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In the News....



ABOVE: This photo of the Monument is proof winter has come to the Lake Erie Islands. - Photo by Barry Koehler

HGTV shows filmed on islands to air Jan. 28th and Feb. 2nd

Last September, HGTV was on the island filming two shows for their popular program "Island Life." The show features a local Realtor with buyers looking at three homes on an island. At the end of the show, they decide to buy one or keep looking.

Hanna Howard's Rudy Cooks is the local island Realtor and the two shows feature homes on Middle Bass and South Bass Islands. Unfortunately, we were not permitted to report on what was going on at the time due to confidentiality issues, although many islanders knew about it and were filmed riding Kimberly's Carousel with their kids, and the Goat Soup & Whiskey was used as the setting where the buyers discussed their options with Realtor Cooks.

Before HGTV came to film, they met with Rudy to discuss the feasibility of doing a show in this area. He obviously steered them toward Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass. He introduced them to the locals, restaurants, the Monument, events and attractions, etc. They asked for a list of clients looking at buying and selling. They did a lot of interviewing, and then the two shows were put into production.

The shows will definitely be of interest to those who love the Lake Erie Islands.

The two segments will premiere on two separate dates, Sunday, January 28th and February 2nd, at 10:30 p.m. HGTV can be found on most cable and satellite stations.

Dates are subject to change, so keep an eye on HGTV.com for any updates or changes.

Farewell 2017, Welcome 2018!



ABOVE: Many of the island youngsters were on hand for the group photo taken when the Breakfast with Santa event at the Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 10th, came to an end. Here they are getting organized for a little more formal photo. With all the parents taking pictures, there ought to be at least one good one.

Odds & ends for 2018

As we start the New Year, there are a few things of interest we want to report about.

It will be nice to have the Monument open to visitors this coming season. It won't be until renovation of the lower plaza will close the Monument again, so take advantage of going to the top while you can.

If you pay attention to anniversaries, 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the Colonial fire where Tipper's and the Beer Barrel now are located.

There is an increase in ferry boat vehicle prices for 2018. Fares for cars and pickup trucks will be \$1 higher each way. Passenger fares will increase 50¢ each way. This is the first increase in prices for several years.

Eric Engel is the new Put-in-Bay Township Trustee. He replaces Dale Burris who was a trustee for more than 40 years. Eric was the chairman of the Port Authority which will now be temporarily be headed by Rick Ziebarth.

Dan Savage at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society

tells us there will be a special "island photography" display this season. It will feature, among other things, the yard-long panoramic photos by island photographer Otto Herbster. Other photographers will be featured, too.

If you are planning on camping at the State Park on Middle Bass Island, you will find new camping spots on higher ground east of the Lonz Winery. They are in a beautiful area overlooking South Bass Island and should be much more popular with Middle Bass campers.

This year, there will be one of the popular North Bass Island tours sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. The theme this year will be "Bass Vegas." Look for an opportunity to renew your wedding vows at the North Bass Chapel.

If you're looking for a secluded rental, ODNr officials have announced they will be renting the "Lodge" on North Bass. This will be something to watch, since getting to North Bass isn't easy. Vacationers either fly in or take a private boat. There is no scheduled ferry service. The Lodge has been newly renovated and can accommodate 12 people. This tranquil retreat features hunting and fishing opportunities on this secluded island in Lake Erie.

The Put-in-Bay Road Race Reunion with all those sports cars that race around the PIB Airport has been rescheduled from the end of August to the end of September. The new date is from Monday, Sept. 24th thru Wednesday, Sept. 26th.

If you have been having your trash hauled off by any service other than Lake Disposal, you'll want to know that as of the end of 2017, Lake Disposal is the only company picking up trash on the island, and you will have call them to get pick up service.

Chris Joyce from the PIB Senior Center tells us that her husband, Tony, has taken a new position at the water treatment plant in Marblehead and they will be moving to the mainland. Chris says things won't change at the Senior Center because she will be able to commute to the island.

If you're interested in Pelee Island happenings, you'll be glad to know their new ferry will be put into service this year, plus the Pelee Island Heritage Center at West Dock has a new look.

And lastly, everyone is waiting to see what will come of the Attorney General's investigation which saw Bureau of Criminal agents storming the island with search warrants



ABOVE: The staff at Tipper's certainly dressed for the occasion the day of their Christmas Party. Left to right are Chris Dwight, Laurel "Lola" Kennett, Darin Eley, Jose Baca, Patty Bauer, Josefina Regalado and Sandy Funtal. Photo by Matt Marsh.

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Watch Ray's website at www.rayfogg.net and his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/therayfoggshow for more tour dates.

14th Annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival in Key West

Sloppy Joe's Bar will host the 14th Annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival February 7th - 10th, 2018! It's hard to believe that Key West has been paying homage to Put-in-Bay for 14 years now! Over the years, islanders from the Key West of the North (Lake Erie Islands) have headed to the Keys for the event. And, here's our chance to thank them by supporting their tourism as they recover from Hurricane Irma.

This year's line-up will include Pat Sheppard (who plays at Frosty's), Bob Gatewood (who plays at the Roundhouse, Reel Bar, Beer Barrel and The Fishbowl), Ray Fogg (who plays at Reel Bar and the Roundhouse) and Key West favorites Pete & Wayne (who have made tour stops at the Roundhouse for years). And this year's festival will also feature a couple "jam sessions" of most of the musicians on Wednesday and Saturday nights, as well as a songwriter set with Bob Gatewood and Ray Fogg sharing the stage together, much like they do on Labor Day nights here at PIB!

If you can't make it to Key West, you can try to watch online on the Sloppy Stage Cam at https://sloppyjoes.com/cam_lp/



ABOVE: Bobbi Dobos selling her crafts at the Christmas Bazaar at the Town Hall.

Moss on the Rocks

Winters Getting Warmer

Winters are warmer in the Great Lakes region than they were in 1970. The average daily temperature for December, January and February in Toledo is up 4.5 degrees and in Cleveland 3.8 degrees. This is not a projection; it is what's already happened during the past 46 years.

Ice Fisherman Rechoice

The day after Christmas the ice came in, and with the forecast temperatures for the next week not getting above freezing, it looks like we're in for an old-fashion winter with ice fishing and lots of fun on the ice. Ironically, there was no Ullr Fest with the burning of a sacrificial cow this year. Billy Market, please take note. Your efforts to please the Ice God have apparently been for naught. Looks like climate change may be coming to an end.

New PIB Chamber of Commerce Board Members

The two new Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Board members are Joey Wolf from the Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel and Paul Jeris from the Island Club. op vote getters Joey Wolf and Paul Jeris

25,000 Hits

Pam Hughes from the BayShore tells us she ran a contest to win tickets to the Toby Keith concert. She put it on social media on the internet and thought she might get a thousand likes. She ended up getting 25,000 likes from all over the world. The interesting part of the story was that a lady won them whose father had worked on building the Beer Barrel and Tipper's after the Colonial burning in 1988.

Chalk Up Two More!

Shawn Dages killed two coyotes in one night in mid-December.

Christmas Song for the Islands

Entertainer Alex Bevan posted a unique Christmas song greeting for all his island friends and fellow entertainers. If you want to hear it, check out his Facebook page.

Found on the Internet

Now that we have to fly on and off the island, it good to know there are options. We found this on the internet: "Flying into Put-in-Bay's airport is simply a spectacular experience. Find airlines that fly to Put-in-Bay, Ohio. 10 from airlines such as American Airlines, Delta, United, JetBlue, Frontier, and more. Browse and find Put-in-Bay flights as low as \$415. Book your flight to Put-in-Bay, Ohio."

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Commander...Ahoy! - Ice Fishing

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

It's always a guess as to whether or not it will be cold enough for ice fishing but if it is, here are some safety tips taken from the Michigan DNR website for pro ice fishermen and novices alike.

- Things to consider before you go out:
- Ice conditions vary from lake to lake. Find a good local source - a bait shop or fishing guide - that is knowledgeable about ice conditions on the lake you want to fish on.
 - 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).



PAUL BOLDEN

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!

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

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2 <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/education-safety/safety-library/activity-specific-safety/ice-thickness>



A fun thing to do on the Bay

This past year, Jeff Koehler, Associate Editor of the Put-in-Bay, was at the Easter Egg Hunt in the Village Park. When it was over, he was walking home and noticed a foreign couple having a picnic. He stopped to ask them where they were from. They were from Saudi Arabia which led to a rather interesting discussion. After this experience, Jeff decided to keep track of all the countries he met island visitors from over the course of the season. Here is the list of the countries he met visitors from and talked to: Russia, France, Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Ecuador, Palestine, Poland, Croatia, India, Nigeria, Japan, Austria, Saudi Arabia, Ghana, Jamaica, Albania, Montenegro, China, Thailand, Columbia, Dominican Republic, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Canada, England, Lithuania, Mexico, Germany, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia, Czech Republic and Azerbaijan. It was very interesting to say the least.

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ABOVE: This was the scene upstairs at the 130-year-old Put-in-Bay Town Hall at the Breakfast with Santa event on Sunday, Dec, 10th. Islanders were just beginning to arrive and the beautifully decorated tables were still empty. Over the years, this room has been seen theater productions, holiday potlucks, basketball games, New Year's Eve parties, meetings, yoga classes, high school graduation ceremonies, gym classes, play group for kids, marshal arts lessons and more.

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Island Diary December 2017

Fri., Dec. 1st - The Crew's Nest is being decorated for Christmas. There are still a few private boats in the water. Gary Kowalski's fuel vessel, "Cantankerous," heads home with the last load of fuel for the 2017 season!

Sat., Dec. 2nd - Bobbi Jo Dobos holds photo sessions with Santa at the Town Hall. In the season opening games, the girls Panther basketball team falls to Temple Christian by 28 points, but the boys win an exciting game against Ottawa Hills by one point.

Sun., Dec. 3rd - In the morning, you can hear gun fire from those who are duck hunting.

Mon., Dec. 4th - A special PIB Village Council meeting is held to take a vote on the completion of the probationary periods for Chief Steve Riddle and Lt. Doug Miller. Billy Market is warning islanders about the boats not continuing to run. His mainland vehicle is first off the last morning ferry to Catawba, but surprisingly the first ferry to PIB in the afternoon is loaded with cars.

Tues., Dec. 5th - Miller Ferries to Put-in-Bay are running their normal scheduled trips today, but incoming weather sees 30+ mile per hour winds with gusts at 35 miles per hour.

Wed., Dec. 6th - Brenda and Tommy Dailey celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. There is too much ice on the docks and ferry to run. Winter is closing in.

Thurs., Dec. 7th - There's snow on the ground. Instead of three boats in the morning and three boats in the afternoon on the extended schedule, there are only two boats in the AM and two in the PM.

Fri., Dec. 8th - Roundhouse entertainer Mike "Mad Dog" Adams flies to the

island for a little walk about. He has lunch at the Old Forge and gets to see a side of Put-in-Bay he doesn't normally see during the busy season. Billy Market announces a ferry schedule for the next few days and says Monday, the 11th, is likely to be the day for the last ferry.

Sat., Dec. 9th - McKenna Stacy, who writes a column for the Gazette, plays her first Panther basketball game of the season. A snowy owl is spotted by Steve Stapleton at the Massie Cliffside Preserve. They have been spotted several times in recent weeks on Kelleys and the three Bass Islands. Matt Fuchs is going around dropping hams off to Crew's Nest employees. Later in the evening, there is a party at Melinda Myers' home for the Crew's Nest employees and their families.

Sun., Dec. 10th - Sun., Dec. 10th - Island youngsters and their families head to the Town Hall for Breakfast with Santa. Pancakes and sausage prepared by some of the PIB Volunteer Fire Dept. members are served by the Panther basketball team before Santa arrives to pass out gifts to all the good little island boys and girls. The event is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee. In the evening members of the PIB EMS and the PIB Vol. Fire Dept. enjoy a Christmas party at Tipper's.

Mon., Dec. 11th - Cars are left on the Lime Kiln Dock as the first ferry pulls away. It looks like this is the last day of ferry service. On the last ferry returning to Put-in-Bay, passengers sing happy birthday to Lisa Brohl. As the M/V Wm Market arrives at the downtown dock, there are fireworks shot into the air signalling the end of the ferry season.

Tues., Dec. 12th - The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Christmas party is held at the Reel Bar. Miller Boat Line has a party at Topsy Turvey's for those island employees who have stuck it out until the end of the season. St. Paul's has its December Vestry meeting at Mary Ann McCann's home at the Anchorage.

Wed., Dec. 13th - At the Senior Center, the island seniors are treated to a Christmas luncheon featuring chicken cordon bleu. The staff in the kitchen includes Sue, Don and Oliver Thwaite, Kendra and Phoebe Koehler and

Kelly Mohn. Diane Smith leads Christmas caroling accompanied by Mary Steunenberg on the piano. Annie Parker sang Silent Night in German. If you didn't get your senior gift bag prepared by the island's Girl Scouts, you could pick it up at the luncheon. There's enough snow to see a few snowmobilers out, but those hoping to see the big meteor shower miss out due to the cloud cover.

Thurs., Dec. 14th - Ladies head to the Town Hall in the evening to enjoy a paint party hosted by Bee's Painting With A Buzz. \$25 includes a canvas, paint, step by step instructions. Did we mention it was BYOB? .

Fri., Dec. 15th - There's ice around docks in the Bay, and some out in the lake, but the Bay still has open water.

Sat., Dec. 16th - The wreaths to be placed on the veterans graves in the island cemeteries as part of the Wreaths Across America program, don't arrive in time to be placed in the morning. They finally arrive and are placed in the afternoon. Put-in-Bay's girls team win their game against the Bowling Green Christian Academy 35 to 24, but the boys lose their game 53 to 45. Tipper's has its Christmas party.

Sun., Dec. 17th - It's Bird Count day on the islands. There's ice in the Bay, but it's not hard set.

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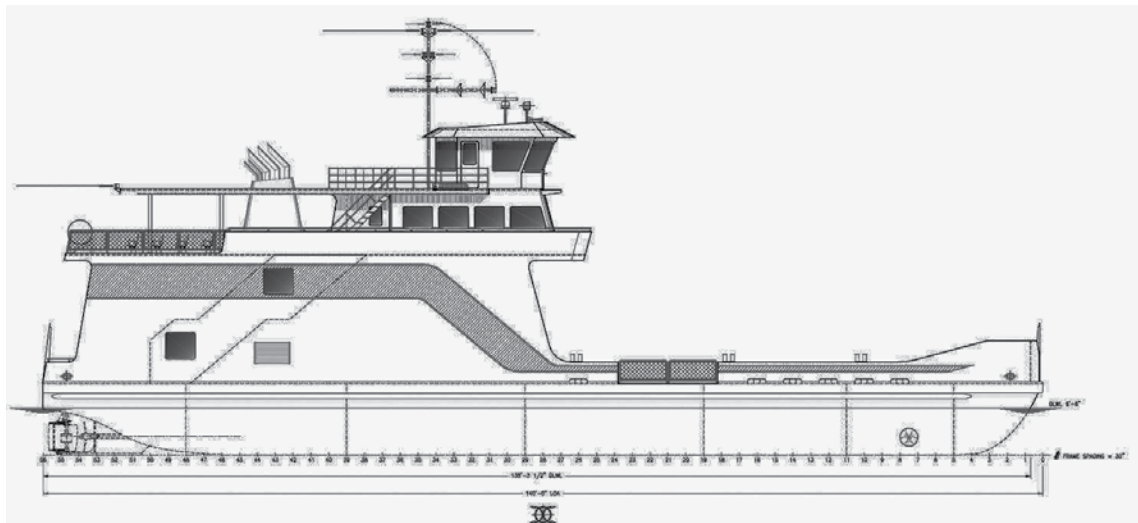
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ABOVE: In last month's Gazette Miller Boat Line's building of a new ferry was announced. We didn't have a rendition of what the new ferry will look like. The new ferry has a distinctly different look from any of the other Miller ferries. The new ferry will hopefully be ready to begin service in 2019. No name has been definitely decided on. The ferry will be about 140' in length with a capacity of 26 standard vehicles and up to 600 passengers. The new boat is estimated to cost around \$7 million. The vessel will be ADA accessible with restroom and cabin on the main deck. Notice the forward passenger compartment below the pilothouse. The last time Miller Boat Line had a new ferry built was twenty years ago. That was the M/V Put-in-Bay which was later lengthened.

Michigan Public Radio to air segment on Island Coalition

Michigan Public Radio will air programs on the recent Great Lakes Island Summit on Beaver Island. Steve Poe, Peter Huston, Lisa and Russ Brohl were interviewed by Rebecca Williams about their participation there and also the islands we call home.

It will air Tuesday January 2nd., 2018, on Michigan Radio (91.7 FM in Ann Arbor/104.1 in West Michigan) at 8:50 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. on that day, and on Interlochen Public Radio at 7:30 a.m. in northern Michigan. There will also be a conversation about the coalition on their talk show, Stateside, that day at 3 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Island Diary December 2017

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Mon., Dec. 18th - The M/V Wm Market leaves the open Bay in the morning to begin ferry service for a few days. The Island General Store has it's Christmas party in the late afternoon.

Tues., Dec. 19th - Following the Put-in-Bay Township Board of Trustees meeting, there is a celebration at Tipper's in honor of Dale Burris's many years of public service. Mother Mary L. Staley is in seventh Heaven because a Direct TV technician is on the island to fix her broken antenna. James, the tech, is working on his day off and has eight other customers to service.

Wed., Dec. 20th - It's the last day of school for students at Put-in-Bay School before Christmas vacation starts.

Thurs., Dec. 21st - Linda and Rudy Rence host a Christmas party at their home on the water off Put-in-Bay Road.

Fri., Dec. 22nd - Wind speed at the South Bass Island Lighthouse weather station is zero with gusts of two miles per hour. It must be all the thick fog that's keeping the wind down.

Sat., Dec. 23rd - There are two ferry trips in the morning. As it snows, fireworks send off the last ferry leaving the Lime Kiln. Piper Koehler and Harper Scarpelli enjoy sledding on the hill in McCann's field. With it snowing in the morning and the planes not flying, Robert Courtney from North Bass puts his boat in the water and heads to Put-in-Bay to pick up Sheldon Stonerook and Katie Dunlap. They came over on Miller's morning ferry to Put-in-Bay to meet up with Robert so they could head back to North Bass to enjoy Christmas. By mid-afternoon, the sun is out and shining brightly. John Glauser makes his last boat trip from Middle Bass to PIB for the year.

Sun., Dec. 24th - Snow begins falling shortly after lunch. It looks like a white Christmas for the islands. The lazy, heavy water in the Bay sig-

nals ice is right around the corner.

Mon., Dec. 25th - It's definitely a white Christmas. There's a good 5 to 6 inches of snow on the ground and it's absolutely gorgeous out.

Tues., Dec. 26th - With temperatures in the teens the lake is covered with ice. The forecast for the next week looks great for those who want to fish an recreate on the frozen water.

Wed., Dec. 27th - The low at the South Bass Lighthouse was 7.7° at 5 a.m. Trash pick up, usually scheduled for Mondays, is today instead.

Thurs., Dec. 28th - The January Put-in-Bay Gazette is printed in Sandusky today, but we are going to go out on a limb and predict what will happen on the islands during the last three days of the month.

Fri., Dec. 29th - With the lake filled with ice, there is absolutely no chance Miller Boat Line will start running again this year.

Sat., Dec. 30th - By this time, there will be ice fishermen out on the ice trying to catch a walleye or two.

Sun., Dec. 31st - Islanders celebrate the end of 2017.

Quote of the Month

"The hardest part about being an island bartender is figuring out who is drunk or just plain stupid."



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Put-in-Bay School News

— by Steve Poe, Superintendent

I recently heard a quote that is so appropriate for this time of year. “Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” With January being “School Board Recognition Month,” we would like to express our gratitude for the work our Board of Education members do. Keeping our children’s best interest in mind first, their decisions have improved and expanded both opportunities and programs for our students. Please express your gratitude to Board members: Mr. Mike Byrnes, Mr. Bill Market, Mr. J.R. Domer, Ms. Karen Goaziou, and Mr. Dino Uszak.

Our basketball teams have home games each and every Saturday morning this month. Come by the gym on a Saturday and support your island teams. Go Panthers!

Congratulations to our choir students and Ms. Gay Pippert for another fine holiday performance on December 19. The preparation for this event was very evident. Thanks for putting a smile on everyone’s face!

The senior class of 2018 will be holding a “pizza night” on Friday, January 12. Mark your calendar and plan a pizza for dinner on the 12th to support the senior class!

Enrichment and French students entertained their peers by creating and sharing a logic puzzle, a word scramble, Haiku poetry, a multi-step problem solver and a phone app, all based around the theme of cookies! Classmates alternated coming in and out throughout the day enjoying delicious cookies (thank you parents!) while solving problems and puzzles. In the end, all of the students voted for their favorite cookie on this phone app survey coded by the 6th grade!

Language Arts Enrichment students are blogging. Blogs provide students an appropriate place to nurture and develop writing and reading strategies, writing responses through discussion threads or comments, and higher order thinking skills as they develop and articulate ideas about another’s written thoughts. Check out our Panther Press Blog through the School website, click Staff Directory, then Linda Rence.

The High School Quiz Bowl Team played their final match for the season last Friday at Tiffin University. The League includes 17 schools from neighboring counties with as many as 40 students on a team. Put-in-Bay’s team had the most players we’ve ever had at 11 students. We will miss our current seniors next year: Tatey Kowalski and Erin Urge. Additional



ABOVE: 2018 marks the 30th anniversary of the burning of the old Colonial. Today, it is where Tipper’s and the Beer Barrel Saloon are located at the corner of Delaware and Catawba.

players include Lauren Peter, Max Schneider, Joe Byrnes, Alex Knauer, Hannah Lentz, Blake Booker, Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, and Lucy Schneider. Our School is definitely competitive when it comes to competing against the larger Schools. Although we didn’t place, we held our own all season long.

The end of the second first semester grading period is on Friday, January 12. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, January 24 from 3:30 – 6:30 and Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00 – 4:00. We will have a 12:00 noon dismissal on Wednesday, January 31.

Put-in-Bay Elementary School students collected and donated pajamas this Holiday Season to at-risk children through the Scholastic Pajama Program. Scholastic Book Clubs matched that donation number by donating books. Thank you, Put-in-Bay, for your community support!

This winter we will be utilizing the “School Messenger” parent notification system to announce school delays and cancellations. Please keep your phone nearby on mornings when inclement weather may delay or cancel school. If you have recently changed your phone number, please notify the school. If you are not a parent, but would like to be included on our call list, please notify the school, as well.

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

PIBIO - By Peter Huston

Music, Veterans and Perry’s Victory, a New Years Wish



PETER HUSTON

As I look back on the past year, one of my favorite days of this past summer was the launching of the all-new Put-in-Bay Music Festival held at Perry’s Victory. If I had one wish for the 2018 festival June 9th it would be to get the Lt. Dan Band to come and play at our festival. Which is a long shot at best.

I think one of the most important roles that Perry’s Victory plays in the region is being both a remembrance of the fallen and a reminder of the promise of a lasting peace for the United States and the world. There are many tense situations playing out all over the world, but here we can celebrate 205 years of peace with Great Britain and Canada this year.

The Lt. Dan Band is a reminder that the peace was built on the backs of the men and women who have proudly served in the US armed forces. The memorial is a fitting and inspiring place for all the groups that serve today, and especially for the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Army that would have been involved in the Battle of Lake Erie.

Flash forward to this coming June, what a tribute it would be to invite the families, friends, active duty and veterans to our concert to celebrate peace. The Gary Sinise Foundation has made this part of their mission. We would love to have the Gary Sinise Foundation utilize the opportunity this concert presents to leverage the attendee’s at the day’s events to promote the good works that GSF does. We hope that this event would help to grow and connect the active duty and veteran men and women and their families in this region to a place that celebrates their hard effort and service. Few other locations in the United States more directly connect to our nations men and women who serve their country.

Our event is staged for free on the beautiful park grounds of Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial on South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay, Ohio). It is the only International Peace Memorial in America, run by the National Park Service. Built in 1913 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry’s victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Erie (Dont Give Up the Ship) which insured that the US, Great Britain and Canada would remain allies for over 200 years (Treaty of Ghent) and keeps the border with Canada the longest unsecured border in the world.

The Put-in-Bay Music Festival is a family event that celebrates International Peace. The event is hosted by a community group that endeavors to celebrate the men and women who have served our country. We will use this event to raise awareness. In 2018 we want to promote the reopening of the 352’ tall Monument, a memorial to the American and British men that gave their life to secure a lasting peace.

The event is not a fundraiser, but an awareness builder. This year is a critical year for Perry’s Victory. After being closed for repairs last year the Monument reopens in late May. This is very significant, as every summer hundreds of thousands of people come here to bear witness to the turning point in America’s history. Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry’s burgee “Dont give up the ship” not only set the bar for the Navy’s future, but his “outside the box” thinking turned a sure loss into America’s biggest victory.

We are a tiny island destination located in Ohio, reachable only by boat, plane or ferry. We enjoy strong daily visitation from May through October. Last year the island infrastructure (housing, transportation, and other support services) supported the large scale Toby Keith concert (head nod to Tim Niece and his team) that brought more than ten thousand people to the island for a one-day event. Put-in-Bay is a capable, desirable, and attractive destination for visitors that include extended family, millennials, and empty nesters that see going to Put-in-Bay as a top five summer activity. Regardless of whether the Lt. Dan Band can join us, let’s make the 2nd Annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival THE destination for all music lovers and celebrate our veterans and active duty military connection to Put-in-Bay too.

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ABOVE: Here is a group of photos from various holiday events on the island. At the upper left are Tatey Kowalski, Tom Thanasiu and Missi Kowalski at the Christmas Bazaar at the Town Hall. Next to them is Marilyn Smith with Santa at the Crew's Nest employee party at Melinda Myer's home one evening in December. In the next row down is Piper Koehler on Santa's lap at a photo shoot Bobbi Dobos put together at the Town Hall. Next to Piper are Donovan and Jaxson sitting on Santa's lap at the Breakfast with Santa event at the Town Hall on Sunday, Dec. 10th. Then on the left is Steve Stapleton photographing his daughter Erin with Santa at the breakfast. Next to them are Ella and Lukas Kostura sitting on Santa's knees.

This & That

Ryan Celebrates 40

Some islanders will remember former Frosty Bar owner George Stoiber's 40th birthday bash here on the island many years ago. This past month, his son, Ryan, who now co-owns Frosty Bar with his sister Kim, celebrated his birthday for several days in Key West, Florida. Among those helping him celebrate were his wife Jenni, Bret and Meredith Klun, Justine Cultice and Audrey Socha. Ray Fogg helped Ryan celebrate by interviewing him during one of his shows at Rick's in Key West.

Travelling Islanders

Among those islanders travelling this past month were Adam and Acka Riley who went on a Caribbean cruise. Adams is manager at Island Bike and Cart Rental and Acka works at Pasquale's.

Scott and Caroline Jackson and their daughter, Liesl, headed down to the North Carolina. One of the spots they visited was the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. After seeing the opulence, Scott says he will be renaming the Jackson home on Put-in-Bay. It will become the "Biltless." While in North Carolina, they were caught in more snow than there was at Put-in-Bay.

Ray and Marsha Collett were in New York City for a few days.

Ed and Paula Hubner were in Nevada to visit family and in Hawaii to visit Christie Ontko and Cliff Fulton.

Miyo and Maria Hristovski were in Paris with their daughter Mia and son Max. Among the places they visited were the Catacombs of Paris and the famous Louvre. They then spent Christmas in Macedonia.



ABOVE: This is a neat photo of Karina Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 2013) at the Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York.

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CHRISTIE ONTKO

Candy is the sister of my classmate from '91, Tommy Yost. She was always so kind and sweet - she totally matched her name! With her big smile and red hair, this island-girl was someone you loved to know. The second Candy was just as sweet as Candy #1. Mom of PIB Grad and now world-traveler Max Leicher, she worked at The Put-in-Bay Senior Center. She was just so happy and upbeat! I still see her on Facebook. She was a wonderful asset to the island. The island needs more of these Candy's!

Then, Cliff and I moved to Maui last winter. We met another Candy who didn't match her name. And, still doesn't.

Unlike the other island girls, THIS island Candy isn't so sweet. For those of you who read my column regularly, you may recall last year's article written from Maui. It was called, "The Healing Walker." She complained of my heel walking and I sarcastically wrote she meant I was a "heal" walker, like some shaman or something who came to heal her. She loved to ruin a perfectly good morning on the beach with her complaints to me about how loud I was being as I walked in my condo above her. Maui Candy declared proudly I was a heel walker. She told me to wear slippers - in the heat of Maui - and to put more rugs in.

We did everything we could. We added more rugs. I would often tiptoe to the living room, which isn't very far away when the space is 500 sq. ft. Cliff would lower his voice and the TV volume. We even allowed her a tour of our place to show her how we'd changed things for her. Often, we'd listen to her whine and complain, thinking that would help. Nothing seemed to please her. While walking to the beach one morning in April of last year, we encountered her for the last time and it went something like this:

Candy: I have to vent.

Me: Keep on walking. Keep on walking. Keep on walking.

Island Girl - Back to Maui: "The Lady Downstairs"

By Christine L. Ontko

The name "Candy" usually fits the person. I've known two such Candy's. Neither one is living on Put-in-Bay anymore, but I still recall their sweetness. One Candy is the daughter of Valerie and Bruce Mettler. Now she's married with beautiful children that look just like her.

Cliff: Ya' know what Candy? We don't have time today.

That was it. It seemed to solve our problems! YAY! No more complaints.

When Cliff and I arrived on Maui this year, we came in late, after dark. And whom do you think we saw? Yup. Candy. Oh, and she had her cute little dog with her, too. He even ran up to me all happy wagging his tail. Evidently, she was taking him out for his evening walk. I would've hoped that with another year approaching, she'd soften a bit. Maybe even smile at us? No such luck.

Cliff, toting his suitcase on wheels, gave a jovial aloha greeting, "We're back!"

Candy said nothing.

I knew we were in trouble. She already hated us again. Or me. I couldn't tell. I would've hoped that with another year approaching, she'd soften a bit. Maybe even smile at us?

Then, one day while sitting at my table, working on my computer, I started hearing what sounded like hammering. Hmm...Then, a day or so later, I was in the shower and heard it again. On day three of this sound, I notified Cliff (whom I swear is going deaf.) "It's just someone hammering." He said.

Whatever. I knew it was HER.

Then, Cliff heard it, too! LOUDLY. It was the lady downstairs - our sweet Candy - pounding on her ceiling. We've decided that this is how she relieves her emotional upset. Maybe it's like a two-year-old and their tantrums? She also likes to complain to those in our condo complex about us. But, they're pretty nice to us, despite this.

I haven't heard the pounding since I ran the vacuum the other day for about 3 minutes. You see, I had to! One of our foster kittens knocked over a glass Christmas ornament. It was 6:30 PM. I normally wait until her car is gone before I vacuum, but this was an emergency! And, it wasn't as if it was during quiet hours or anything. Jeez.

Oh well. She can pound all she wants. I really do think she's going to ruin her ceiling. Aloha, Candy Not So Sweet. And, to all of my happy other-island Candy's, ALOHA! I hope to see you soon.



ABOVE: Ashley Rill (shown here) and Audrey Socha had a spot at the Bazaar at the Town Hall this year. Their colorful island designs were really unique.

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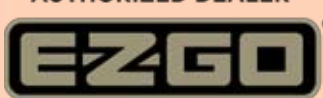
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ABOVE: Having fun at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy's Christmas Party at the Reel Bar on Tuesday evening, December 12th, were (left to right) Angela Christensen, Marsha Collett, Amy Huston and Kristin Stanford.

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Milestones

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Long time summer resident John Briggie wedded Virginia "Ginny" Patrick of Ft. Myers on December 9 on Lover's Key Beach near Ft. Myers. United in holy matrimony, they will join forces to evangelize and minister along the southwestern part of Florida, or where ever the Holy Spirit directs them. PIB is their love and they no doubt will return as visitors to the lovely South Bass Island. They want to thank all the well-wishers and those who have prayed for this union.



John & Ginny Briggie

OBITUARY Josephine E. Glisman

Josephine E. Glisman, 92, passed away on Friday November 24th, 2017 at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan. Josephine was born with twin brother Joseph in Franklin, Kentucky in 1924. Shortly after birth, her family moved to Detroit, Michigan during the boom of the auto industry. Sadly, her father Seymour Lawler, a Detroit Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty in 1938, when she was only 13. Josephine remained in Michigan, raising her family. She had been a frequent visitor of Put in Bay, visiting her daughters motel the Landings, then her grandsons various businesses over the years. She often commented her favorite part of the trip was the Miller Ferry ride. Jo was preceded in death by her husband Donald Ross Glisman, and is survived by her Eldest daughter Donna Glisman, Grandchildren Karie Septer, Kelly Mohn (Rob) [PIBHS 1983], and David Kniffen (Connie) [PIBHS 1997]; great grandchildren Laura Eldridge (Bill), Curtis Septer, Andrew Mohn (Rachael) [PIBHS 2008], Dallas Mohn [PIBHS 2012], Aliza Quick and Donald Ross Kniffen; great-great grandchildren Olivia & Allie Septer.



Josephine Glisman

Thank you...



Danny French

The French and Socha families have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from all our friends and relatives and all those friends Danny has made in his 32 years on earth.

Your visits, calls, food, flowers, kind words and donations have humbled us, Audrey and his sisters, Joan, Anne, and Kathryn.

While Danny would have been appalled to know he caused any pain and grief to Audrey, his family and friends; he will be eternally grateful for the outpouring of love and kindness you all have shown. His sister, Kathryn, said it best in his eulogy, "It is up to each of us left behind to remember Danny, and to live moments that honor his memory. Call a family member you haven't talked to just to say hello. Do something kind for someone else. Make time to travel or experience something new. Love each other."

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Milestones

BIRTHS

Henrik Charles Blumensaadt

Congratulations to Nikolai and Kenzie Blumensaadt on the birth of a 6lbs, 3 oz, 19" son, Henrik Charles, on December 19th at Firelands Hospital in Sandusky. Nikolai is a 2008 graduate of Put-in-Bay High School and is the owner of the Orchard restaurant on Catawba. Grandparents are former island residents Bill and Dana Blumensaadt who owned Axel & Harry's. Paternal grandmother is former island resident Virginia Blumensaadt.

Leila Renee Koch

Congratulations to Michael and Jillian Rhoad Koch on the birth of a 7 lbs, 10oz, 19.75" daughter, Leila Renee, on December 12th in Columbus. Cameo Pizza owners Roger and Joan Rhoad are the island grandparents.

GRADUATED

Amanda Wrobbel Solkiewicz

Congratulations to Amanda Wrobbel Solkiewicz who graduated from Bowling Green State University with a master's degree with a 4.0. Amanda specialized in reading and special education for K - 12th grade.

OBITUARIES

Fran Spofford

Frances V. Spofford, 100 of Port Clinton, OH and formerly on Put-in-Bay, OH died Friday, December 1, 2017 at her residence at the Vineyard on Catawba. She was born

June 12, 1917 in Cleveland, OH the daughter of Fred H. and Nell (Gardner) Vose. She married John E. Spofford on October 18, 1937, and he preceded her in death on September 21, 2001. Mrs. Spofford was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Port Clinton where she previously played the organ. While living on Put-in-Bay she was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church where she also played the organ. Fran and John Spofford thoroughly enjoyed their

years at their home on the West Shore from 1979 to 1999. They were both musicians who loved the songs from the Big Band era. For several years there was a special musical production at St. Paul's. Fran played the organ, John sang in the choir and Annie Parker would direct. The Spoffords joined other couples at Heineman's Winery on Friday afternoons where they would sing all their musical favorites. Surviving are her daughters: Janet Maudhuit of Parma, OH, Dorothy (Bill) Francis of Louisville, CO; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seven great grandchild and four step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Kenneth Spofford. Memorial contributions may be given to Island Safe Harbor Animal Sanctuary, 3620 E. State Rd. Port Clinton, OH 43452. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com.

Anne Heineman Crowe

Anne L. (Heineman) Crowe, 89, of Catawba Island and formerly of Put-in-Bay, passed away on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Ohio Living Vineyard on Catawba. She was born on February 16, 1928, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of the late Herbert and Lorene (Strauss) Heineman. On May 8, 1993, she married Clarence E. "Hook" Crowe and he preceded her in death on January 12, 2015. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Anne worked in various medical and social service agencies in Cincinnati and Dayton. Survivors include numerous cousins in the Cincinnati and local area who were very special to her. Graveside Services were held on Monday, December 4, 2017, at St. Joseph New Cemetery in Cincinnati. Memorial contributions may be made to the McAuley Convent Sisters of Mercy, 1768 Cedar Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45224. Online condolences may be expressed at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com.

Shirley Missig

Shirley J. Missig, 86, elected to three terms as Ottawa County clerk of courts and an activist for the county Democratic Party, died in December at Riverview Healthcare Campus, Oak Harbor. She was born Dec. 13, 1930, in Oak Harbor to Harriet and Charles "Chockie" Fought. The family then lived in an apartment above her paternal grandfather's barber shop. She was a 1948 graduate of Salem-Oak Harbor High School. She was a stay-at-home mother until 1962, but became a single mother after a divorce and entered the work force. Mrs. Missig received an associate degree from what was then Davis Business College. She was elected clerk of courts in 1984. She had years of experience in the title division of the clerks office and had volunteered for the Ottawa County Democratic Party and its candidates. She helped the staff deal with such changes as state-mandated computer systems in the title division. Mrs. Missig did not seek re-election in 1996 and retired on her birthday that year. She belonged to the women's guild at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Oak Harbor. She served on the board of the Commodore Perry Federal Credit Union. She and her second husband, Edwin "Bud" Missig, married Aug. 12, 1978. He died May 30, 2006. Surviving are her daughters, Eva Marie Morris who works at Perry's Monument, Alice Kirkendall, and Amy Wuest, and four grandchildren.

Wallace Hall

Wallace "Wally" Hall, 89, a longtime summer home owner at the Put-in-Bay Airport, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. He was the beloved husband of 67 years to Jeanne who preceded him in death several weeks before in a fire at their home in Fairview Park. Wally went into the hospital the day before after taking a bad fall, but couldn't recover from the tragic loss. Wally was interested in the island parks and constructed a tree swallow grid at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. Wally was a member of the Mason Lodge, and an Eagle Scout. Survivors include children Shelley S. Perry (Peter Sas), Allan (Patti), and Kimberly Szucs (Jeffrey), seven grandchildren and seven great-grand children.

Thelma Neff

Former island resident and widow of island promoter and developer Al Neff passed away on Thursday, December 21st at the age of 105. We will have an obituary for her in next month's Put-in-Bay Gazette.



Henrik Charles Blumensaadt



Leila Renee Koch



Amanda Solkiewicz



Anne Crowe



Shirley Missig



Wally Hall

January BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|------|--|
| 1st | Brad Brown |
| 2nd | Tracy Burgess-Sayeh
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| 4th | Alison Duff McGrath
Duff Spatafore |
| 5th | Joan McCann
Joan Metzner
Ann Duez
Lisa Reedy |
| 6th | Bill Kowalski |
| 7th | Nick Moore
Jana Olson
Shirley Woischke
Dorothy Heckters |
| 8th | Michelle Mettler
Kay Drake |
| 9th | George Hirkala
Bev Edwards
Ed Hubner
Taylor Butler
Duff Spatafore |
| 10th | Kate Hubner
Betty Eppley
Judy Bransome |
| 11th | Conor Blumensaadt
Margaret French
Lisa Brohl |
| 12th | Andy Mohn
Alexandria
Booker-Dysert
Maxim Hristovski |
| 13th | Ty Burgess
Angie Ramm
Susan Thwaite
Sharon Mann
Stephen Diskin |
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Ann Heidenreich
Pinky Batt
Molly Domer
Sharon Brown |
| 15th | Robert Mack |
| 16th | Julie Skinner
Natalie Ontko-Price |
| 17th | Justine Bianchi
Matt Moore |
| 18th | Bob Ramsbottom
Anna McCann
Paul Digby
Gwena Market
John White
Katie Hauk
Joanne Sutton |
| 19th | Dee Dee Duggan
Jane Hauck
Bob Boebel |
| 20th | Jennifer Robison-Norris
Charlie Biederman
Bill Blumensaadt
Marsha Parker
Kathy Holcott |
| 22nd | John Glauser
Rob Mohn
Deborah Miller Palmer |
| 23rd | Jim Turner
Al Bindokas
Heidi Tigges
Lauren Kindt
Owen Thomas Woischke |
| 24th | Beckett Dobos
Jim Marquard
Matt Roesch
Joe Kostura |
| 25th | June Stoiber
Linda Gray
Don Stephens
Wyatt Auger
Carl Obenauf |
| 26th | Russ Maringer
Bill Woischke
Mary Boag French
Tammy Hiles
Anna Stilla
Bill Timmerman |
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Charles Joseph Couch
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Joan French |
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Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader

News, views, and comment from a South Bass cottager

Life is good back on the mainland – I've embraced the change, the change of seasons, a different stage, another pace, another place. We've shared the holidays with mainland friends and relatives, often in places we have not seen since last winter; we tuck grandchildren into their own beds and listen to tales of new friends, school assignments, and revel in their latest achievements. There are quiet afternoons and early evenings, old fashioned dinners of gravy-laden roasts, homemade soups, and mom's meatloaf. The cold

chases us inside, to read, rest, recharge.

We do things we don't get a chance to do during the summer. There are big cities and quirky neighborhoods; mammoth markets and quaint shops; local cheeses, salami, and pasta; more variety to stock the pantry and pad our bellies. We can watch the Cavs win and the Browns lose. We can hike, travel and cruise to warm and exotic destinations; we exercise in fancy gyms; play on a bigger playground! Somehow the days and weeks bounce by almost as quickly as they do during the summer.

But today will be different, today will be slower, calm, quiet. I stretched out on the couch and put up my feet, propped a pillow behind my head. Outside, the first real snow of the season had finally arrived. I watched as it transformed the brown and dingy landscape into a wintry postcard. Fresh, white snow piled up on the bushes and quickly covered the tree branches and rooftops. Soon, the lawn was covered too, no longer warm enough to melt the persistent snow.

I read reports that the last ferry of the season had made a final trip to Catawba a few days ago and all of the boats were now secure in their winter docks. Thin patches of ice were spotted in Terwilliger's Pond and in still water around the downtown docks; there is plenty of slush along the shore; lake water temperatures were already in the mid-thirties and expected to drop as a new cold front moved across the lakes. There is some ice on Lake St. Clair, along the far, western shore of Erie, and along the Canadian shoreline to the north. Who knows, a couple days of rain may send the ferry back out for a few more trips, or that frigid polar vortex may drop over the lakes and continue the freeze!

But most certainly, the countdown has begun – for the



Larry Schrader

islanders, they are looking for ice, Put-in-Bay ice; first in the harbor and quiet inlets, and then real ice, ice fishing ice, a frozen Erie; their annual gift from Ullr, the mythical, Nordic god of winter – ice thick enough to support their ice shanties, their ATV's and snowmobiles, even cars and pickup trucks! Ice for air boats and ice sailing; for spur-of-the-moment trips to neighboring islands, even the mainland; ice that will allow an army of snowmobiles to invade DeRivera Park on a crystal Saturday afternoon, snow-suited riders overflowing Tipper's as if it were the Fourth of July; ice that will turn the waters off the West Shore into a tiny city, hundreds of fishing shanties spread as far as the eye can see – Oh, how they want their ice! And who knows, by the time you read this, it may have arrived.

For the cottager, we begin our count as well, as winter plods forward through January and February, we know that spring is just around the corner. We count the days, the hours, the minutes, already measuring the time, the temperature, anticipating the first ferry of the new year. We are buoyed by longer days and shorter nights; we will watch the sun as it tracks further north, increasingly higher in the late-afternoon sky; a little warmer with each passing day; we wait for that first brave crocus, poking its fragile, purple head through the melting snow.

Outside my window, the snow continues, the flakes are larger now, swirling in the wind. I watch, like an eager child. It is twenty-two degrees. I close my eyes, remembering the cottage as I left it in early November. Bright, green leaves still hung from most of the trees, the season extended by the warm lake. But the sky was already gray, the air cool and damp. Inside, the shelves in the kitchen were bare, sheets draped the furniture and beds, the floors were scattered with boxes, packed and ready for the journey to our winter home. I knew it was time to go, but I paused for a moment, remembering the bright summer sun pouring through the big windows, filling the cottage with a magical glow; excited guests ready to explore our island paradise and find a short escape from their mainland grind, or busy grandchildren, impatiently clamoring for another adventure; and afternoons, poking absentmindedly around the yard or countless evenings, gazing to the west, in awe of the setting sun.

I pulled on a heavy coat and dug through the closet for a warm hat and gloves. By now, there was nearly eight inches of fresh snow – I was glad I took advantage of that warm day a few weeks ago to get the snowblower ready – fresh gas, a little oil, a few squirts of WD-40. It started easily and plowed through the soft powder effortlessly. As I pulled it back into the garage, the sun popped out from under an ominous cloud. The fresh snow glistened like a thousand diamonds, I could feel the warmth of the late-afternoon sun on my face. Hmm, I thought, the days are getting longer – spring will be here in no time at all!

Island Calendar January 2018

Schedule Subject to Change

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

JANUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 5
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- Euchre • Tipper's • Every Wednesday - 7p
- First National Bank Open • Weds - 9:30a - 3:30p
- Library Events • See Article Page 14
- PIBHS Senior Class Pizza Night Fundraiser • Jan 12
- PIBYC Annual Winter Doldrums • Jan 13 & 14
• Holiday Inn Express, Westlake, OH
- Mid-American Boat Show • Jan 18-21 • Cleveland IX Center

JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

- Put-in-Bay Village Council • Jan 3 - 9 am • TH
- Put-in-Bay Village Planning Commission • Jan 3 - 11 am • TH
- PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Jan 4 - 10a • Twp Hall
- PIB Rec Committee • Jan 8 - 3:30p • School
- Village of PIB Tree Commission • Jan 9 - 9:45a • TH
- Park District Meeting • Jan 9 - 10a • TH
- Bd of Education • Jan 9 - 12:10p • School
- LEI Chapter Blackswamp Conservancy • Jan 9 - 7p • TH
- Put-in-Bay Village Council • Jan 10 - 9a • TH
- PIB Chamber of Commerce • Jan 15 - 1p • Town Hall
- Legion • Jan 18 - 11:45a • Sr Cen

JANUARY CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a • Mother of Sorrows
- KI Mass • Sun. 9a • St Michaels
- Parish Council Mtg • Jan 14 after Mass • Corner Stone Rm
- PSR/CCD • Tuesdays - 3:30p
• Mary's Rm & Corner Stone Rm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- Holy Eucharist and Church School • Sunday 10:30a
- Youth Bible Explorers • Tues - 3:15p • Undercroft

St. John @ the Bay

- Services • Sundays Jan 8, 22 & 29 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- Chocolate Fest • Feb 4 • Library
- Fastnacht Party • Feb 13
- Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament & Banquet • Feb 17
- Put-in-Bay Days in Key West • Feb 18 - 21

WINTER RECYCLING HOURS

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

MEDICATION DISPOSAL STATION

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

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

The Concert

By McKenna Stacy

On December 19th, there was a concert at the school. Mrs. Pipert was in charge of it. She taught the students songs and then we all preformed them. Then in school we all get to practice the songs together in music class! The students that had instrument lessons with her got to do a song on their instrument. I played on the flute, and the song was, The Nutcracker. It was a lot of fun practicing on the flute and then getting to play it for a lot of people to hear! I got a lot of compliments from people, and I would like to thank them! I have done many other concerts before, but this was only the second time I played my flute for one. At first I was nervous, but then I realized that it was a lot of fun. I can practice my flute at home, but only my family hears it, when I get to play for a crowd, it is a lot more fun. I like how the concerts give the kids that know how to play an instrument a chance to show off their talent. I enjoy getting to let people hear me play the flute. It is also fun to dress up and sing with all of my friends. The concerts are fun!



McKenna Stacy

Christmas Lights Winners

When it came to judging the Christmas lights on the island this holiday season, there was a bit of a change. The seniors from the Senior Center decided they didn't want to do it, so the fun was turned over to the island Girl Scouts.

The girls did all the judging with no help from their leaders.

The picked Joey Wolf for 1st place, the Jeff Niese family for 2nd place, and Bill and Lois Jellison for 3rd Place.

Honorable mentions went to Tim and Janette Luecke, the Tom Cooper family, John and Paula Ladd, and Mark and Lily at condos.

The PIB Girl Scouts enjoyed a wonderful dinner out at the Reel Bar and loved Judging all the Christmas lights! It was not an easy task as so many places had amazing decor! Thank you to PIB Recreation Committee for the prize money and sponsoring this fun event!

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PIB Township Officials

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ABOVE: Andrea and John Calfee read the Put-in-Bay Gazette when the Trimotor "City of Port Clinton" visited Tennessee; They enjoyed a ride with Ed Rusch who used to pilot the Fords when they served the islands. Eddie was full of a lot of fun stories. He said, the next time we see Chip Duggan, to tell him that "the gestapo" asked to be remembered to him. That was a name that Chip and his sister Dee Dee used to call him when he baby sat them when Skip and Sharon were off island.



ABOVE: Joyce and Wally Senney, cottagers on Doller Ave. since 1973, read the Gazette at the highest point in Switzerland looking at the face of the Eiger Peak at 13,000 feet above sea level. Wally's parents were Art and Madeline Maheu.

The story continues

Oktoberfest weekend a recreational boat hit the reef near Buckeye Island on the northeast tip of South Bass. Everyone was rescued, but the boat owner apparently did not have towing insurance nor the cash to have it towed to the mainland.

Nothing happened and the boat, now several weeks later, is still washed up on the shore. To salvage the totalled boat will cost thousands of dollars, much more than it is worth, so no one

The Coast Guard wanted to make sure there was no gasoline or oil leaking from the boat, but didn't get over to the island to check it out. If there's gasoline or oil leaking into the lake, there's a big problem for the boat's owner, but if that is not the case, the boat may soon become the responsibility of the state.

Capt. Russ Brohl went out to the boat and checked it out, but wasn't 100% sure if there were still pollutants leaking from the craft.

He reported that someone has removed the carburetors from the engine and others have reported there may be a few items to salvage, but no one is quite sure if it's legal to strip the boat for salvage.

The Park District is concerned the boat will break up and debris will wash up on their shoreline.

It sounds like the boat might be there for awhile. Stay tuned to see what happens next!

Do you know about winter on the islands!

Winter is here! The average temperature at Put-in-Bay in December is 31 degrees, in January, 29 degrees, in February, 27 degrees, and in March 35 degrees.

The average snowfall in December is 4.5 inches, in January, 6.4 inches, in February, 5.2 inches, and in March, 2.9 inches.

65 Years Ago January 1953 Hunting, Fishing Club Of Put-In-Bay Lists Data For Year

PUT-IN-BAY, Jan. 7 — Annual meeting of the Hunting and Fishing Club of Put-in-Bay was held recently when 1952 accomplishments were outlined and the financial status of the organization was given. The club has 125 active members and 125 associate members and 125 associate members who are not residents of the island or landowners.

It was pointed out that 630 of the island's 800 available acres were open to hunting and that more than enough land was withheld from hunting in order to allow natural restocking. The island lands were posted during the season for hunting or no hunting.

Due to favorable weather and food conditions, the club found it unnecessary to purchase and release any pheasants. Last winter it was only necessary to put out a small amount of food for pheasants. The club has stored nearly a ton of feeding corn for possible use this winter.

Members were told that the island has only a few rats left compared to the former large numbers due to a rat drive conducted by the group. These drives will be continued when necessary. The club also has two fully equipped boats for rescue work during the ice fishing season.

Officers of the club are Romer Stoiber, president; Robert Ladd, vice-president; Kenneth Wood, secretary; Joseph Prentice, treasurer and Edward Kinney, director.



Winter's Setting In by Woody Widmar

I dreamt of a white Christmas
And that's just what we had
The ferry ran an extra week
That sure made us all glad

The winter solstice came and went
We had our shortest day
Looks like winter's setting in
Here at Put-in-Bay

It snowed so much one day
I had to shovel twice
It's not the cold I really mind
But falling on the ice

Soon the lake will be frozen
Now it's time to fish
Looks like the island boys and girls
Got their holiday wish

I love the beauty and the silence
Of a freshly fallen snow
It seems so calm and peaceful
Through my desk window

You spend your winter your way
I'll do what I wanna
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Library News

What's Happening at Erie Islands Library?

As the holiday festivities wind down, calm settles over the island as the temperatures drop and islanders wait for the ice fishing season to begin. While you are waiting, why not stop by the library to check out a book to read or a DVD to watch while relaxing? If we don't have what you are looking for on our shelves, we will be happy to get it from one of the many libraries in our consortium. (We do have a book on ice fishing if this is a new sport for you!) Or try our one of our programs throughout the month.

Homework Help

Each Wednesday and Thursday in January after school (3:15-4:00 p.m.), Librarian Sue Duff is hosting "Homework Help" for students in grades 3-8. If your child needs assistance on an assignment or just a quiet place to study, the library is the place to be!

Tuesdays for Tweens

We are going to be continuing the "Tuesdays for Tweens." The following programs, intended for grades 2-8, will be held on Tuesdays in January at 4:30 p.m.:

- January 9th: "Game Night-Jenga." Bring your friends and see who will be the Jenga champ.
- January 16th: "Lego Night." Build your own creation. We have the blocks, you bring the imagination!
- January 23rd: "Speedometry." Build a Hot Wheels track around the library to see who will have the longest track, the most loops or the fastest cars.
- January 30th: "Bingo for Books for Kids." Play Bingo and win a book. Everyone goes home a winner!

Preschool Story Time

"Preschool Story Time" is on Monday, January 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Save Your Christmas Cards

Save your Christmas cards! On Wednesday, January 10th at 11 a.m., adults are invited to come to the library to share their "How to Repurpose Christmas Cards" ideas. Librarian Sue Duff will lead this round robin discussion. Be sure to bring an example of your idea to show to the other participants. If enough interest is expressed maybe we can get together to make some of the crafts later in the month!

Popcorn & Movie Night

Popcorn and Movie Night will be held on the third Thursday of the month (January 18th) at 5 p.m. The movie will be announced two weeks before show time. Popcorn and beverage will be provided.

Bingo for Books

Let's try "Bingo for Books for Adults!" Come to the li-



ABOVE: Congratulations to Dale Burris on his retirement as a township trustee after 40+ years! Thank you for your service. He is seen here with his wife, Kerry (left), and his sister-in-law Sus Seaberg (right) at a lunch at Tipper's after his final Township meeting. A note of interest is that Dale, over the years, travelled to meetings from North Bass to South Bass by boat or airplane, or snowmobile, four wheeler or car across the ice. There aren't too many trustee's in the country who can make the same claim.

brary and play Bingo on Wednesday, January 24th at 11 a.m. Compete with your friends to win some great books! Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Program Ideas

If you have a program idea you would like to share, please let us know. We are open to new, fresh ideas! Is anyone interested in doing knitting or crocheting classes this winter beginning in February? Let us know, we will be happy to purchase your supplies for participants.

Mark Your Calendars for Chocolate Fest

Next Month: Mark your Calendars! Annual Chocolate Fest will be Saturday, February 10th. Start searching for your favorite chocolate recipes and be crowned the "Chocolate Champ of Put-in-Bay!"

Contest!

Who can guess when the first ferry will run in 2018? Enter by emailing your name and guess to pibgazette@frontier.com at least ten days before the first ferry from Put-in-Bay to the mainland runs. If you guess correctly, your name will be announced in the first issue of the Gazette following the happy event. We want to find out who the best forecaster is. One guess per person please.

St. John@TheBay From Pastor James Lehman

As we make the turn into a brand-new year ... we dive into making resolutions that can bring about renewal and new beginnings. We invite you to join us at St. John@TheBay Lutheran Mission.

Our small, but devoted community will be gathering on the first and third Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. During the winter months, we will gather around a table to hear a story. Then, through creative wondering and exploration, we will discover, together, through conversation and prayer, how this story speaks to us ... and connects with our lives.

Here's the schedule for January:

January 7 ... "What Does It Mean to 'Walk Wet'?" (Mark 1:4-11)

January 21 ... "We're Goin' Fishin'!" (Mark 1:14-20)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mother of Sorrows from Deacon Mike Leahy

Sunday Mass schedule is 10:30 a.m., January 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay. Mass at St. Michael's on Kelleys Island is at 9 a.m. on the same dates.

Mother of Sorrows Parish Council will meet in the Corner Stone on Sunday 14th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

PSR/CCD is held every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. All youth of the Parish are expected from K thru 12th Grades. The sessions are held in Mary's Room and the Corner Stone.

The Parish is very alive at this time of the year with full time islanders.

NEWS! We are making arrangements to have Mass every Wednesday evening from May 30th to September 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Looking forward to spending some time all those who find it tough to come to go to Mass on weekends during the Summer, due to work assignments. These Masses are for all.

Thank You

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy is excited to announce that they received \$1,100 in donations from their supporters on Giving Tuesday in November! This makes the group eligible for the \$500 matching grant from the Toledo Community Foundation. Thanks to Bruce Miles, Doris Hubchman, Scott Sneller, Martha Faris, Susan Byrnes, Kristine Hart, Lauren Mooney, Kalen Cap, Joseph Rutter, Jamie Berger for their donations!

Thanks also so all who had a booth or shopped at the Christmas Bazaar and the businesses that stayed open for shoppers! The LEIC made \$400 in sales, table rent and donations! Thanks everything for the holiday spirit! Thanks Susan Byrnes for organizing!



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Leslie Korenko

Kelleys Island News by Leslie Korenko

Happy New Year! We slogged through quite a nice snowstorm and cold snap in mid-December. We plowed through way too much food for the holidays. We opened loads of Christmas cards and read so many more on Facebook. And we saw the New Year in with a party at the Kelleys Island Wine Co., or at a friend's house, or just quietly at home with the

family. Now it is time we look forward to a new year.

Congratulations to the new people who populate our list of elected officials, even though there probably won't be a Council meeting until March. The KELLEYS ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD announced a tax rollback of 11 mills for 2017 (collected in 2018). This is the 18th year that property owners realized an almost 62% savings on the school portion of their tax bill. Our thanks to the KELLEYS ISLAND FERRY BOAT for gifting us with a free ferry ride for Christmas. Although we have to admit, the water had ice in it by

the docks and it made everyone a little nervous to think that the end is in sight. They anticipate that January 7 will be the last day before the ferry shuts down for the winter.

The ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. wants to know if the residents of Kelleys Island would like to see more services like additional health clinics (now once a month changing to once a week) and whether we would like to have a dental clinic visit the Island. Contact the Erie Co. Health Dept. and let them know.

COUNCIL NEWS

The FIRE DEPT. is in the final stages of certifying six new volunteers. They have SMOKE DETECTORS that they will install at your request. They can also work out a safety plan for your home. The EMS clinic had three runs. The WATER DEPT. reports that faulty fire hydrants have been replaced and all the leaks have been found. While the EPA has mandated (and previously paid for) biweekly algae tests, this cost now becomes the responsibility of the Water Dept. (\$200 for each biweekly test). And, these tests must be done all year long. The Village accepted the donation of a 1.61 acre parcel of

land, just to the left of the entrance to the AIRPORT parking lot from Ericson Kelleys Island Properties. The POLICE DEPT. cautions residents to either complete house check forms (available on the website kelleysisland.us) or to have someone check your property regularly. There have been several reports of theft from businesses and homes. The Police Dept. assisted undercover ODNR Wildlife agents who were on the Island investigating poaching.

Village Council Notes

The Put-in-Bay Village Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendation from Mayor McCann to approve the completion of the probationary periods for Chief Steve Riddle and Lt. Doug Miller. Normally, the officers would have been approved after six months, but both officers have worked for the department for longer than that. A recommendation to make Miller a captain and raise his pay to \$58,000 was not voted on because a new ordinance is needed to create that position and pay scale.

Put-in-Bay utility plant operator Tony Joyce officially turned in his resignation to take a position as water plant superintendent of Marblehead on the mainland. Tony came to Put-in-Bay from Kelleys Island three years ago.

Council passed an ordinance to have former Village Solicitor George Wilber be the prosecutor for Mayor's Court.

The 2018 budget was approved with an emergency vote by Council.

2018 meeting dates for Council will see members coming together to do Village business on Wednesdays rather than Mondays. The first workshop Council meeting in January will be on Wednesday the 3rd at 9 a.m. The regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th at 9 a.m. The public is welcome to attend all Village Council meetings.

Council purchased \$25,000 worth of fuel oil to heat the town hall this winter, plus it bought enough gasoline for the police department and the utility department to run its vehicles until spring. The cost for each was \$3,000.

Council also voted to keep the current hospitalization provider for 2018 in spite of the 29% increase in premium cost. To help pay for the increase, employees would not receive a cost of living increase for 2018.

The Tree Commission had its request for \$500 for the Arbor Day celebration this coming April 27th approved.

Council approved a request to forgive the sewer portion its utility bill for \$511.21. Earlier this fall, a leak in their water line caused flooding on the first level. The water did not go into the sewer.

The O.E. Meyers invoice for the oxygen supply and rental unit for ozone at the water treatment plant was approved. It was \$12,790.59.

There was discussion about giving permission to a company to mount a new design small cell antenna on a pole at the corner of Bayview and Catawba for improving cellular coverage.

Dockage rates at the Village docks will stay the same as last year. The docks took in about \$460,000 last season.

A new board member is needed for the Planning Commission.

Dee Dee Duggan attended her last meeting as a Councilperson. She chose not to run again. Tip Boyles will be taking her place in January.

Blumensaadt trial continued until January

Keith Blumensaadt was arrested at the end of June after a stand off with the Put-in-Bay Police Dept.

After surrendering to the Ottawa County Sheriff, he was charged with inducing panic, failure to comply, aggravated menacing, resisting arrest, six counts of possessing weapons under disability, and three counts of possessing dangerous ordinances.

He was unable to post bond and has been in the Ottawa County Jail for the last several months.

A trial date was set for Dec. 15th, but the date has been changed to Jan. 8th.



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ABOVE: Woody Widmar was dressed appropriately for the Senior Christmas Luncheon at the Senior Center in December.



ABOVE: Dianne Smith leading the Christmas caroling at the Senior Christmas Luncheon at the Senior Center last month.

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Senior Center News

by Chris Joyce

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays over, we are all looking forward to life slowing down a bit! 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 our website: www.PIBseniorcenter.org for any last-minute events! The

Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities, please feel free to stop by and join us anytime.

December's special events included the annual Senior Christmas Luncheon ... the facility was overflowing with island seniors. Everyone was dressed up; the facility was beautifully decorated and all enjoyed a fabulous holiday meal together and singing Christmas Carols after. A special shout out to our caterer Sue Thwaite and her wonderful "elves" - Kelly Mohn, Kendra and Phoebe Koehler, Oliver and Don Thwaite!!!! The Seniors also enjoyed a last-minute Tailgate Party for the OSU/Wisconsin game. There were many delicious desserts and coffee; the game didn't start till 8 p.m. and amazingly everyone stayed till the end - which wasn't till after midnight!

We want to say, "THANK YOU" again to the Girl Scouts for all their hard work assembling and delivering the Christmas Fruit Baskets during December. The seniors truly appreciate everyone behind the scenes who also contributed to the delicious baskets. Lastly, a big "shout out" goes to the Recreation Committee for their generous contributions toward the Fruit Baskets and Christmas Luncheon. Another big THANK YOU to our Girl Scouts for taking on the "Judging of the Holiday Lights & Decorations" this year!

Our Senior Lunches are served at 12 noon every Thursday at Tipper'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 Tipper's kitchen know the lunch count by 12 p.m. Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for these delicious and fun senior lunches!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. This is a great service they provide so feel free to come in and get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26th. 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.

Everyone here at the Senior Center is looking forward to the New Year! Many new ideas are being tossed around for redecorating our Senior Center this year! We are also making a list of new destinations for our fun-filled day trips to the mainland. My wish for 2018 is that it will be a year filled with new adventures, friendships, laughter and good health for everyone!

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