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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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## In the News....



ABOVE: This year's pig, sacrificed to the Ice God Ullr at a party on the shoreline by the Boardwalk on Saturday, January 5th, must not have been quite fat enough to make it number one on Ullr's priority list. He didn't bring ice to the island area until Sunday, January 20th.

### Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament date changed to mid-Feb.

For those who love to fish for walleye, you'll want to know the date for the Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament has been changed to the third weekend in February. On Friday evening, the 15th, sign up will take place at Topsy Turvey's. With the chances of great ice looking extremely good, fishing will take place on Saturday, the 16th. It will be followed by the banquet at the Reel Bar at 6 p.m. The banquet will include 50/50, Chinese and gun raffles. Feel free to contact Dan Petro (419) 341-2274 for additional information and questions. All proceeds will support the scholarship in Jeremy's and Kurt's names.

Here are details for purchasing tickets for the gun raffle. Each ticket is \$20, must be 18 years of age to purchase. You do not need to be present to win, and the drawing is Saturday, February 16th, at The Reel Bar. You can message (Facebook) Dan and Lindsey Petro, Barb and Jeff Rohrbacher, or Kiel Rohrbacher. The only way to win is to purchase tickets.

### Chocolate Fest - Feb. 2

The Chocolate Fest at the Put-in-Bay Library on Saturday, February 2nd. Judge the treats and help choose the champion chocolate treat maker on the island for 2019. Donations will be accepted for Friends of the Library, proud sponsors of special programs and Summer Reading. Schedule: 10:15 a.m. Drop off your chocolate treats. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., sampling and voting will take place. Everyone welcome!

### Spaghetti Dinner - Feb. 8

Come thick or thin ice, the Put-in-Bay Fire Department will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner at the fire station on Friday, February 8th, from 5 to 8 p.m. This will be a great way to check out the trucks and equipment and see what the department has to offer in an emergency. All proceeds will go towards new equipment to better serve the community.

## Jose DeRivera & David Bianchi



ABOVE: Last summer we had two photos on the front page showing the new DeRivera stump carving in DeRivera Park and Jimmy Glauser dressed like DeRivera. DeRivera was the island pioneer who subdivided the island for settlers. Well, here are two more, the DeRivera stump carving and David Bianchi from East Point. DeRivera died in 1889, one year after David's great-grandfather, Gustav Heineman, started Heineman Winery.

## Louis Heineman passes at 92

Put-in-Bay lost one of its most iconic residents on Sunday, January 13th, Louis "Louie" Victor Heineman, the owner of Heineman Winery, passed away peacefully at the Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, with family present.

He was born May 29, 1926, son of Norman Victor and Helen Margaret Heineman. Raised on the island, he graduated from Put-in-Bay High School in 1944. He married Barbara Janice Traverso on Oct. 25, 1952.

Louie adhered to family tradition and became a third generation Heineman wine maker following in the footsteps of his father, Norman, and Heineman Winery founder and grandfather, Gustav Heineman. Today, Heineman Winery is 130 years old. Louis was born when it was only 38 years old.

Together, Louie and his brother, Harry Heineman, owned Heineman Brothers Ice Fishing Guides in the 1950s and later in life owned Heineman Beverages Inc. in Port Clinton. He was a founding member of the Ohio Wine Producers Association serving as an executive member and director. Years of producing award-winning wine and his dedicated mentorship to aspiring Ohio wine makers eventually led to Louie becoming the first wine maker inducted into the Ohio Wine Producers Hall of Fame.

He was a proud United States Army veteran serving in World War II in Germany. He was stationed in Heidelberg where the headquarters of the U.S. Army Occupation Forces were located. Louie was a 60+ year mem-

ber of the American Legion Scheible-Downing Post 524 of Put-in-Bay. On Memorial Days in his later years, he would join Bob Schmidt at Maple Leaf Cemetery and honor the island's veterans by telling their stories to those who came to hear them.

Both Louie and his beloved wife Barbara were devoted members of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church.

He was loved by many and wore many hats over his tenure, including president of the Put-in-Bay School Board, past member of the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Perry Group, Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, Port Clinton Elks and Rockwell Trout Club.

Louie loved traveling, especially by cruise ship. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, reading and bowling. He loved watching his adored Cleveland sports teams play on TV — Indians, Cavaliers, Browns — and Ohio State football and basketball games. Family, friends, and even those he had just met were always delighted by his storytelling. Island history and World War II were often his topics of choice. It was not uncommon to find Louie in the wine garden at the winery chatting with new customers or old friends. His stories, his knowledge, his wisdom, his generosity, and his wit will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are his children, Edward (Michele) Heineman of Put-in-Bay, Terese (Dr. John) Baker of Okemos, Mich., Angela (Mark Hagerty) Heineman-Martens of Put-in-Bay, Victoria Roggenbeck of Jacksonville, Fla., Elizabeth (Michael McIntyre) Heineman of Put-in-Bay; grandchildren, Dr. Barbara Anne (Jason) Roggenbeck-Keizer, Lita (Dustin) Smith, Christina (Jim) Wilcox, Dustin (Kira Hubner) Heineman, Trevor (Michelle) Baker, Justin Baker, Ava Heineman, Desiraye (John Reyes) Pulizzi; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Justine Bianchi of Put-in-Bay; and brother-in-law, Raymond Traverso of Put-in-Bay.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Heineman; brothers, Gustav Heineman, Harry Heineman; sister, Eunice Horan; great-grandson, Samuel Heineman; and son-in-law, David Roggenbeck.

Visitation was on Thursday, Jan. 24th, at Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, in



Louis "Louie" Victor Heineman

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- The Daily Oakland Press

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7	Thu, Key West, FL, 5:45pm @ Sloppy Joe's Bar Corner of Duval and Greene. Put-in-Bay Music Fest
8	Fri, Key West, FL, 5:45pm @ Sloppy Joe's Bar Corner of Duval and Greene. Put-in-Bay Music Fest
9	Sat, Key West, FL, 4:30pm @ Sloppy Joe's Bar Corner of Duval and Greene. Put-in-Bay Music Fest
12	Tue, Key West, FL, 4pm @ Rick's, 202 Duval St

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**Check Facebook for Daily Specials**

**Saturday, Feb 16 Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament Come Join the Fun**

## Sloppy Joe's Hosts the 15th Annual PIB Music Festival

Time flies. Maybe even more so when you can keep warm with your island friends in Key West in the winter! It's hard to believe one of the most anticipated wintertime off-island get-togethers started only 15 years ago.

Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West, FL will pay tribute to Put-in-Bay and our unique flavor of entertainment this February 7-9, 2019, as they host the 15th Annual Put-in-Bay Music Fest. It's always a blast to see Key West virtually taken over by people wearing Put-in-Bay T-shirts as they catch up with their island friends!

This year's line-up includes Pat Shepard, That Allie Girl, Westside Steve Simmons (who's back after several years absence), STPete (Pete Jarvis's from Pete & Wayne new band) and The Ray Fogg Show. Pete and Ray will also host a 'Twas

the Night Before PIB Fest jam the night before it all begins in February 6th.

Many PIB business support the event by providing lots of give-a-ways that are passed out during the last day of the Festival.

If you can't make it to the Keys for the party, you can watch the shows on Sloppy Joe's stage cam on their web site.

## Heineman

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Port Clinton. Additional visitation was Saturday, Jan. 26th, in the Cornerstone Room at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Rev. Nick Cunningham and the Rev. Frank Kehres. Interment followed in Maple Leaf Cemetery with American Legion Honors. Louie's last trip around the island was on the way to his resting place in George Stoiber's Model T hearse. A reception immediately following at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. Another memorial will be held in the spring on Put-in-Bay.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Put-in-Bay School's Gustav Heineman Memorial Scholarship or Mother of Sorrows



ABOVE: A caricature of Louie Heineman Catholic Church. Condolences may be shared with the family at [neideckerleveckrosser.com](http://neideckerleveckrosser.com).

# WESTSIDE STEVE

**FEBRUARY 2019**  
Sat. 2: Sully's Irish Pub 8:30 PM  
Medina  
Thurs. 7 thru Sat. 9th  
Put in Bay Weekend  
Sloppy Joe's in Key West  
Thurs. & Fri. - 1:45 - 3:15 PM  
Sat. - 12:45 - 3:15 PM  
Fri. 15: Barbarino's 8 PM  
Sat. 23: Erie Yacht Club 7 PM  
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**"Skipper of the Lake Erie Booze Patrol"**



ABOVE: Heineman Winery looked like this just a few years before Louie Heineman was born in 1926.

## A couple we overlooked

Editor's Note: Last month we had a some prediction of what to look for in 2019. We received this Letter to the editor:

A couple you overlooked.

Toxic Algae. I have now seen toxic algae stories, featuring PIB on both the Weather Channel and National Geographic. The situation will not improve in 2019 because no one is DOING anything about it. They are only TALKJNG about it ("Oh, what a shame," etc.). It's a tragedy and a disgrace. PIB is an island surrounded by pea soup and muck. Shame. Shame.

Electric scooters. Surprised you missed this one. Or maybe you already have them. E-scooters are taking over resort communities by storm all over the world. The scooter people come to town, buy off the local officials, and then drop off 500 dockless e-scooters on your streets. 15 mph. Little kids. No licences. No insurance. No accountability. On sidewalks, streets, dirt paths. Weaving in and out of pedestrians. Other communities report a dozen or more injuries a week. They're coming. When they do, run, don't walk. Hide. These are big multimillion dollar companies. They are too big to stop.

- J. N. Moon

Do you have a letter to the editor? We'd like to hear from you about any topic to do with the islands. You can send your snail-mail letters to the editor to The Put-in-Bay Gazette, P.O. Box 384, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456, or you can email them directly to [pihgazette@frontier.com](mailto:pihgazette@frontier.com). Email is the preferred way we'd like to get them because we do not have to retype them. We can just cut & paste. Waiting to hear from you! - The Editors

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# Moss on the Rock

## GOODTIME CRUISES

If you're one of those who frequents the Goodtime I party cruises to Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay on Friday nights in the summer, you'll find a bit of a change this year. The cruise ship which runs their "booze cruises," as some call them, between Memorial Day and Labor Day on Friday evenings to Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay, will just encircle and crisscross Sandusky Bay without going out into the lake to the islands.

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

The island's first-year Daisies is selling Girl Scout cookies! The troop will be doing some door to door sales with assistance from older Girl Scouts! There will also be a booth on the island in March, date and place TBD. Michelle O'Donnell is also working on setting up for "Digital Cookie" where you can pay by credit card and choose to have the cookies shipped directly to you (contact her with your email).

## TRAVELING

As always this time of the year, islanders are busy travelling. Skip and Kimberly Stoiber Morrison were island hopping in the Caribbean.

David and Kathy Kaiser-Holscott from Mitchell Rd. spent time in Udaipur, India:

A big group of island folk were on a cruise in South America. Among them were Pauline Garsteck from the Village Bakery, Kay Drake from the West Shore, and Bob and Diane Smith and Sharon Duggan.

Jack and Lorraine Zimmerman from the airport and Roger and Joan Rhoad were in the British Virgin Islands. John and Peggy Leopold from Victory Woods were in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Adam and Acka Riley from Catawba Ave stopped in Iceland on their way back from Europe where they visited Acka's family in Macedonia.

Miranda Krueger, the daughter of Carl and Chris Krueger from the West Shore left in January for California, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand.

Rich and Noreen Hahn from Mitchell Rd. visited Scott and Caroline Jackson in Perdido Key, FL. While there, they celebrated young Cal Jackson's first birthday.

Mark and Mary Myers from the South Shore were in Biloxi, Mississippi, for a little fun at the casinos there.

## SIGNIFICANT OTHER

Erin Monaco from Stone Lab shared a post on social media about finding people who met their significant other at Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island. They want to hear about the story so it can maybe be featured in Ohio Sea Grant's next Twine Line magazine.

## REMEMBER WHEN?

This past month, Mark Wilhelm was going through some old files at the PIB Fire Station and found the paperwork for the PIBVFD's C800 built in 1959! The truck was a 1959 Ford with a 750-gallon tank and a 750-gallon minute pump. Joe Parker was Fire Chief and Chester Dress was Asst. Fire Chief. The cost of the truck back then was \$12,188 delivered to the island! The price for a new truck now is \$350,000 plus!



## RARE FIND

Robin Burris Cadez reports her son, Corey, was on recently on North Bass Island visiting his grandparents when he found a purple bowling ball on East Beach. That makes two bowling balls found on the NBI beaches. The last one was used for road bowling, filling booze bottles up with sand to use as pins. How weird is it to find a bowling ball on an island beach in Lake Erie?

## TRIVIA CONTEST

The Trivia Contest held one night in January at Topsy Turvey's certainly had a great turnout! The winning team named "The Sheriff's x&%# Kitties" comprised of bartender Andy Bruns from the Fish Bowl, Chris Murphy, the new bar manager at the Crew's Nest, bartender James Lewis from Mr. Ed's, Mike Edelen from the Round House, and the Sheriff, Theresa Finny, took first place. Jake Market said he's hoping to have another contest on February 5th at 8 p.m. at Topsy Turvey's.

## TAYLOR TAKES NEW JOB

Put-in-Bay's Jackie Taylor who managed the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center has take a new job at the Kelleys Island Field Station. Jackie did a wonderful job. The center is currently looking for a new manager.

## BOOKER ELIGIBILITY

Put-in-Bay's Blake Booker, the sophomore son of Eric and Jen Booker, is attending Oak Harbor High School this year so he can play varsity basketball. Because of Ohio State High School Athletic Association transfer-student rules and regulations, Blake could play this year, but can't play the games in the last half of the season or in any post-season tournaments. After playing eleven games, he has a 10.5 point average, with a game-high score of 25 points. He also made 3-pointers in 11 games. Blake will be able to play the entire season his in junior and senior years. There been a lot of positive support to have him continue playing.

## SHUTDOWN

During the government shutdown, no one we heard of flew to Put-in-Bay from the mainland to take advantage of the food pantry at St. Paul's.

LEFT: Other parts of the world have "drops" to celebrate the New Year. New York City has the ball and Port Clinton has its walleye. Put-in-Bay has the ice shanty. Here are this year's preparations for the New Year's Shanty Drop.

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# Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader

During the busy cottage season, it is easy to lose touch with the mainland, to get lost in the bustle of island life, summer activities, island friends, the carefree schedule of a cottager. As tourists and visitors rush off to the last ferry, we are reminded daily that we are, indeed, on an island. Each glowing sunset marks the end of another island day; the endless, star-filled sky offers a unique perspective of our tiny plot below; the gentle waves and glistening water bring peace, tranquility, nighttime's darkness. Mornings come quickly. We bounce into action with the noisy birds and persistent traffic.

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

We putter with temperamental boats and antique cars; scrape peeling paint and coax new life into weathered homes; we prepare for excited guests and unexpected company. Days overflow even when nothing is planned, cottage life!

So, as a cottager, a return to the real-world comes with a stark reminder of the things we may have forgotten, or tried to forget, over the Summer. No more golf carts, scooters, or tipsy bicycle rides. We quickly re-acclimate to busy highways, higher speeds, and ever sprawling retail development; larger supermarkets, warehouse mega-stores and ubiquitous phone, TV, and internet service; we settle into the conveniences and comforts of big mainland homes, filled with things we thought we needed before we found our tiny, older, simple and often cramped cottages.

We're bombarded with news, news pumped out by people that seem to have forgotten what news is. We hear politicians at every level of government, left and right, that have somehow lost touch with the principles that built this great country. We see people who have lost touch with the ideals taught by their parents and grandparents. There is a disturbing division of those who disagree – discourse has deteriorated into name calling, accusation, and hate. It is easy to get sucked in, to become a part of the negative, the unproductive, the sad and bitter.



LARRY SCHRADER

Often, I will turn off the noise. I find a quiet park, a secluded woods, a remote trail, a place that might remind me of the island. I just walk, listen, reminisce and dream. Other times, I'll meet with island friends, a lunch, dinner, a random visit. We relive precious kernels of past summers, or pretend it's just another August afternoon by the lake; to talk of Spring, to plan the next chapter of cottage life, to feel the peace, share the hope, simply enjoy the conversation and laughter.

For the cottager, this time of year, more than any other, is a time of hope – hope for a short Winter as we prepare to pack for our first trips back to the island in March; hope for better days, another long season for the carefree cottager, lost in the warm sun and gentle breezes of the island, busy doing what we do best; and most importantly this year, hope for a better world, a better life for everyone, the cottage life.

In a few short weeks, I'll be back in the old green chair by the lake. Stop by, I'll pull another chair out of the garage, under the old oak, we'll look out over the lake, the sky. I won't say much, I rarely do; we'll listen, forget the mainland, the confused world, feel the breeze, the island. I can't wait!



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay West Shore friends having lunch at Great Lakes Brewery in Cleveland back in the "real world" earlier this winter. Left to right are Bill Boag, Gill Terry, Kathy "Mrs. Larry" Schrader, Alice Boag, Larry Schrader and Jim French. We always wondered what cottage people from Cleveland do in the winter. Now we know.

## Oops! We goofed

*Editor's Note: Last month, we screwed up when we were putting the paper together on the computer and inadvertently dropped the last two paragraphs of "Listen to Larry." Here they are. The list goes on: From crowded Manhattan Island in New York; tiny Lilla Essingen in Stockholm; India's Salsette Island, home to sprawling Mumbai and world's largest slum, Dharavi; to the modern, sky-scraping towers*

*of Ap Lei Chau, Hong Kong; like South Bass, all unique, but all with their own island challenges. We share many of these challenges: Clean, safe water and environmentally sound waste treatment and disposal; uncontrolled growth of tourist traffic; sprawling development challenging traditional green areas, parks, and native habitats; ever-increasing real estate prices and higher taxes; crime, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse – issues that strain the resolve of communities large and small.*

*In this new year, I hope the world's island communities find peace and prosperity as they each face their own, individual challenges. Here on South Bass, I am confident that our community of islanders, cottagers, loyal guests and friends will continue to work toward making the place we love, the place we call home, even better. To those who work to preserve our history; to protect our environment; to our involved and generous business community; to our churches, clubs, and countless organizations – Thank you and Happy New Year!*



ABOVE: Kelly Niese and Joey Wolf from the Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel are seen here working the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's booth at the Progressive Insurance Boat Show in Cleveland the weekend of the big snowstorm in mid-January. They are holding a new promotional poster reminiscent of an old E&K Winery poster from more than a half century ago that is popular with island memorabilia collectors.

## Put-in-Bay Island Party in Akron in March

A benefit for the Danny French Scholarship Fund at St. Ignatius will take place at the Tangier Nightclub in Akron on Saturday, March 9th, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Among those performing are Mike "Mad Dog" Adams, The Reese Dailey Band and The Flyin' Jays.

To donate silent auction gifts, to access discount hotel rates, or if you have questions, email [mike.sweeney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike.sweeney@sbcglobal.net).

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# Island Diary January 2019

**Tues., Jan. 1st** - When midnight strikes, piano man John Salamo who is playing for the New Year's celebration at the Reel Bar begins his 40th year entertaining at Put-in-Bay.

**Wed., Jan. 2nd** - There's a conference call between Village officials and the State Auditors in regards to the 2017 audit. Lisa Brohl spots white-tailed deer tracks at the lake at the Scheeff East Point Preserve. The Caterpillar C-18 engines for Miller Boat Line's new M/V Mary Ann Market arrive at the shipyard in Wisconsin where she is being built. The three engines have over 2400 horsepower between them! Weather station SBIO1 at the South Bass Island Lighthouse ceases transmitting. Although parts of the U.S. Government are closed, the information this site provides is necessary to protect life and property and it will be updated and maintained during the Federal Government shut-down.

**Thurs., Jan. 3rd** - The ferry is still running. Dave Washtock, one of the owners of Erie Island Carts, is in Steamboat Springs, CO, skiing.

**Fri., Jan. 4th** - It's nice sunny day in the island area.

**Sat., Jan. 5th** - At the Port Authority meeting there's a discussion regarding adding a second 14,000-person concert the Friday of Labor Day weekend. The board members voted unanimously not to keep the airport open for a second concert. Billy Market is promoting a "Let's Get Winter Going Party" on the waterfront between the Boardwalk and the Village's A-Dock with a sacrificial pig, beer, hotdogs, chili, hot chocolate and fireworks. Burning pig, fireworks and lit Monument, plus relatively mild temperature make for a fun, island gathering. Those attending were asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry at St. Paul's.

**Sun., Jan. 6th** - Mother Mary Staley posts a thank you to everyone who brought a donation for the food pantry to the Ullr fest the night before. St. Paul's chalking the doors, including the ice ramp, is all over the island on Epiphany.

**Mon., Jan. 7th** - Billy Markets lets everyone know ferry service is about to end for the winter. Put-in-Bay teacher Katie Schneider hitches a boat ride to work with Marty Harayda from Middle Bass in the morning.

**Tues., Jan 8th** - Several islanders report hearing a huge bang. It's from a thunder and lightning storm accompanied with hail that comes through the islands. The last ferry of the season runs. We hope you got your mainland car off the island. There are no fireworks when the ferry comes into the Bay to be put away for the winter.

**Wed., Jan. 9th** - Miller Ferry officially suspends service until further notice due to incoming winter weather conditions. Rob Hard begins serving breakfast for winter at the Black Squirrel. The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets at its first regular meeting of the new year with Jessica Dress, the Council President, residing. Payment was approved for a lighting system for the Police Department's two new golf carts in the amount of \$5,000. Also approved is the hiring of Michael Russo as a full-time police officer with the Corporal rank at \$42,000 per year.

**Thurs., Jan. 10th** - The temperature in the island area never gets above the freezing mark. If you are expecting a package sent by something other than through the U. S. mail, you'll be going to the Put-in-Bay Airport to pick it up for the foreseeable future. Mark Wilhelm will be there again this winter Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. to hand out packages.

**Fri., Jan. 11th** - Conor Blumensaadt turns 30. There's still open water, even in the Bay.

**Sat., Jan. 12th** - There's new light snow. The PIB Lady Panther basketball team defeats the Lake Hawks from Marion, Ohio, by a score of 41 to 14. The island team now has a 9-0 record. The island gents on the varsity and junior high teams don't fare so well and lose their games, 60-13 and 40-35 respectively.

**Sun., Jan. 13th** - There's snow on the ground, but the top of the grass can still be seen. Islanders learn of the passing of island icon Louis Heineman.

**Mon., Jan. 14th** - The PIB Chamber of Commerce is held after lunch at the Town Hall. It's been ten days now since Billy Market and his helpers sacrificed a pig to the ice god Ullr, but he's taking his time bringing ice to the islands. The harbor at Put-in-Bay is completely ice free.

**Wed., Jan. 16th** - With no flights operating in the morning, the bank is unable to open. Due to winter weather approaching, the decision is announced to cancel PIB School basketball games for the coming weekend.

**Thurs., Jan 17th** - There's no sign of ice in the lake around the islands. It's Put-in-Bay night at the Progressive Boat Show in Cleveland. Entertaining are Pat Shepard, Ray Fogg and West-side Steve. Back on the island it's Movie & Popcorn Night at the library.

**Fri., Jan. 18th** - Mother Mary Staley finds ATV tracks going through the front yard of St. Paul's after hearing loud engines during the night.

**Sat., Jan. 19th** - There's plenty of snow to go around as Winter Storm Harper (named after young islander Harper Scarpelli). The gale winds have the snow blowing horizontally from the north and northeast. This kind of storm is really unusual

for January. PIB Twp. asks that islanders avoid Route 357 from Portsmouth to the Crew's Nest and by the Monument heading to East Point. The Twp. crew, Jack Wertenbach, Patrick Myers and Tom Seaberg, is out snow plowing the roads.

**Sun., Jan. 20th** - The storm is over. There's ice in the lake and bay. It's sunny and bright. Billy Market is busy driving around island and making videos to post on Facebook. Mother Mary discovers the St. Paul's house propane tank is out of gas. Also at St. Paul's, their Service of Holy Communion and Annual Meeting and potluck are postponed until late afternoon. The main course at the potluck is Chicken Marsala! The night sky is perfect for viewing the Super Blood Wolf Moon.

**Mon, Jan. 21st** - Travis Kowalski, Matt McGookey and Aaron "Vern" Schroeder venture onto the ice off the West Shore to test how thick it is.

**Tues., Jan. 22nd** - At the fire station, the airboat is being readied for ice rescues. In the evening, there's a trivia contest at Topsy Turvey's. Theresa Finney's team with the X-rated name wins. The EMS experiences a phone outage. At the library, the leather workshop key fob, coasters and change purse projects turn out great!

**Wed., Jan. 23rd** - There's a cold wintery rain all day.

**Thurs., Jan. 24th** - The Village of Put-in-Bay Safety Committee meets to discuss the current taxi ordinance and the possible setting of a route for the rolling pub.

**Fri., Jan. 25th** - Jessie's Jewelry hosts an "Open Studio" with wine and snacks at her workshop/studio on Sybil Blvd. Jessie Greene gives a welding demonstration and shows off some of her new jewelry designs for 2019. Seniors meet at Topsy Turvey's for happy hour and a celebration of Don Steven's 85th birthday.

**Sat., Jan. 26th** - Funeral services for Louie Heineman are held at Mother of Sorrows. A reception follows at the PIB Town Hall. Sue Thwaite and Mike Catey cater the reception. After the reception at the Town Hall, a group gathers in front of a warm fire in the fireplace at the Goat and remember the good times with Louie. There are ice shanties off the West Shore. The first photos of fisherman with their catches start showing up on social media!

**Sun., Jan. 27th** - Sandy and Gary Hartzel renew their wedding vows at St. Paul's. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary a few days before.

**Mon., Jan. 28th** - The start of the new week (which will see the coldest temperatures of the winter) sees a beautiful pink-tinged, high-cloud sunrise. There's an interesting ice shove ice right up against the west side of the Lime Kiln Dock. The weather forecast isn't good for the next few days. There are predictions for a windchill of -40 degrees.

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# Making Put-in-Bay Great Again

by Jeff Koehler

My wife, Kendra, headed off to the mainland a few days before Christmas. It was her fifth trip on the ferry since Thanksgiving. It got me thinking about the good old days on the Island.

Back in the day, come rain or come shine, Lee Miller halted his Miller Boat Line ferry service just before the Thanksgiving holidays. Alfie Parker would still run one of his Parker Boat Line ferries from the downtown to Port Clinton, but it was a long trip, sometimes in some pretty rough weather. Islanders would have to use the Ford Trimotor to get back and forth to the mainland for the duration of the winter.

It's things like this that are looked back upon in a nostalgic way, the same way many of us look back upon when it comes to our youth growing up in the United States.

For the coming issues, I'll write about the way we were and make a comparison to the way things are today. You can then make up your own mind which was/is better - the past or the present.

To start off, take a look at police protection on the island over the years. One of the early photos of police on the island is one of several police officers dressed in uniforms like the Keystone cops wore in the old silent films of the 1910s and 1920s. We also know that John Nissen was also Chief of Police for a time in the 1930s. John was a German immigrant who became an island icon. His photo is displayed at Mossbacks in the building he owned for many years. Little is known about those early days of policing on the island.

One story that goes around in my family is about my

Uncle Bill Rudolph. He was in the merchant marine and one time when he returned to the island, the mayor (not sure which one) made him the chief of police. Bill was not allergic to spirits. He, according to story, would go into the island bars, order a drink, and when asked to pay, would say, "Charge it to the mayor!" He also, as the story goes, decided to play a joke on Butch Traverso, another island character. Bill put handcuffs on Butch, not because he was arresting him, but simply to show him what it was like to be cuffed. Trouble was Bill put them on extremely tight, then could not find the keys. Butch howled in pain until a key could be found. Needless to say, if this is all true, it's no wonder Bill didn't last long as chief!

If you jump ahead to the 1960s, you'll find one of the most colorful and memorable island police chiefs, Franz Schillumeit. He was chief twice for several years in the 1960s and early 1970s. Franz was about 6 ft. 6 in. tall and weighed about 250 pounds. He had come back to Put-in-Bay after serving in the Marine Corps. Mayor Jim Poulos, a short, white-haired island restaurateur originally from Greece, was faced with the problem of rowdy college students who slept in the park, mashed wine bottles and generally caused mayhem when they came to island. Franz was the perfect choice to head his police department.

Franz didn't really have much of an office to work out of. The Council Room at the Town Hall, smaller than it is today, became police headquarters on a busy weekend. Those violating the law were brought to the Town Hall and charged. Usually it was for an open container violation, but for those who had more serious charges, the two dungeon cells in the basement (now remodeled into interrogation rooms) became their home away from home.

Franz, plus the rent-a-cops who manned the force, needed no formal police training. If you wanted to work as a rent-a-cop, you needed black pants and a white shirt and your own pistol and holster. You were issued a badge, an paper ID card with no photo, a three-foot-long night stick and a blue hat.

In those days, there was no Village-owned police car, so Franz had an old 1957 or 1958 Plymouth with the huge tail fins that came from the Township. It was painted all black or really dark and had a red gumball light on top. Franz's successor, Captain Tom Ohlemacher, had to use his personal car for police duties. The department finally got a light-blue, mid-size Plymouth wagon. Whoopee!

If Franz knew you and you did something wrong, chances were he would let you know he knew what you were up to. Nothing more had to be said. A few words from Franz and you were back on the straight and narrow. If he didn't know you, you didn't want a confrontation with him. I once saw Franz slug an unresponsive, stoned prisoner with his large fist. The prisoner sat across the Council Room table from Franz surrounded by other officers. Franz stood up, leaned over the table and let the prisoner have it. No one in the room said a word, but that kind of behavior today would surely result in a major lawsuit against the Village, and needless to say, the dismissal of the officer, be he just an officer or the chief.

There's also the story about Franz firing his revolver at a fleeing violator, and another story about him throwing his revolver at someone he was chasing (the first is true, and while we can't confirm the second, it sure makes for a great island story).

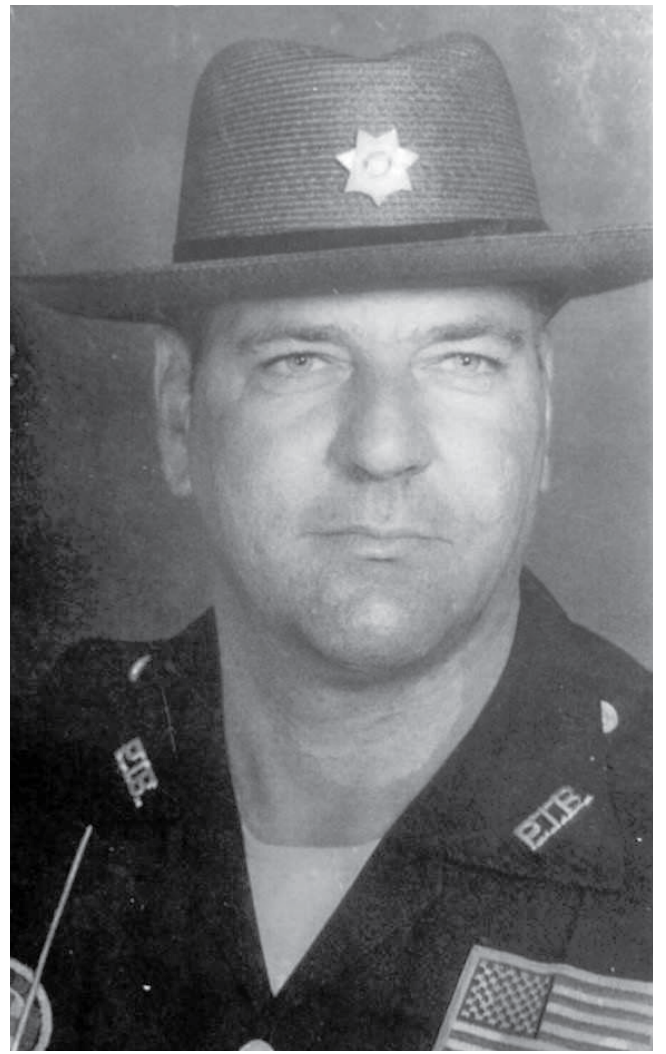
During Franz's tenure as Chief, the State of Ohio passed legislation to have all police officers take a number of hours of training. This included Franz. The story goes, that one of his officers took the required training and got the necessary certificate. Franz "borrowed" the officer's certificate, changed the officer's name by covering it up with his name and made a copy. Franz's "certificate" was then framed and hung on the wall of the Council Room. No one ever questioned it.

Tom Ohlemacher, who became chief after Franz, held a certification class on the island with the help of Dave Franklin during the winter of '77-'78. Also, when Tom was chief, the department got official office space in the town hall when the old fire truck bay was remodeled. This now where Karen Goaziou's office and the rest rooms are located on the first floor.

Among those who were "rent-a-cops" were locals Fran Morrow, Ed Cummings from the group home on East Point, Jim Fastzkie, Len Worley from the Acorn Club, the Burris brothers, Dale and Wayne, from North Bass, Bob "Werty" Wertenbach who worked for Dick Fox and later for Miller Boat Line, Bill Wertenbach, Wayne Larson who later lived on North Bass and became house parent at the Island Resorts dorm before retiring, Tom Campbell whose grandson Tavis worked for the department years later, the current police chief Steve Riddle, and yours truly, Jeff Koehler.

Bill Wertenbach, who had served in the U.S. Navy, did something rather unusual when it came to taking down someone fleeing from him. He would throw his night stick at the flier's legs. More often than not, the person would trip and fall making it that much easier for Bill to apprehend him.

Two police chiefs who served between Franz's two stints were a fellow named Magee (first name long forgotten) and Ernie Owens. Tom Ohlemacher took on the chief's job in 1974 after Franz quit and became the is-



ABOVE: Chief Franz Schillumeit back in the day.

land plumber. Other chiefs included Bud Cox (who ended up getting in trouble with the law), Rick Schwable who caused a stir when he was involved in a wet-T-shirt contest at the old Castle and was terminated, former State Highway Patrol officer and Marine Veteran Murray Youtz and Marine veteran, and Jim Lang who now has a cottage on Chapman Rd.

There were two short-term chiefs, Matt Fruchy and Al Duff. Matt was hired and moved into Back Bay Condos with his wife. Right after moving in, his wife was scared when she found a partying island visitor climbing up her balcony. Needless to say, the new chief resigned immediately after several days on the job and was never heard of again. The other short-term chief was Al Duff. Mayor Poulos had him fill the position temporarily before hiring someone else.

Put-in-Bay has also had an acting woman chief, Bev Adair, who did a fine job between two "official" male chiefs. She retired to the desert in Utah. She raises goats with one of her fellow officers and Island Airline pilot Cindy Dages. Cindy's son, Shawn Dages, tells us they make Quemada sauce (a Mexican caramel), a paw wax for animals and goat milk soap. They sell their all-natural products at fairs and festivals. Cindy, who started when Tom Ohlemacher was chief, was with the department for about 20 years.

When it comes to women and minorities, the department has had women, black and Latino officers over the years.

Put-in-Bay has had some memorable officers, Del Milner (who also provided rent-a-cops and security from a private company), Tim Bolger, Tom Golem, Tom Pascoe (an Insurance Agent from Sandusky) and, of course, Ron Root, a small-man with a bigger-than-ever love for Put-in-Bay. He was one of the few officers who knew everyone on the island and whom everyone on the island knew.

Three members of the Boyles family worked for the PIBPD. Art, the state park manager and bike shop operator, worked at an officer when needed, and his late wife, Sandy, was the matron for women who were arrested. Their son, Tip, now a Put-in-Bay Village Councilman, also served on the department.

At one time, the Put-in-Bay Police Dept. ran a harbor patrol boat. Grants from the state helped pay for its operation. One of the duties of the boat patrol was to help with security runs along the border. The boat was handy for getting emergency people to the upper islands, too, but finally the boat patrol was abandoned several years ago.

Ric Lampela, who became chief after Jim Lang, has the honor of holding the Put-in-Bay Police Chief job longer than anyone, but ended his career being terminated after the Put-in-Bay Village Council voted to remove him from office for a number of alleged offenses. Among those who worked in Ric's department were his brother Brad, Tavis Campbell who moved to the mainland where he is a police officer, and Don Dress who served at the department's dispatcher for many seasons.

Mike Frank from Sandusky replaced Lampela and was well on his way to rebuilding the image of the department until he left after a little more than a year on the job.

Today, Chief Steve Riddle heads up a the Put-in-Bay Police Dept. He and Deputy Chief Doug Miller oversee a permanent staff who all have the proper certification and training. The police department offices take up most of the basement area in the Town Hall. It was remodeled some years ago. There are interrogation rooms (the former dungeon cells), a dispatch room, an office area for the officers to write their reports, an office for the chief, a lobby, modern holding cells and an evidence room. The department has several police cars, all appropriately equipped and owned by the Village of Put-in-Bay. Currently, Lieutenant Matt Mariano has been with the department the longest.

Officers have uniforms, body cameras and bullet-proof vests. As in the past, they help keep law and order in the Village and also in the township (on all the islands). What use to be "rent-a-cops" are now officially on the PIBPD roster and those who are not full-time or hire seasonal full- or part-time are used as need arises.

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ABOVE: This group was spotted entering the new year with their digital Gazette in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. Left to right are: Brad Ohlemacher, Kris Hodgson, Greg Fraunhoffer, John Fisher, Heather Fraunhoffer, Patricia Fisher, Barb Hodgson, Angie Berger and Kristy Apel.

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Let's see what happens! The EMS announces it will be opening its doors to anyone who needs a warm place to stay. Griffing Flying Service

posts that is will be very unlikely they will be lying on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, due to the severe cold. The PIB Panthers basketball players

enjoy their last team dinner of the season at Nagoya on Catawba in the evening.

### Tues., Jan. 29th -

With sub-zero temperatures approaching, announcements of closings start coming out. On the morrow, St. Paul's will have no morning prayer and "Conversations in faith, the bank will be closed, Euchre at the Reel Bar is cancelled, the Senior Center is closed for all activities, and the town hall offices are closed. The village's fiscal officer and mayor's court clerk will be working from home. As the storm begins and temperatures start to dip, Bob Bahney records a high wind speed at the tip of Peach Point of 47 miles per hour.

### Wed., Jan. 30th -

Rob Hard's "Chili Weiners ice shanty on the ice on the West Shore is a casualty of the storm. There is no school due to weather conditions. The library is closed. The Senior Center is open as a warming station if needed. The low temperature hits -7 a the lighthouse weather station. Motto for the day is "To appreciate an island winter it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

### Thurs., Jan. 31st

- It starts to warm up!



ABOVE: Remember When? Here's a flash-back photo of (left to right) Brad Meyers, Marty Naufel, Daisy Ball, Thad Kahler, John Hankins and Scott Jackson at the Goat. We're not sure when the photo was taken, but it sure wasn't recently!

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## VICE COMMANDER...AHOY!

# Ice Fishing

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

I was debating whether to go forward with our annual Ice Fishing edition because as of this writing the Winter has been relatively mild. The lake temperature currently ranges from 32 to 35 degrees which means no ice, BUT you never know. A severe two or three week cold snap can make all the difference.

Those of you trying ice fishing for the first time may find helpful tips in this article. For the Old Pros, it never hurts to review. Here's to hopeful PIB ice fishing...let's get started.

### Things to consider before going out:

- Ice conditions vary across the lake. If you are new to ice fishing on Put-in-Bay, talk to knowledgeable locals about conditions and what areas to avoid.

- Purchase a pair of ice picks or ice claws, which are available at most sporting goods stores.

- Tell a responsible adult where you are going and what time to expect you back. Relaying your plan can help save your life if something does happen to you on the ice.

What to know about ice:

- You can't always tell the strength of ice simply by its look, its thickness, the temperature or whether or not it is covered with snow.

- Clear ice that has a bluish tint is the strongest. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky, and is very porous and weak.

- Ice covered by snow always should be presumed unsafe. Snow acts like an insulating blanket and slows the freezing process. Ice under the snow will be thinner and weaker. A snowfall also can warm up and melt existing ice.

- If there is slush on the ice, stay off. Slush ice is only about half as strong as clear ice and indicates the ice is no longer freezing from the bottom.

- Be especially cautious in areas where air temperatures

have fluctuated. A warm spell may take several days to weaken the ice; however, when temperatures vary widely, causing the ice to thaw during the day and refreeze at night, the result is a weak, "spongy" or honeycombed ice that is unsafe.

- The DNR does not recommend the standard "inch-thickness" guide used by many anglers and snowmobilers to determine ice safety. A minimum of four inches of clear ice is required to support an average person's weight on the ice, but since ice seldom forms at a uniform rate it is important to check ice thickness with a spud and ruler every few steps.

### Venturing out on the ice:

- The DNR does not recommend taking a car or truck out onto the ice at any time.

- If you are walking out onto the ice with a group, avoid crossing ice in a single file.

- Never venture out alone without telling a responsible adult on shore your plans.

- Test ice thickness with an ice spud before you settle on a spot.

- If you are with a group, avoid standing together in a spot. Spread out.

- Wear a life jacket and bright colored clothing.

- Take a cell phone for emergency use.

- Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice and avoid those areas.

- Remember ice does not form with uniform thickness on any body of water. Underwater springs and currents can wear thin spots on the ice.

### If you fall through:

- Try to remain calm.

- Don't remove your winter clothing. Heavy clothes won't drag you down, but instead can trap air to provide warmth and flotation. This is especially true with a snowmobile suit.

- Turn in the water toward the direction you came from - that is probably the strongest ice.

- If you have them, dig the points of the ice picks into the ice and, while vigorously kicking your feet, pull yourself onto the surface by sliding forward on the ice.

- Roll away from the area of weak ice.

Rolling on the ice will distribute your weight to help avoid breaking through again.

- Get to shelter, heat, dry clothing and warm, non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated drinks.

- Call 911 and seek medical attention if you feel disoriented, have uncontrollable shivering, or have any other ill effects that may be symptoms of hypothermia (the life-threatening drop in the body's core temperature).

### And from the Ohio DNR:

There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice!

4" of new clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot.

5" is minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs.

8" - 12" for cars or small trucks.

I would also add. Know where you are at on the lake such as your proximity to a landmark. Better yet, know the coordinates. Along with your cell phone also have a handheld marine radio and know how to use it. Choose a handheld that is waterproof and floats. The best idea (IMO) would be to purchase a personal locator beacon (PLB) and wear it while on the ice.

Here's to safe ice fishing at PIB!

For information about serving in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Contact the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary at 419-379-9000.



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## Spring Play Tryouts

Tryouts for the Put-in-Bay Dramatic Society play, Clue, will take place on Wednesday, February 6th, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall.

The play, based on a popular board game and cult movie classic, is a mystery comedy that will keep the audience guessing until the end.

Everyone is welcome to tryout.

The final date for when the play will be put on later this spring has not been announced.

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ABOVE: What's better than stopping at the Round House after riding around in a winter storm on your ATVs? This group surely enjoyed the stop last month with this rare mid-winter photo of the interior of the popular watering hole in the heart of Put-in-Bay. Sorry, but Mad Dog was not on hand to entertain.

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# School News by Steve Poe, Superintendent

January 30 marked the 100th day of school! Our elementary teachers had fun math activities planned for that day. This is always a reminder on just how fast the school year flies by! Spring standardized tests and end of year field trips are right around the corner.

This winter's weather has made it challenging for starting and maintaining the ice rink. We finally had sustained temperatures below the upper 20's beginning on January 20. Unfortunately, we did not have any pictures of our kid's enjoying the ice rink when this article was submitted. Hopefully, we can have some pictures for the March article.

Basketball Coach Craig Schuffenecker and the Panthers are enjoying another successful season. The varsity girls are vying for an undefeated season to go along with their Great Lakes Islands championship in December. Their final game is scheduled for February 1. Come cheer on the Panthers!

Winners from our January 24 Spelling Bee will compete at the annual Ottawa County Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 5. Good luck to those students!

The senior class would like to thank Ty Winchester and everyone on the islands who supported their "pizza night" fund raiser on February 1. Money from this fund raiser will go toward their senior class trip to Alaska in late April.

Students will match their wits at the annual Science Olympiad on Friday, February 8. This will be an all-day affair where students will test their knowledge in science

related competitions and activities. There will also be a Science Fair in the gymnasium where students will display projects that will be judged by faculty and a panel of community judges. This year Kelley's Island will have a high school student participating. The public is invited to come to the school from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. to view all the work the students have done. For those adults who would like to be part of the competition, there will be a Pinewood Derby open to the public! A small number of pinewood derby car kits are available for five dollars each. Please contact science teacher, Missi Kowalski, by Monday, February 4 to enter.

Students in our Put-in-Bay School National Honor Society, under the direction of advisor Ms. Alyssa Smith, recently sent care packages to our men and women in the armed services. Andrew Riddle (class of 2010) sent a commemorative plaque dedicated to the students and faculty of Put-in-Bay School for their continuous support, along with a U.S. flag that was flown over OSAN Air Force Base, South Korea in an F-16 fighter jet. These are currently on display in the trophy case at school. Thanks NHS students for honoring our service men and women. Thank you Andrew for this generous gift.

School will be dismissed at noon on Friday, February 22 and be followed by our "Winter Break." School will resume on Monday, March 4.

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ABOVE: On Friday evening, January 25th, Jessie Greene from Jessie's Jewelry hosted an "Open Studio" at her workshop on Sybil Ave. The event went very well with about 40 people who came out in the frigid weather to see how she creates her custom jewelry. Left to right are just a few who stopped by that evening - Susan Market, Karen Wilhelm, Jessica Dress, CC Wiesnewski, Susan Byrnes, Dee Dee Duggan and Chontel Shaffer.

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# Milestones

## Births

### Luke Alan Fulton

Luke Alan Fulton was born on January 17th, 2019, weighing a tad over 7 lbs. He is just the cutest thing ever! The little guy is already looking forward to visiting the island in the spring. Parents are Ben and Nikki Fulton of Dublin, Ohio and the island grandparents are Cliff Fulton of Freshwater Charters, and Christie Ontko, of Freshwater Retreat & Remedies and OntkOrganix Products.



Luke Fulton



Jessica Krueger



Jared Matthew Fenik

## Dean's List

### Jessica Krueger

PIBHS

Jessica Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2016), the daughter of Carl and Chris Krueger, owners of the Put-in-Bay Brewing Co., made the Dean's List at The Ohio State University in January.

## Obituaries

### Joe McCarthy

Joe McCarthy passed away December 25th, 2019 at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Joe was the husband of Kay Fuchs McCarthy, the daughter of the late Chuck and Mary Fuchs of Bayview Ave. Joe was born on February 27th, 1939. He met Kay while he was at Fairchild Air Force Bass near Spokane, Washington, flying tankers. They were married on April 20th, 1963. He left the service with the rank of captain to fly for Pan American Airlines and retired from United Airlines. After retiring, he and Kay spend sailing their sailboat from 1995 to 2008 in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife, Kay; sons James, Frank (Janet) and two grandchildren.



### Jared Matthew Fenik

Jared Matthew Fenik, 35 years of age, a resident of Elyria Twp., passed away Sunday, January 20, 2019, at UH - Elyria Medical Center Emergency Room following an accident while snowmobiling. He was a lifetime resident of Elyria Twp. born June 9, 1983. Jared graduated from Elyria High School with the class of 2001. He was employed as a machinist at DFI Machine for eighteen years. He was previously employed at Miller's Marina Put-in-Bay and the Lorain County Garage. Jared was a member of the South Shore Cruising Club. He loved being outdoors, snowmobiling and was a boating enthusiast. His greatest joy was the time he spent with his

family and friends. Survivors include his wife of five years Rachel Marie Fenik (nee: Shiltz); his son Maxwell William Fenik; his parents Stephen and Roseanne Fenik (nee: Pollock); his siblings Laura Welte of Huron, David Fenik and Daniel Fenik both of Elyria Township, Jason Fenik (Kristin) of Denver, CO and Ryan Fenik (Kortney) of Bay Village. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made directly to the family for the future care of Max's education. Please visit the funeral home's website to share a memory and sign the guest register, [www.hempelfuneralhome.com](http://www.hempelfuneralhome.com).



LEFT: St Paul's Bell choir played for the church's annual meeting in January. Left to right are Mother Mary Staley, Olivia Christensen, Cody Kowalski and Sue Amrine.

# Senior Center News

## from Chris Joyce

### 2019 Starting Off Fast

Boy time goes by fast ... where did the month of January go? I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the New Year. The PIB Seniors were busy enjoying a "Soup & Show" evening together, the start of our Wii Bowling Tournament, and our "Senior Social" at Topsy Turvey's in addition to our regularly scheduled activities.

### Special Events

We have a couple special events planned for February as well: On Feb. 3rd, we'll be getting together for a "Snacks & Super Bowl Tailgate," then on Feb. 12th and 26th, we'll continue our Wii Bowling Tournament. On Feb. 14th from 2:30-3:15 p.m., the Put-in-Bay School French Class will be putting on a Valentine's Day Program for us, and on the 19th we'll have a Soup & Show evening. Finally on Friday Feb. 22nd, we'll be enjoying our winter monthly Senior Social at Topsy Turvey's!

### Check Out These Other Activities & Events

Remember during the off season, a "Soup and a Show," "Wii Bowling" or similar activity is added at least once a month, but are often not planned far enough in advance to make this publication. Check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and on our web site: [www.PIBseniorcenter.org](http://www.PIBseniorcenter.org) for any extra last-minute activities in February! The Put-in-Bay Senior Center loves to see new faces attending our activities, and we welcome you to stop by and join in the fun anytime!

### To Your Health

The wonderful people at the EMS continue to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. This is a great free service they provide, so come in and get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28th. 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

### Thursday Senior Lunches

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS: THE REEL BAR WILL BE CLOSING ON SAT. FEB. 16TH and WON'T REOPEN UNTIL THE FIRST WEEKEND IN APRIL. Therefore, our fun and delicious Senior Lunches will be served on Thursday Feb. 7th and 14th at the Reel Bar. Then starting Feb. 21st, our lunches will continue every Thursday, but the location will change to Topsy's! Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. on Wednesday either by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. It is important to let the Reel Bar and Topsy's kitchen know the lunch count by noon Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for our Senior Lunches! A huge "Thank You" goes out to both the Reel Bar and Topsy's for stepping up to the plate to allow our Senior Lunches to continue while Tipper's is closed this winter!!!

### Thank You

The spirit of volunteering never runs low here at the Senior Center. This was especially appreciated while I was on medical leave for knee replacement surgery! A huge "Thank You" to all who went the extra mile to bring in goodies for our special events and coffee hour, then stayed to help clean up after activities. A huge shout out also goes to Gail McCracken for handling all the office work while I was gone. Knowing the Senior Center was in good hands made my recovery a lot less stressful!

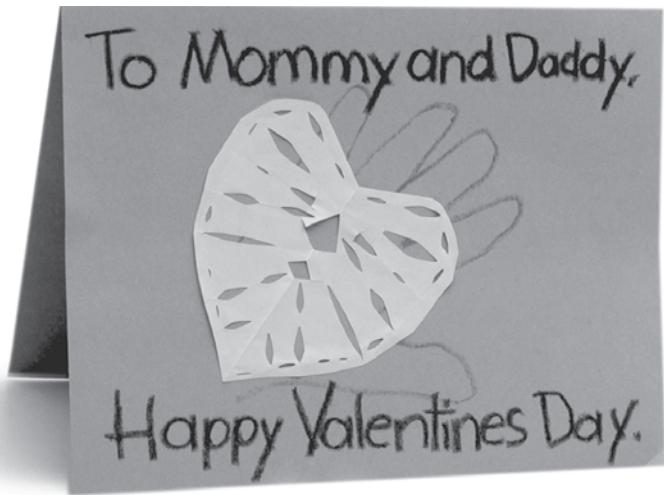
### Keep Moving!

As we enter the heart of the winter season, many here on the island are keeping their fingers crossed that Mother Nature continues to cooperate so we can enjoy some ice fishing and other fun winter sports! Keeping active is vital for both our mental and physical health. If we're moving and it doesn't matter how fast or hard ... whether grocery shopping or ice fishing ... just keep it up and you'll begin to enjoy all the wonderful health benefits that come with being active!! Wishing all a safe winter ... Please remember to be extra careful when you venture outside; the ice and ground are harder than they look when your feet slip out from underneath you!

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Jacob Market  
Belinda Barnhill  
Angela Brown  
Matt Miller  
Sophia Marie Schroeder
- 2nd Lisa Wrobbel  
Linda Parker  
Nancy Bane  
Wayne Weber  
Paul Corey Brown  
Antoinette Ware  
Raymond Kowalski III
- 3rd Mike Chervenak  
Liz Wilhelm  
Dave Frederick  
Dennis Koch  
Skyler Stoiber
- 4th Erica Ohlemacher  
Joey Freda  
Jill Hemminger  
Gayle Hilsinger  
Alex Hilsinger
- 5th Winnie Watrous
- 6th Roberta Scarpelli  
Laura Kirchner  
Melody O'Donnell
- 7th James Glauser  
Linda Dieperink  
Petter French  
Brian Woischke  
Autumn Phillips Niese  
Scottie Hammerberg
- 8th Dennis Boyles  
Joan Ziegler  
Sarah Andrews  
Kevin Swan  
Sarah Andrews
- 10th Anne Wallen  
Rob LaPlante  
Steve Roberts  
Ed Fitzgerald
- 11th Karen Agnich  
Debbie Bianchi  
Brian Keyes  
Bridget Wise  
Nick Vescio
- 12th Jill Cerny  
David Ontko  
Evan Conon Tigges  
Morgan Kempf  
Victoria Wertenbach  
George Weisenbach  
Maxim Hristovski
- 13th Dane K. Johnson  
Carter Ryan Pugh
- 14th Art Boyles  
Melody Many  
Toni Steele  
Donna Pugh Richardson  
Butch Iott
- 15th Rebecca Mandell Diaz  
Johnny Martens
- 16th Terry Heaton  
Dick Baker
- 17th Dorothy Golaszewski
- 18th Chris Ladd • Liam Market  
Anne French
- 19th Kristin Altoff  
Don Dunn • Janine Cerny  
Kaitlynn Hilsinger
- 20th Pat Mangas  
Abigail Breier
- 21st Justin Gorski  
Keith Blumensaadt  
Sarah Toole
- 22nd Elizabeth Morrow  
Joan French  
Natalie Fate Pendell  
Jan Bindokas  
Everett Parker Luecke  
Judy Leahy  
Frankie Lauria V
- 23rd Ken Fox  
Mette Anne Blumensaadt  
Craig Hilsinger
- 24th Tom Greiner • Troy Ontko  
Dave Washtock  
Jarred Dress • Jake Batt  
Oyu McGlothlin
- 25th Pam Stephens  
Ben Parker
- 26th Connie Drake  
Diana Kartheiser  
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ABOVE: Reading the PIB Gazette at the Goat Soup & Whiskey in Keystone, Colorado, recently were (left to right) Jack Connors, Dave and Kat Holscott and Derek Jackson.

## Island Calendar February 2019

(Schedule Subject to Change)

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

### FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 7
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- Euchre • Feb 6 & 13 - 7p • Reel Bar
- First National Bank Open • Weds - 9:30a - 3:30p
- Library Events • See Article on this Page
- Chocolate Fest • Feb 2 - 10:30a • Library
- Trivia Contest • Feb 5 - 8 p • Topsy Turvey's
- Tryouts for Spring Play • Feb 6 - 7 to 8 p • Town Hall
- Science Fair Judging • Feb 8 - 8:30 to 9:30a • School
- Pinewood Derby • Feb 8 - 2p • School
- Spaghetti Dinner • Feb 8 - 5-8p • Fire Station
- Hard Times Dance • Feb 9 • Reel Bar
- Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament Sign Up • Feb 15 - Evening • Topsy Turvey's /
- Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament • Feb 16 - Fishing on the Ice & Banquet at the Reel Bar in the Evening
- Put-in-Bay Days in Key West, • Feb 6 thru 9
- Dock Trash Yacht Club Party • Feb 8 thru 10 • Commodore Perry Inn in Port Clinton
- Hard Times Dance • Feb 9 • Reel Bar
- PIB School Dismissed for Winter Break • Feb 22 - Noon
- Ohio Sea Grant Winter Program • Feb 27 • Columbus

### FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Port Authority Mtg • No Meeting in February
- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Rec Committee • Feb 4 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Village Planning Com • Feb 6 - 10a • Town Hall
- PIB Chamber of Commerce • Feb 11 - 1p • Town Hall
- PIB Village Tree Commission • Feb 12 - 9:45a • TH
- PIB Twp Park District • Feb 12 - 10a • TH
- PIB Township Trustees Mtg • Feb 12 - 10a • Twp Hall
- Bd of Education • Feb 13 - 12:10p • Twp Hall
- LEI Conservancy • Feb 12 - 7p • Town Hall
- PIB Village Council • Feb 13 - 9a • Town Hall
- American Legion • Feb 21 - 11:45a • Senior Center

### FEBRUARY CHURCH SCHEDULES

#### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- PIB Mass • Sundays - 10:30a • Mother of Sorrow
- PSR/CCD Class • Tuesdays - 3:30p • Corner Stone Room
- Confirmation Classes • Feb 10 & 17 - 3p • Corner Stone Rm

#### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- Worship & Bible School • Sundays (Most Weeks) - 10:30a
- Bible Explorers • Tuesdays - 3:15p
- Morning Prayer • Wednesday - 9:30a
- Conversations in Faith • Wednesdays - 5p
- Bell Choir Practice • Thursdays - Noon

#### St. John @ the Bay

- Services • Sundays Feb 10 & 24 - 3p • Mother of Sorrow

### COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

- Talent Show • TBA
- Put-in-Bay St Patrick's Day • Mar 9 - 1 to 6p • The Tangier in Akron, OH
- St Patrick's Day at the Bay • Mar 17

### WINTER RECYCLING

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## It's happening at the Erie Islands Library in February!

What's Happening at Erie Islands Library in February?  
**Blind Date with a Book**

Come to the Library between February 1st thru 16th and have a "Blind Date with a Book."

Choose a wrapped book that catches your eye. Check it out. Unwrap it. Read the book (or at least a chapter or two) and tell us how your blind date went!

### Chocolate Fest

Who will be crowned the Chocolate Champ of Put-in-Bay for 2019? Stop to sample the delicious, delectable chocolate treats all made by our local bakers. Donations will be accepted for Friends of the Library, proud sponsors of special programs and Summer Reading.

The Chocolate Fest will take place on Saturday, February 2nd. Drop off your chocolate treats at 10:15 a.m. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sampling and voting will take place.

Everyone welcome!

### Homework Help

\*\*Homework Help for grades 3-7 will be offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Bring your assignments and a librarian will help as needed.\*\*

### Preschool Story Time

Join us on Monday, February 4th, for Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m. There will be stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Intended for children through age 3 with a caregiver.

### Bingo for Books

Come to the library on Tuesday, February 5th for Bingo for Books at 5 p.m.

We have the cards and books for prizes. You come for an evening of fun! Lots of great books to choose when a "BINGO" is called! There are new books since last year for all ages!

It is suggested that participants know how to play Bingo and how to read numbers from 1 to 75. Younger patrons may want to have a parent or caregiver stay to assist.

### Coloring with Coffee

Join us on Wednesday, February 6th for Coloring with Coffee at 1 p.m.

Need a break? Come to Erie Islands Library and relax with a cup of coffee while you color your worries away with one of our adult coloring books. Visit with friends and neighbors. Invite your own friends to come along! We supply the coloring books and colored pencils (and cookies!).

## Snowstorm

### By McKenna Stacy

Recently, on January 19 Put-in-Bay had a snowstorm. I am not sure how much snow fell but there was a lot. I shoveled my house's walkway and my grandparent's walkway. After about a half hour you couldn't even tell that I had shoveled because of how much snow fell. This has been the biggest snowstorm of 2019. If you leave your house, please stay safe because under the snow is some ice. Also don't go anywhere without winter boots on because the snow is so deep. I left my house in my regular shoes and snow fell inside of my shoes. I wonder if we will get thick ice for ice fishing. Many people have told me that the ice probably won't be thick enough to go ice fishing. Hopefully if we don't get ice the boats will start running again. I don't like winters when the boats don't run and there's no ice for ice fishing. I hope that everybody has a safe winter.

## At Mother of Sorrows in February

There will be 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday February 3th, 10th, 17th and 24th.

There will be PSR/CCD Class in Corner Stone Room Tuesday 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. on February 5th 12th, 19th and 26th.

There will be discussion sessions on the book "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" The date and time will be announced.

The Church is open daily for visits.

Confirmation classes will be held in the Corner Stone Room on Sundays, February 10th and 17th from to 3 p.m.,

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### Valentine Cookies

Come decorate your own Valentine cookies at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12th. Join us for fun with cookies! We will supply the cookies, sprinkles and frosting. You bring your imagination and creativity. Number of cookies to be decorated will depend on the number of people attending.

### Valentine Crafts Valentine Craft

If you're creative and handy, stop by the library on Wednesday, February 13th for the Make & Take Valentine Craft event at 1 p.m.

Join us to make your very own Dum Dum sucker bouquet. This session intended for adults only.

### Make & Take Repeat for Kids

If you were too young to make the Make & Take Valentine Craft event on the 13th, here's your chance to do it on Thursday, February 14th at 5 p.m. to join us making your very own Dum Dum sucker bouquet. This session is grades 1 and up.

### Popcorn & Movie Night

Don't miss Movie & Popcorn Night at the library on Tuesday, February 19th at 5 p.m. Join us for the showing of "Small Foot." Rated PG. This animated adventure is for all ages is about a young Yeti who wants to explore beyond his community to find a human. Popcorn and beverage will be served to all.

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- (1) A Center Manager to work at the The LEINWC and oversee the day to day operations.
- (2) A Director to oversee the center and all the programs and events the LEINWC hosts.
- (3) A Nature Camp Coordinator for the 2019 season, ready to do the hands on work to make sure that the Middle Bass Island one week Camp, South Bass Island two week camp, and a one week camp with older campers featuring overnight camping, all run smoothly under the direction of the Islands Camp Director. When not needed for camp duties, the Camp Coordinator can work at the LEINWC.

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

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

**Middle Bass Island  
Town Hall  
Lawn Care Services  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Proposals will be received for the Middle Bass Town Hall – Lawn Care Services, no later than 4:00 p.m. EST on Friday, March 1, 2019. Bids will then be opened privately at a special board meeting. Proposals must be delivered to the board via mail, email or hand delivery. The mailing addresses are provided within the bid documents which are posted in the North, South, and Middle Bass Post Offices.

For a copy of the bid proposal, requests should be directed to Marty Harayda, Project Coordinator at 419-656-1226 or mdharajda@yahoo.com.

Proposals received after the date and time will be considered late and will be returned to the submitting party unopened.

Middle Bass Town Hall Board reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bids and to reject any or all proposals.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within thirty (30) days after the bid opening.

**Middle Bass Island  
Town Hall  
Interior Cleaning  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

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## PIBIO - By Peter Huston Living with Alexa

This past holiday shopping season you could not escape the all out blitz on digital home communication helpers. "Alexa, Cortana, Google Assistant and Siri" have gone from simple question and answer devices to complete "smart home" device controls. This technology has expanded to fuzzy disguised plush toys that provide an "educational" baby sitter for your toddler, "live" home security and now a two way in home video device from Facebook™ called "Portal".

This latest "A.I." (artificial Intelligence) development of course harkens back the Jetsons. George and Jane Jetson's creators were way ahead of the curve on this "smart device" idea, using home devices to exercise, watch interactive sports, chat with friends and family and much more. They gave us a vision of what the future of customer service might look like back in the sixties and we are just now actually integrating that into our busy life style.

Today, you can adjust your home lighting, lock the doors, check to see if the milk in the fridge is still good, and answer the door bell from your phone, laptop, or smart watch. Once your home, you can ask "Alexa" to turn on the TV, lower the burner on the stove, adjust the thermostat, and read to you while taking a bath, all with a simple voice command.

This past summer, thanks to Greg Pfeiffer, WPIB, and the Miller Boat Line we got "Alexa" installed as our visitor center helper. Utilizing an Amazon Echo Dot, our visitor center was transported from low tech "Can you help me..." to the latest "on demand" interactive communication aid in customer service.

"Alexa" works cheap, only needing a small amount of electricity and access to the Internet. She is especially skilled at answering routine questions about the weather, events and news. However, "Alexa" is not a fully functioning A.I. device yet. She needs coaching and local insights to be really effective, something that takes time to perfect.

She does not get lonely, but she is always listening. That might worry some, thinking that Alexa could be eaves dropping. The truth is that she needs to hear repetitive commands and have certain insights programmed into her listening vocabulary to better serve the questioner.

But the near future is likely to see her capabilities expand quickly past the simple device on the shelf we have now. With the acceptance of "Portal" like devices that take "Alexa's" abilities to the next level, we will expect more from them. The "Portal" follows your movements in a room while in use, it can call a friend for you, and access shopping or other online internet information with voice commands. This will be the next iteration of interactive customer service I am certain.

While we need to protect our privacy, we may be willing to trade off the intrusions into our homes and business inter-sanctum to have "tele-doctor" visits, interactive chats with our friends and family, and here in Put-in-

Bay get the latest visuals on food, music and the best ice cream available on a Tuesday.

Customer service is currently an interactive person-to-person exchange.

But as we become more accustomed to using these digital communications devices to answer the door, turn on the lights, cook a meal, we may be willing to trade off our privacy for convenience

and immediate gratification.

For now however, while we enjoy the fun interactive "Alexa" in our visitor center, we still work hard to provide the human element too, so don't be afraid to ask us the hard questions.



PETER HUSTON & ALEXA



ABOVE: The day after came in, this trio, Travis Kowalski, Matt McGookey and Aaron "Vern" Schroeder, were spotted on the ice and their photo was taken by Rob Hard from the Black Squirrel B&B and Bike Shop. Was the trio 1) Testing how thick the ice was, 2) Testing their spud bars, 3) Staking out a spot for Rob's Chili Wiener fast food shanty, 4) Seeing who could go the farthest from shore, 5) Lost, or 6) Trying to fulfill their death wishes? From what we hear, the found ice from 3 to 6 inches thick. It looks like temperatures of the last week of January will continue into the first week of February and will provide some good solid ice for the ice fishermen. We're going out on an ice cake and make the prediction ice fishing is going to be great this winter. It also looks like there will be good ice for the Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament on February 16th.

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# 1,000-Foot Ceiling By Gordy Barr

I was supposed to fly back Monday January 14th, 2019 but the day was beautiful and I decided to spend an extra day on Middle Bass. Who wouldn't?

The sky was mason jar blue, the air was so calm you could hear your own heart beat, and acorns falling from our oak tree sounded like random .22 gun fire as they struck branches on their labyrinth ride down.

On a special day like this, an island walk was in order to look for beach glass. Winter beach glass has a special aura not found in summer beach glass. Plus, there is more of it. January has fewer beach glass hunters thus less competition. The water was down so some favorite spots were accessible for a change.

It was a glorious hunt. I went to bed with my glass coffers full of rare colors and stunning pieces. I was flying out the next morning with the school kids at 7:30AM. I had stolen a glorious day from winter. I owned it!

I slept well but woke up in a fog (and I don't mean a four beer fog or a Ray Fogg). The outside air temperature had fallen from 45 degrees to 25 degrees. The lake was at 40 degrees. There was little wind. This was fog-making weather...

North Bass was somewhere in the murk and I could see the trunks of trees across the golf course by my house but the branches were blurred and hazy.

Every time I steal a day on Middle Bass it seems like the

weather steals it right back. This has happened to me many times. I never learn.

Living in the moment has atmospheric consequences. Griffing Flying Service quarterback's Rhonda Procko and Aubrey Chandler promised to keep me posted if the fog broke and a flight window opened.

With nothing to do but wait for the weather to break I put on a favorite movie, Road House. The lead character, Dalton a brawny bar restoration expert (played by deceased actor Patrick Swayze) takes on Brad Wesley a senior citizen bent on seducing Dalton's Girlfriend (a doctor played by Kelly Lynch) and taking over the southern town of Jasper through intimidation, poorly paid henchmen with double cleft chins, the subtle deployment of a monster pick up truck that crushes station wagons, and a rousing assortment of aggressive taxidermy. In this movie Ben Gazzara (as Brad Wesley) is perhaps at the low point of an otherwise distinguished acting career...

Wait an extra day? I should know better. In December we had another beautiful day. I was supposed to leave but didn't. Marty Harayda was heading to the mainland in his 28' Marinette, True Grit. I asked if he could drop me off around 10:00AM on North Bass so I could do some hiking. I also wanted to deliver copies of my book (Middle Bass and other Lake Erie Islands!) as Christmas gifts for Dale and Kerry Burris and Bud and Ruth Stonerook. I would fly back with Griffing around 4:00.

"Sure" said Marty. "It is sort of on the way...."

As I watched Marty drive away from Isle St. George's main dock, I noticed Perry's Monument was a little hazy in the distance. It was a lovely day but the temperature was dropping, I would have to an eye on the weather.

Bud and Ruth had retreated to Florida. I gave their book to his brother, Dale and his wife, Mary Stonerook. Footnote: Bud and Dale are brothers and they married sisters (sisters from different parents, of course).

Dale Burris was recovering from a recent surgery so I was finally able to catch up with him (he is always on the move with so many exciting North Bass projects). Dale and his wife Kerry brought me up to speed on the latest North Bass happenings. A lot goes on at that small island...

After my social obligations were met, I proceeded to go beachcombing and road hiking. In the moment, I soundly ignored my surroundings. In the euphoria of my wandering I lost track of time and forgot to watch the weather.

My cell phone had been fussy all day. Verizon used to be the best carrier for the Islands. Their service has been terrible for the last year. In addition, service has always been dicey on North Bass. Close to rendezvous time, I shockingly noticed there were ten missed calls from Griffing. Per the voice mails, fog had set up in Port Clinton and they were not flying. It was doubtful they could pick me up. I had no way to get back to Middle Bass. I was stranded.

After careful consideration I developed the following action plan. I would snare rabbits for dinner, make a fire using a flint and steel that I kept in my fanny pack (but could never actually make fire with), and sleep in the net shanty barn on the east side of the island (lee shore). The old nets would make a comfortable bed and I would sharpen sticks for protection. If any predators approached, I would go all "Lord of the Flies" on them.

As I reached the Isle of St. George airport terminal building (which has been in use since the 1930s according to Dale Burris) my phone suddenly started ringing (small miracle). It was Rhonda Procko from Griffing.

"Gordy, we have a window of opportunity. Can you get to the air strip?"

"Sure" I said. "I am actually sitting on the Isle of St. George's terminal's 'sport bench' drinking a Christmas Ale. I had one in my back pack."

"Good thinking. You know we cut out in-flight beverage service a few years ago to save money. See you soon!"

I spent a moment in in-



ABOVE: This map from the Internet shows Verizon's cell phone coverage on the islands. The red is the covered area, and the white is the non-covered area. Check the map over and see if you agree or disagree. We showed this to an islander who said, "If the Gazette had a 'Joke of the Month' in the paper, this would certainly qualify."

trospetion (if that is possible). I realized that my preoccupation with beach glass seems to be at the root of most of my transportation troubles. I always end up a day late (but never a dollar short) when it comes to Middle Bass. Like pilot fish to a shark, I like to stick to Middle Bass (and flit about her gills).

Back to January, 2019... The fog still hung on Middle Bass like those gauzy, chintz drapes one finds in a funeral home. I could not start any projects. My recent beach glass finds were filed and graded by size, color, and surface abrasion. The heat had been turned down to 50 degrees in the house, and the hot water heater had been shut off. My movie, Road House, had ended hours ago.

I am not good at waiting. I had important things to do in Cleveland for work. The destiny of mankind was contingent the decisions I would make today. Well, not really. But, nature didn't care. I had been greedy. I had snatched an extra day on Middle Bass. I was being punished for being selfish.

Rhonda Procko called. "Get to the Airport!"

Griffing pilot Kara Clifford was loading up Griffing's Britten-Norman Islander (N442S). It was early afternoon and still hazy. But, we had a window.

Max and Lucy Schneider and Cecelia Glauser thought they could make most of their afternoon classes. John Schneider was heading for a doctor's appointment. Max, and Lucy Schneider and Cecelia Glauser thought they could make most of their afternoon classes. John Schneider was heading for a doctor's appointment. John and Laura Schanz were traveling on their way to Florida to meet Karl and Penny Schmidlin. The couples were then heading to Cuba on a cultural exchange.

After the School kids deployed on South Bass, Pilot Clifford picked up Eric Booker and several South Bass passengers. Eric had several hundred pounds of lobster meat that he was taking to the Cleveland Boat Show to make lobster bisque. Was it just enough lobster for a hearty in flight meal?

Heavily laden we were on our way to the mainland. The waiting was over.

### Notes on the Story:

1) Some people wonder who makes the decision to fly or not fly? By the way, it is not a simple matter of licking an index, holding it up to the horizon, and squinting through one eye over your thumb at the sun.

Erie International Airport in Port Clinton has a sophisticated machine called the AWOS (Automated Weather Observing System). It is used to make the fly/ no fly decision. FAA regulations dictate that there are two essential elements that commercial pilots must possess in order to fly in questionable weather. A pilot must have a 1,000 foot cloud ceiling and horizon visibility of two miles. The AWOS provides that data.

2) Don't believe it? You can call the AWOS at 419-734-9955 and in an automated "robot voice" the AWOS will tell you the atmospheric truth...

3) Per Tom Griffing, "The hard part of our job is not the flying part, rather it is the non-flying part. We love to fly. Often, we are as disappointed about not flying as the people that get stranded by the weather. All the current air service companies adhere to these regulations religiously. The safety of our customers is the top priority for Griffing Flying Services. Dustin Shaffer's Island Air Services is the same way. We all go by the same rule book."

4) In the early days of Lake Erie island flying it was much more "seat of the pants" aviation. In the days of cigarettes, beer, and ham sandwiches in brown paper bags a 500' ceilings was considered "plenty" high enough.

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LEFT: Left to right are Elora Hubner, Ella Kostura and Melody Many making Buckeyes in the kitchen in the Undercroft at St. Paul's. School was canceled so they decided to spend a couple of hours making the delicious treats which will be sold at the diocesan convention the first weekend in February. Proceeds fund some of the youth activities like the pilgrimage a group from St. Paul's went on last summer.

## St. Paul's holds annual meeting

St. Paul's Annual Meeting and potluck was scheduled January 20th along with the morning Worship Service. That was the weekend of the BIG snow storm so the Worship Service and Annual Meeting were moved to 4 p.m. The attendance on the snowy afternoon was higher than many other Annual Meetings!

The parish elected three people to three-year terms. They were Mary Ann Meyers, Chip Duggan and Bob White. Jack Zimmerman completed his vestry term and although he could not attend, his contributions as a vestry member were noted. Mary Ann and Chip had finished a three-year term and were re-elected to a second term. Parishioners may serve up to six consecutive years on Vestry before taking a one-year "sabbatical" between terms. The new Vestry met after the potluck to elect officers. The officers for 2019 will be Valerie Chornyak - Senior Warden, Mary Ann Meyers - Junior Warden, Ruth Scarpelli - Treasurer, and Amy Huston - Clerk. The continuing Vestry members are Wes Baker, Ed Hubner and Jessie Greene.

The parishioners at the annual meeting also approved the 2019 budget. In 2018 St. Paul's did a lot of maintenance and repairs and does not anticipate the need to do any big projects in 2019. Parishioners who were not at the meeting can pick up a copy of the report in the church office. One copy goes to the Bishop and the Diocesan Archives as a permanent record of the parish's activities in 2018.

The Annual Meeting potluck was another opportunity to use St. Paul's renovated kitchen. It was well used in January for several events including Mexican diner prepared by Chef Baca Jan 13th, Diner Days for youth Jan 15th which included a ham prepared in the church kitchen, and a youth event to make Buckeyes which will be sold at our Diocesan youth gathering at Kalahari in February.

## Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

**FEBRUARY - THE ODD MONTH**  
February is that odd month when people try to get their vacations out of the way in preparation of the coming spring openings. We certainly are well-fed this winter. Potlucks and social evenings at the VFW, fresh produce at the Island Market, football gatherings and so on. It's a good thing the weather was so nice, we can walk off some of those calories, or exercise at the weekly Silver Sneakers classes at the school. Real Estate Tax Bills should be coming out soon so be sure that Erie County has your correct mailing address.

### THE WEATHER

The weather has been the topic of conversation. There it was mid-January and no sign of ice. The ferry was scheduled to close down on January 13, then it extended to January 20 and finally announced that January 27 would be the last day. After holidays sales, grocery store specials - we got to take advantage of them all. What a treat - except for the ice fishing. Sad faces everywhere. Surprisingly, with the mild weather and calm waters, there have been quite a few fishing boats out on the lake. There are predictions of a great Walleye season in 2019. Everything changed just a week later. That big storm? It hit the Island pretty hard with 4-6" of snow and high winds (not to mention the drifts) everywhere. It hit Saturday and roads were still being cleared on Tuesday. We had a power failure (part of the Port Clinton outage) for about 1.5 hours but like our pioneer settlers, we survived admirably. Which begs the question - how did they do it?

### CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR

New Year's celebrations were low key. Usually we hear a lot of guns and fire crackers going off - but not this year. There was a pre-celebration gathering at the VFW followed by a lovely dinner at the Kelleys Island Wine Co., not to mention a whole bunch of private parties. All in all, a delightful welcoming of the New Year.

### KI VILLAGE COUNCIL

It looks like Council is on hiatus until March as no meeting is scheduled. Make a note though that the March meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, March 12 at 9 am.

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ABOVE: Jim and Maria Wehrheim from Fox's Den read their Put-in-Bay Gazette on the floating Queen Emma Bridge in Willamstead, Curaçao, and at Disney World.

### Appellate Court upholds Village tax on rental golf carts

The Put-in-Bay Village Council and Mayor learned in January that the appellate court ruled in favor of the Village in a vehicle license fee case which was brought by Delaware Cart Rental owner Mark Mathys and Islander Inn owner Tim Niese, Sr.

The lawsuit which challenged the Village's ordinance that taxed owners of vehicles used for the transportation of persons or property, for hire and for use within the Village was brought back in 2015.

In brief, the appellate court accepted the Village's argument that the ordinance imposes a tax and that the village is not preempted by Ohio law in imposing such a tax.

For those who rent vehicles within the Village, the tax for each vehicle means buses pay \$300, Tour trains \$225, taxis \$225, bicycles \$15, mopeds \$37.50 and golf carts \$50. Tax revenue goes into the street repair fund. Mathys and Niese have until mid-February to seek an appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

### Thank You!

The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce extends a thank you to everyone helped and supported at the 2019 Cleveland Boat Show. The "seasonable" weather made it a challenge but thanks to all, the Chamber booth was fully staffed everyday. Special thanks to the Booker Family for all their help, generous donation of space, and their family of volunteers, too.

Thanks to all the PIB volunteers, musical guests Ray Fogg, Westside Steve, and Patrick Shepard for entertaining the crowd Thursday and the Frosty Bar, Round House Bar, Rudy Cooks (Howard Hanna) Commodore Hotel/Mr Ed's, PIB T-shirts, Mossbacks, PIB Gazette, and Island Transportation for a nice selection of branded freebies that were shared at the show.



### Some Things Never Change Bundle-Up by Woody Widmar

Finally we have winter  
 How long will it last  
 Will they get their shanties out  
 Will there be an Arctic blast

I remember colder winters  
 When I was a just a kid  
 Shoveling for money,  
 snowball fights and sledding  
 Are a few things that we did

I took my lumps  
 on the Seven Bumps  
 Sledding in Garfield Park  
 We went there every chance  
 we had  
 Headed home when it got dark

Getting dressed  
 for the great outdoors  
 Always took awhile  
 You wanted to stay warm all day  
 You had to bundle-up with style

Start with an extra pair of socks  
 Put on some long-johns too  
 A couple of sweaters  
 and a hoodie  
 There's more before  
 we're through

Accessorize with a scarf  
 and gloves  
 A stylish winter hat for fun  
 Buckle up a pair of boots  
 Grab your coat now we're done

These days it takes  
 a little longer  
 To get ready to deal  
 with ice and snow  
 Bundled up heading out the door  
 Oh great-I GOTTA GO !!!

Happy Valentine's Day  
 to my Sweetheart !!  
 (where ever she is)

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