted on East Point in November.



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## St. Paul's Gives Thanks in November

St. Paul's joined with the other island congregations for a service of Thanksgiving at MOS on Nov. 18th. St. Paul's has many reasons to give thanks this fall. As we prepare for winter we give thanks to Chip Duggan for installing our storm windows. We give thanks for Billy Market and the MBL guys for blowing the leaves off the front lawn. We give thanks to a donor who provided a gift being used to enhance our music in various ways including new hymnals in our pews.

We give thanks for all who support the congregation throughout the year and especially those making pledges for 2020. The pledges provide a space where volunteers and our clergy can provide programs for youth, offer space for several AA groups and open a space for the Food Pantry which is available to all island residents throughout the winter months. We give thanks for the groups and individuals who support the Food Pantry. Many people who close their cottages bring us a variety of food that we do not normally see which makes the food pantry interesting in November. This month we give thanks the contributions collected by the PIB school National Honor Society.

The youth programs continue to be active. The Bible Explorers meet on Tuesday Afternoon. The Bells meet Thursdays at noon (lunch provided) and a new gathering of people preparing for confirmation in 2020 meets on Wednesdays at noon. Anyone 6th grade or older is invited to participate including adults. You can come even if you are not thinking about confirmation but are interested in learning. This is not like your grandmother's confirmation class! Come for lunch and some lively discussion about the church and our faith. If you missed the first few, call the office – it is not too late to join the group.



Each year Chip Duggan comes to St Paul's to put up the storm windows inside the sanctuary. We appreciate his dedication to this annual event.



ABOVE: Mark Lekanka and Billy Market from the Miller Boat Line helping clean up the leaves on the grounds of St. Paul's.

LEFT: Saint Paul's Bible Explorers spent some time opening all the Ziploc bags that arrived with pulltabs in the last few weeks. We received so many, they filled another 5 gallon bucket which will go to Ronald McDonald house in Cleveland to support their programs. We've already started to fill bucket number 10!



## My Parker's Garage Experience By Mel Geithman

*Editor's Note: This article by Mel Geithman is a follow-up article about working at Parker's Garage. It is about working there more than a decade earlier than Jeff Koehler's article in the November issue. Mel's uncles were Earl and Joe Parker. His recollections are from the time when Earl owned Parker's Garage.*

My summer job before working at Parker's Garage was at Rittman's grocery store. Uncle Earl must have offered a dime an hour more, so that summer I started to work for him. I do not remember anybody else working full time for him. I think the year was 1949. I believe I was there all of my high school days. It was just Uncle Earl and his brother, Joe. I think I had all of the jobs no one else wanted.

Of course, the main thing to do was to pump gasoline which included washing the windshields, checking the oil and filling the radiator with water. If a tire looked like it was low on air, we had FREE air. After that you had to fill out the charge slip on the machine in the office and give the customer his or her receipt. Credit cards were coming on the scene and it took a long time to fill out that card.

I remember hauling the batteries down into the basement and putting them on the charger. We had loaner batteries, too. The many taxi cabs always needed batteries or tires fixed. God, I wonder how many tires I had to repair just bending over with two tire irons to take the tire off the rim and then putting the vulcanized patch on the tube.

When we had a little break there would be 25 to 50 50-gallon drums of gasoline to be siphoned into the ground tanks. I can't believe I am still alive after all of those gasoline fumes. Then the grass needed cutting, both at the garage and at his house. Aunt Lenore always had something cold to drink because we only cut grass on the very hottest days.

Of course, the windows in the garage, especially those big ones in front, needed washing at least once a week. Remember the white gas pump on the Schnoor & Fuchs side of the garage for the older cars (pre 1935's) and the garage's Model A Ford pickup which was used for service calls on the road. Earl also had an old Buick for pulling someone into the garage when their vehicle would not go on its own.

When we did an oil change on a vehicle, there was the SOHIO book that told us where all the grease fittings were on the various cars. The used oil was put in 50-gallon drums in back of the building to be used on the driveways to hold down the dust.

I did some mechanical work. I usually took a motor apart and they would put it back together after the valve job or whatever was necessary. I also had a part time job cutting up old cars on nice-weather weekends after school started. As I look back they could be worth a million dollars today. The little storage shed (Uncle Earl's old chicken coop) held all the used parts that might be re-sold. I worked at the garage the summer of 1953 and then went to work at the airport. Quite a change, but it was a full-time job for the next eighteen months.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Empty Bowls by the Lake Committee would like to thank everyone in the community for their support of our recent event. In our eighth year, we were able to raise over \$19,000 - enough money to help Second Harvest Food Bank, CRS, and LCCC's Commodore Cupboard provide over 95,000 meals for the hungry.

Thank you to the Butterfly House for sponsoring the “paint a bowl” evening and to Frosty's and the Island Beverage Center for providing the refreshments. Thank you to the Senior Center and to my family (Carole, Elaine, Howard, Donna, and Chuck) for all of your help setting up, cleaning up, firing the bowls and a million other things. Thank you to everyone who gave up their evening to paint a bowl for the big Empty Bowls event in October. And thanks to those who donated by buying a finished bowl.

Thank you to this year's sponsors- W.A. Smith Financial Group, Dee & Jimmy Haslam, Mazzella Companies, Put-in-Bay Butterfly House, ShurTech Brands, American Legion Post 211, Avon Lake United Church of Christ, Lowe's of Avon, and Lorain County Community College.

Thank you to Johnny Martens for entertaining the guests at the main event.

Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated. Thank you Boardwalk, Heineman's, Miller Boat Line, Island Bike Rental, Ahoy B&B, Jet Ski at the Bay, E's Carts, Sand Bar, Perry's Cave, Kayak the Bay, Topsy Turvey's, Mossbacks, Candy Bar, Island Hardware, Jessie's Jewelry, Local Color, Margaritas on the Rock, PIB Watercraft Kayaks, The Goat, Old Forge, Cameo's, Surf Shop, MBL Dockside, Round House Bar, PIB Winery, the Gazette, Bob Gatewood, Ernie & Ginny Freeman, Dawn Schill, Dee Dee Duggan, Barb Drushel, Eric Booker, Josie Lesler, and so many more.

Thank you one and all! This truly was a community effort. With apologies to the coolest sonuvabitch in the world, when the Lord handed out hearts, he gave the biggest ones to Put-in-Bay!

- Laura Kirchner

### Christmas Greetings from St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Jesus said, “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John's Gospel) These words speak of Jesus willingly giving his life on the cross, and they also speak of Christmas, of God's gift of love, his gift of his son to the world.

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Love all lovely, Love Divine,  
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For Halloween dress up day these students dressed as Mt. Rushmore. Left to right are Lucy Schneider, Elena Schroeder, Talli Steidl, Nora Ladd.

## School News

**By Steve Poe, Superintendent**

The Harvest Dinner on November 8 was a huge success. 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. Money earned from this event is deposited in the Heineman Scholarship Fund.

We would like to thank Eric Booker and the Booker family for raising money for the Jeffery Verhoff Scholarship Fund. The Boardwalk Restaurant offered dinner specials on Sunday, October 27 and donated a percentage of their proceeds to this scholarship. This year, \$3,000 was raised! We appreciate all the people who supported this Boardwalk fundraiser!

Our National Honor Society has been very busy this fall with three worthy causes! NHS collected excess Halloween candy from our students to donate to the children and families staying at the Toledo Ronald McDonald House. Every other Tuesday, NHS hosts Study Buddies after school for students in grades 3 through 12. Students are encouraged to bring homework to complete or books to read with an NHS member. Lastly, NHS is currently sponsoring a family coat drive to support families of Ottawa County. Coats will be given to the Salvation Army of Ottawa County to be distributed to area families. The coat drive will continue through December 4th, and community members are encouraged to drop off their gently used coats at the school. Great job, National Honor Society!

Our island was well-represented at the Great Lakes Islands Summit held on Mackinac Island this past October. Superintendent/principal Mr. Steve Poe was in attendance along with eighteen other local island residents and officials. In all, fourteen islands and over one hundred participants attended this conference. It was the belief of many who attended this event that all of the islands have similar challenges. Island residents and officials discussed these challenges and shared possible solutions. It was also interesting to hear the many accomplishments of other islands. The objective of the Summit was clear: have a united voice on island issues when working with news media and lawmakers to advance all aspects of island living. The 2020 Great Lakes Islands Summit is scheduled for October 4th through 7th on Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, Kelleys and Pelee Islands.

The Put-in-Bay High School Sailing Club had a very busy fall season. With practices three times a week, the team prepared for four regattas to compete against other high school sailors throughout Ohio and Michigan. Our seven sailors: Alex Knauer, Nora Ladd, Tali Steidl, Kate Byrnes, Macy Ladd, Hope Cooks and Emil Michael had a strong showing at all four regattas. The team started and ended the season at The Foundry Sailing Center in Cleveland. Most notable was our first home regatta held right here at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club on October 13th. Not only did the team host seven other schools from Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo, but our Varsity Blue team (Nora, Macy, Tali and Hope) came out on top, scoring first of nine teams. Thank you to the parents and volunteers for helping make our home regatta a great event. Following our home success, the team traveled to Holland, Michigan to compete against 18 Michigan teams. At the Michigan Sunday Funday Regatta, Put-in-Bay finished 10th overall. Each of the sailors contributed to the team's efforts at each regatta, with several two-person teams getting multiple top 5 finishes at each event. Congratulations to our sailors. Look for the team in the spring when they start practicing for our short spring season.

Our basketball teams open their season on Tuesday, December 3rd, before hitting the road for the second annual Great Lakes Island Schools Tournament on December 6th and 7th. The schools competing in this tournament include Washington Island, Wisconsin; Beaver Island, Michigan; Put-in-Bay, Ohio; and host, Mackinac Island, Michigan. Coach Schuffenecker returns a number of talented players from last year, including seniors Joe Byrnes, Hannah Lentz, and Cecelia Glauser. Go Panthers! If you are not able to make the trip north, please tune into WPIB radio to follow all the games live.

Next year in December 2020, we plan to host to this tournament. Like the Great Lakes Islands Summit in October, we will be needing parent, business, and community support for food, lodging, and activities for our guests. Please mark your calendars now!

Our annual holiday concert is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Students in grades K – 8 will perform songs to ring in the holidays and new year.

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 20th. We return on Monday, January 6th. We 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.

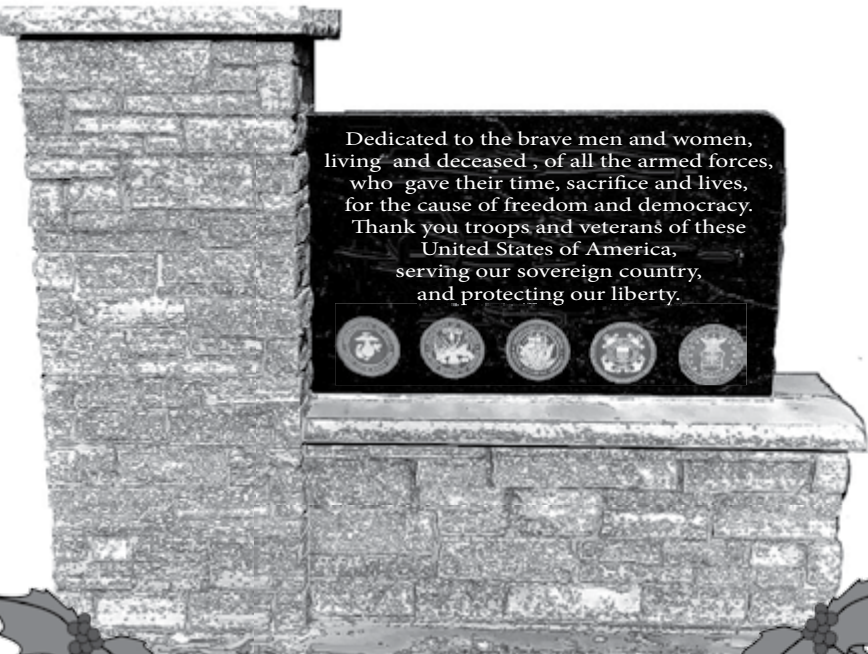








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# Winter Bird Seed Sale Thanks

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Russ Brohl (center) and Mike Byrnes (right) delivering bird seed to the island's biggest bird seed customer Susan Harrington (left).



This group of islanders from the PIB Senior Center was on the mainland at a Toledo Walleye hockey game in early November.

## Senior Center News By Chris Joyce

HO HO HO! It's hard to believe it's almost the end of 2019, this year has flown by! Our Senior Christmas Luncheon is set for Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 12:00 p.m. here at the Senior Center. This is a wonderful annual event with fabulous food and delightful company so please RSVP by Weds. Dec. 4th so we can tell the caterer how many meals will be needed! The Christmas gift baskets will be passed out at that time also!

The PIB seniors want to give a huge "shout out" to the Put-in-Bay Rec. Committee & the island students for taking on the enormous project of assembling & delivering the Christmas Gift Baskets again this year! What a wonderful gift to all the island seniors to keep this holiday tradition going.

Our calendar remains full of regularly scheduled activities which include: aerobic dance, strength training, coffee socials, yoga, mah jongg, bridge and our senior lunches. We also try to include a "soup and show" night, tailgate party, Wii bowling or similar activity at least once a month during the off season. Please check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library & our website [www.PIBseniorcenter.org](http://www.PIBseniorcenter.org) for any last-minute events.

Our senior lunch location has changed for the winter to Topsy's. The lunches will still be served at 12:00 p.m. every Thursday. Please make your reservation by 12:00 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 Topsy's kitchen know the lunch count by 12:00 p.m. Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for our senior lunches!

The EMS continues to take blood pressures every Monday at 10:00 a.m., this is a wonderful service they provide so feel free to get yours checked. The "60+

Clinic" is rescheduled to Thursday, Dec. 19th, to avoid conflict with the Christmas Holiday. 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.

I want to thank all the people who volunteer where needed here at the Senior Center! What a wonderful group of Seniors we have on Put-in-Bay. Remember the Senior Center will be closed on Dec. 25th for Christmas and Jan. 1st for New Years!

Wishing you all a very special Christmas Holiday with family and friends.

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6th Ashley Sweeney  
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12th Chuck Lunt  
Margot Rupp  
Don Frederick  
Mary Alice French

14th Emily Deeks  
Elyse Drake  
Judy Burgess

15th Tammy Knaser  
Debbie Harlan  
Beth Batt  
Alex Tigges

16th Sue Seaberg  
Billy Nainiger  
Anita McCann  
Macy Wolfe  
Sherman French

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Corey Myers

19th Rose Kahler  
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Knox Gilmore

20th Seabrook Riddle  
Edward Luecke  
Steve Donohoe  
David Holscott

21st Nick Faris  
Tom Seaberg

22nd Travis Kowalski  
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23rd Paul Ladd  
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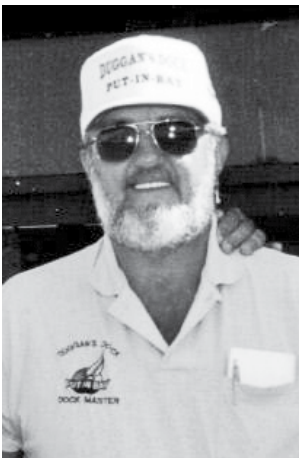
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AJ Mason & Suzy Dobrzeniecki



Patricia Webster Miller



Jim Drushel

# Milestones

## ENGAGED

### AJ Mason & Suzy Dobrzeniecki

Announcing the engagement of Suzy Dobrzeniecki and AJ Mason, son of Dale and Mary Lou Mason. The Masons have been summer residents of Put-in-Bay for 30+ years. AJ and Suzy were engaged at Roundhouse Bar, where AJ was a bartender for many years. The engagement took place in true Roundhouse fashion with confetti sticks and a champagne toast in the same spot Suzy and AJ had their first kiss. Suzy’s parents, Joe and Molly Dobrzeniecki, have agreed to give Suzy away with a no return policy. Together with their families, they are looking forward to a February 2021 wedding in Sylvania, Ohio.

## OBITUARIES

### Patricia Webster Miller PIBHS

Patricia W. Miller of Skowhegan, Maine, passed away Sept. 24, 2019 at the age of 91 at Maine General Hospital in Augusta, Maine, surrounded by family. She was the third of five daughters of Paul and Josephine Webster, born in Put-in-Bay, Ohio where she was raised, spent her youth, and graduated from high school in 1946 in a class of three girls as the boys had all gone to fight in World War II. She went on to college and then to The Ohio State University in Columbus where she worked as a secretary in the Department of Economics. While working there she met and later married Edgar Allen Miller, Jr. on June 15, 1952. Rev. Cassetta and Rev Roe officiated at their marriage at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. An Air Force lieutenant, he was stationed at the air base in Lake Charles, La. where their first child was born. Three more children followed as the family moved around Ohio and Maine pursuing advanced degrees and career opportunities. The couple retired in Maine. Edgar preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 2017, at the age of 88. Patricia enjoyed music, was an accomplished pianist and achieved a life goal of becoming a church organist at All Saints Episcopal Church in Skowhegan where she served for 12 years providing music for services, weddings and funerals. She also enjoyed many hobbies: sewing, knitting, gardening and cooking and was famous in the family for a variety of delicious recipes. She was devoted to her family and loved visits from children and grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years. She is survived by her son Edgar III and wife Robin of Skowhegan, daughter Kathy Hopkins and husband Bob of Norridgewock, daughter Wendy Allard and family of Somerville, and son David and family of Augusta; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Services were held at All Saints Church in Skowhegan on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Donations in her memory may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, 169 Malbons Mills Rd., Skowhegan, ME 04976, and designated for the music program.

### Jim Drushel

James “Jimbo” H. Drushel age 79, of Put-in-Bay and formerly of Ashland, passed away early Sunday, November 24, 2019. He was born January 29, 1940 in Ashland, the son of the late Harold and Eileen (Witmer) Drushel. He had been a resident of Put-in-Bay for over 30 years, first on Toledo Ave. and later on Put-in-Bay Rd. Jim worked the door at the Beer Barrel Saloon before being employed as a dockmaster in 1995. If you were a boater at Duggan’s Dock (aka Jet Dock), you more than likely knew Jim. He retired in 2017. His job was the world to him and enjoyed spending time with his many friends. In his earlier years James was a musician being a drummer in several bands. On October 16, 1993, Jim married Barbara (Rowland) Drushel who survives. Also surviving are his daughter, Kimberly (Charles) Fisher of Ashland; sons, James (Jami) Drushel of Wooster and Micheal (Sherry Lighbolt) Drushel of Ashland; stepdaughter, Tracy (Steve) Bisel of Florida, stepson, Scott (Tami) Bisel of Florida; 7 grandchildren, Nicholas, Joshua, Caden, Emily, Melody, Allison and Jason; 3 great grandchildren; sisters, Jo (Kevin) Moore of Ashland and Debbie (Dave) Rhine of Greenwich; his Aunt Mary Witmer- Barbor; along with his Uncle Roger (Connie) Witmer. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his stepson, Jeff Hess. At this time there will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made in James’s memory to Hospice of North Central Ohio 1050 Dauch Dr. Ashland, Ohio 44805.



AJ Mason proposing to Suzy Dobrzeniecki at the Round House in the exact spot the couple first kissed.



Pat Thwaite enjoyed her 39th (+31) birthday party with family and friends at The Forge on Friday, November 22nd. Among the guests at the table was Mary Parker who also celebrating her birthday, but not one of those special ones.



These photos are of the new DeRivera Park gardens funded by PIB Garden Club and the Village if PIB, and installed by All Seasons Maintenance. You can see the progress from Day 1 to Day 2. What a difference!



## The Longest Year

### By Woody Widmar

I’ve never wished my time away  
But this year can’t end too soon  
I’ll spend the remaining holidays  
Recooping in my room

That’s the way I planned it  
To hold off on surgery  
I had a few things to do  
Before they replaced my knee

The Harvest dinner and Thanksgiving  
Euchre on Wednesdays just for fun  
Christmas parties and some shopping  
Some charitable work before I’m done

Wrapping gifts with the Brown’s Backers  
For Ottawa County’s needy families  
I wish I could see their faces  
When they looked beneath their trees

This seems like the longest year  
Nine months of constant pain  
But it’s coming to an end  
So I can’t complain

One last thing before this ends  
Merry Christmas from me to you  
God bless us one and all  
And Happy New Year too !

Happy Birthday Carol and Terri  
Christmas Birthday Aunt E



These ladies were hanging out with Spike at the Toledo Wall-eye game. Left to Right are Valerie Chervenak, Sarah Toole and Paula Hubner.

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**\*Don't forget to check  
out this month's  
highlighted "Special  
Programs/Events"**

**This  
& That**

Did you notice that the Christmas decorations went up in DeRivera Park more than a week before Thanksgiving? We haven't even finished our Halloween candy yet!

Bill Cantillon from East Point is a consultant for logistics help on a two-wheel-house Staten Island Ferry. The ferry is the first of four being built for the NY Port Authority. The ferry does not need to turn around like the Miller ferries do when they come into dock at the Lime Kiln.

This coming season, two Delaware Ave. businesses won't be returning. They are Mama Maria's, the food stand at Delaware Carts between Lovella and Mr. Ed's, and Del Sol, the color-changing t-shirt shop at Harbor Square. We've only heard rumors about what will be replacing them.

Police Sergeant Carson Frase who served as a police officer on Put-in-Bay for the last two years has left the island to take a position in Mansfield, Ohio. Melissa Wilde has been chosen as a replacement.

For some reason this summer, perch fishing wasn't the greatest, but recent reports say it picked up nicely in recent weeks. We don't know which is your favorite, bass, walleye or perch, but we will definitely take perch over all the rest.

# Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

## ELECTION RESULTS

We have 323 Registered voters and 186 ballots were cast (57.59%); 124 of those voted in person! The Island levies all passed and the ordinance to convert the Clerk/Treasurer position to an appointed Fiscal Officer was overturned. As a result, Lisa was elected the new Clerk/Treasurer for the Village: Lisa Klonaris (165) over Rosalyn Ahner (18). The Mayor (Ron Ehrbar), Board of Education (Cindy Herndon), 2 Council seats (Russell Maust-159 and Gary Finger-133) ran unopposed.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The final Audubon Club meeting took place at The Inn B&B as we sat around a warm fire and said our last goodbyes to many of our friends. Council is supporting the move to make Kelleys Island a designated Monarch City. Kids really clean up on Halloween up here. The big weekend had hay rides, trunk treat or treating, and pumpkin carving. Island kids had a traditional evening on Halloween, but the winds almost blew them away. Veterans Day was well-supported here. Even though it was wet and cold and slushy snow started to fall, 50 people still showed up to remember those who served. Good News for people with land lines on the Island (and many still do because of the random cell service here). Frontier just started posting a "potential spam" message on our caller ID. This should make it easier to ignore those calls; however, we did receive SEVEN calls one day from our own phone no. according to our caller ID. Let's hope our government does something about them. Sure, the Thanksgiving turkey is fine, but what we really look forward to is listening to Arlo Guthrie's 1967 song, Alice's Restaurant at noon on 98.5 while the turkey cooks.

## WEATHER

The first snowflakes fell on November 7, but it wasn't until November 11 that we got one inch of real snow. Fortunately, the big storm missed us. The Shirley Irene was out of commission for two weeks for its 5-year inspection and some repairs. As the winds of November ripped across the lake, the Kayla made as many valiant trips as it could, concentrating on people and cars and restricting construction equipment and large vehicles. Weather cancelled the Goodtime Halloween cruise – there were some pretty spectacular waves all weekend. The wind blew out quite a bit of water and a lot of the State Park beach was exposed. It was really weird to see plants and trees along the lakeshore covered with sparking ice so early in the year. Also, it was cold. Toledo broke a 1911 record with 11 degrees on November 12. We weren't much warmer.

## COUNCIL NOTES

As the days get shorter, so do the Council meetings. There were very few reports and only housekeeping ordinances on the agenda. Lands and Buildings reported that the suggested splash park project was declined but drainage at the pavilion will proceed. Streets & Sidewalks noted that the paving project for Memory, Fernwood, part of McGettigan, and the Transfer Station will be going out for bids. The petition by McGettigan residents to be included in the project failed for lack of the required number of signatures. The Park Board has volunteers working to cut some trails into one of their preserves. The Shoreline Protection Committee is working with the Corps of Engineers for programs to assist the Village with shoreline protection. After serving for 25 years on the Fire Dept., Don Huntley is retiring. There was one fire in October. As a result of the KIFD networking with other agencies, the Strongsville Fire Dept. is donating 1000 feet of 4" hose to us, and we will be buying 20 hydrant adapters. The Dept. conducted hazmat training. EMS reported 5 runs. Each year, and this is important, they remind us to call 911. Do NOT try to chase down one of the EMS people. If you think you have a medical problem – call 911 for the fastest response. The Police Dept. had just three reports, fielded 102 phone calls, and issued a ticket for driving under suspension. Really, this seems to be a recurring problem up here. As a result of the impounding of these and OVI vehicles, the Village will be looking at formalizing an impound fee structure. Some repairs were needed on one squad car and there were recalls on two SUV's and the truck. Remember to turn in your house check forms (they already did 50 inspections last month) and file safety check forms for your loved ones who are wintering here. They are available online (KelleysIsland.us) and at the Village office. Eric Longbrake reminds winter residents that there is a reimbursement program for 'catastrophic' transportation needs for people with only one house and that one house is here on the Island - contact Serving our Seniors.



Judy Ruggiero will be missed by St. Paul's congregation but we hope she can come visit from time to time. Judy will be moving to the Youngstown area in early December. In her years as a member of St. Paul's Judy has served on the vestry, the Altar Guild and the Finance Committee. She was the Sacred Space Committee chair, coordinating all the plantings placed around the labyrinth in 2012. Judy was one of the first cooks at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner when 130 people came to share a meal. She returned to help every year as attendance swelled to 600. Judy was also one of our servers at the annual Strawberry Shore Cake booth in the park. There are many other things she did to support her parish family over the years. We wish her Godspeed as she resettles near her sisters. Pictured with Judy: Sue Ferguson, Gail McCracken, Mary Steunenberg, Valerie Chornyak (Senior Warden), Mo Mary Staley, Judy, Sandy Hartzel, Ruth Scarpelli (Altar Guild Chair) Sarah Toole, Jeanne Burgess, Bill McCracken.



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**From All of Us  
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To the Person or Persons who were so enamored of the sign on my outbuilding that you had to to take (steal) it, I thought you might like to know that the sign was hand carved by my now-deceased husband as a gift for my 75th birthday 12 years ago, I hop you have a very guilty conscience.

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## Vice Commander...Ahoy!

By Paul Bolden, Vice Commander of the 9th Coast Guard District, Central Region, Division 16



**PAUL BOLDEN**

**Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy (part2)**  
I'm on a mission to make South Bass Island boaters the safest and most knowledgeable on the Great Lakes Seas. During our second off-season mariner class we are going to focus on those "Aids to Navigation" encountered in and around South Bass Island. This is not a complete list of aids, rather common ones seen in the waters around the island and different from last year's class, this wont be a quiz but a discussion.

There are literally hundreds of navigation aids (atons) but in our waters 6 or so stand out as most common. I can't over stress the importance of understanding their meaning. Many of these atons can save your life or the life of someone in the water! PLEASE LEARN THEM!

The first aton in Image 1 is called a "CAN" because of its shape and is green. They mark the channel on the right or starboard side when going out to sea. The second is called a "NUN" because of its shape and is red. They mark the channel on the right or starboard side when returning from sea.

Image 2, This regulatory marker with a diamond shape and cross means boats must keep out indicating Swim Area, Beach, Keep Out, No Boats, Closed Area, etc.

Image 3 is a regulatory marker. This buoy indicates a hazard such as Rocks, Stump, Shallow Area, Reef, Shoal, etc.

Image 4 is a non-lateral dayboard. The sole purpose of these diamond shaped dayboards is to help the vessel operator determine his/her location.

Image 5 is a diver down flag. It means that a diver is actively underwater and yes we have divers in our waters, I've seen them. Your vessel must maintain a distance of 300ft from such flags.

Image 6 is the Stone Lab Data Buoy used to confer weather and sea conditions online.



Again, this was not intended to cover every aton, rather to test your awareness of some of the most common Aids to Navigation around PIB. What's more, the explanations for these 6 atons was very basic. Please take the off season to study and sharpen your boating knowledge. In our often crowded and relatively shallow waters it is important to understand what these aids mean and in our the PIB Mariner Academy classes we barely scratch the surface. If you didn't recognize most of these, that should serve as a clue that you need further education. Safe boating classes are taught by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and are available to nearly everyone. You just have to be willing.




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# Library News

## What's Happening at Your Local Library?

### Cookies and Christmas Craft Tuesday, December 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

Come join us for a fun family evening decorating cut out cookies and making a Christmas craft. We will supply all the materials. Bring your creativity and your friends!

### Wine Cork Christmas Trees Wednesday, December 4th at 2 p.m.

Join Librarian Sue Duff to make wine cork Christmas trees. We have all the supplies (corks, decorations for your tree and glue guns) to make festive trees for your home or as a gift. If you have any corks laying around or decorations, please feel free to bring them along. Be sure to invite your friends!

### Wine Cork Christmas Trees for Tweens and Teens Wednesday, December 4th at 3:15 p.m.

Join Librarian Sue Duff to make wine cork Christmas trees. We have all the supplies (corks, decorations for your tree and glue guns) to make festive trees for your home or as a gift. If you have any corks laying around or decorations, please feel free to bring them along. Be sure to invite your friends! Participants must be in grades 5 and up.

### Hot Wheels Night at the Library Tuesday, December 10th at 4:30 p.m.

Do you love cars? Do you have the need for speed? Do you love to design things? Come to the library and work with fellow students to create hot wheels tracks in the library. Who will design the fastest track for the cars? Who will design the longest tracks?

### Game Night at the Library Tuesday, December 17th at 4:40 p.m.

Looking for something fun to do with your family? Trying to keep the Christmas excitement under control? Join us for an evening of games: Jenga, Checkers, Chess, Uno and multiple others will be available.

Games are more fun with friends so be sure to remind your friends! Families are encouraged or older children (Grades 4 and up) are welcome on their own.

Words & Wine Book Club will return next month on the third Thursday of the month. Location to be announced. Merry Christmas from the staff at Erie Islands Library! We wish you and your family a season filled with love and peace.

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## Giving Tuesday 2019

Our Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be celebrating Giving Tuesday on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be eligible for a chance in a drawing for \$5,000 from the Toledo Community Foundation by participating in Giving Tuesday. Any check sent to us dated December 3, 2019 or donated to us via our PayPal on our www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org can be used to qualify us for the drawing. The donation can be earmarked for stewardship or land protection-we have a lot of grant applications out right now that need matching funds and more projects all the time to preserve island forests and shorelines!



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### SOLD



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1 BD/1BA Waterfront Condo Incredible Views Close to Downtown Low Association Fees Rental Income • \$264k

### SOLD



East Point • 4 bd/1ba Beautiful Century Home Income Producing Great Location next to Massie Cliffside Preserve

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The PIBHS Class of 2020 was making pizzas at Pasquale's on Nov 3rd as a fundraiser for their senior class trip. Left to right are Hannah Lentz, Ty Winchester (in background), Joseph Byrnes, Cecilia Glauser, Carin Kirsch and Alex Knauer. -Photo courtesy of Susan Byrnes



Robert Toth and Pat Thwaite at the Holiday Bazaar on November 21st, checking out Kelly Faris' photos. Robert was on the island for Pat's 70th birthday!

## New Service - a Doctor 24/7 and Free Generic Prescriptions

A Doctor at Your Finger Tips, Especially in the Winter! BasiCare Plus As Seen in Yahoo Finance and Morningstar.

Rather than braving the snow to travel to the mainland, you can contact a doctor from the comfort of your island home. For \$8.75 a month for the entire family, you can enroll in a new program, BasiCare Plus, with free doctor access and free generic prescriptions!

The program was introduced to us by island author Bob Adamov who sits on the advisory board for BasiCare Plus, a national healthcare solutions company headquartered in Wooster, Ohio. Bob saw it as a way to help islanders with quick access to a doctor for non-emergent medical issues, especially during the winter months. The program is also open to all Gazette readers in the U.S.

BasiCare Plus founder Brad Mullen has met with the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce about how the program is ideal for island dwellers and will be sharing a portion of the proceeds with the Chamber.

### The BasiCare Plus program:

- Covers 82% of illnesses such as bronchitis, flu, strep throat, pink eye, and over 135 know illnesses
- Offers the nation's largest 24/7 telemedicine network
- No Copays, No Deductibles, No Pre-existing Conditions
- Can be used while traveling in all fifty states
- Includes free and discounted medications
- No copay for 90% of the generic medications prescribed by our doctors
- Discounted name brand medications
- Available at over 65,000 locations including Costco, Walmart, Kroger's, CVS and Walgreens as well as Bassett's.
- Bassett's Pharmacy will fill prescriptions and send them to the island via Griffing or the Miller Ferry. You must provide the BasiCare Plus card information to Bassett's for verification by phone or email after our doctor calls in the prescription to receive the free generic of discounted prescription.

- Covers your child while at college. No need to leave the dorm to find a doctor.

To learn what illnesses are covered and a list of some of the free generic drugs, or to enroll, visit [www.BasiCarePlus.com/island](http://www.BasiCarePlus.com/island).

### Testimonial from Elizabeth on Sanibel Island

"I don't get sick often at all, but this is my second bout in just about 6 weeks. My first one ended up costing me nearly \$200 for a Minute Clinic Visit and prescriptions. I used my BC+ membership today. It was seamless and super user-friendly. The physician was very friendly and helpful. My visit was covered by BC+, as was my antibiotic. Best of all NO leaving the island!"

### Once you enroll

Your BasiCare Plus packet will arrive within six to ten days. You'll be prompted to activate your service by providing your medical history, allergies, prescriptions and your current doctor's name as well as your preferred pharmacy. Once activation is complete, you are set for your free consultation at your first sign of illness.

### How it works at your first sign of illness

You call into the service and a medical assistant takes your symptoms and reviews your current prescriptions just as would happen if you visited your regular doctor. The assistant asks if you'd like a video conference or regular call and then contacts a doctor to call you.

If you use the free app for Android® or iPhone®, you will log into your personal account, schedule your visit, answer some questions through the app about your illness and wait for your appointment to begin.

A doctor is usually available within ten minutes during the day and a little longer during the night. The doctor will review your medical condition, make a diagnosis and, if a prescription is needed, send a prescription to your pharmacy of

your choice. And, with your permission, the doctor will send a copy of the diagnosis to your doctor to be included in your medical records.

### Island Employers

If island businesses are interested in offering this program to their employees, a discounted rate is available. The benefit to the employer:

- Reduces sick time as employees can easily consult with a doctor more quickly without leaving the island.
- Helps avoid spreading illness to fellow employees.
- Aids in attracting employees, especially part-timers.
- Assists in retaining employees.

Setting up the program is easy – no applications or set up fees. Employers can contact BasiCare Plus by calling 800-395-6360, emailing [Lisa@BasiCarePlus.com](mailto:Lisa@BasiCarePlus.com) or by completing the contact form at the bottom of the website at [www.BasiCarePlus.com](http://www.BasiCarePlus.com).

## Quote of the Month

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