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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE



## In the News....



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay High School Quiz Bowl Team at Bowling Green recently. Left to right are Nora Ladd from the South Shore, Max Schneider from Middle Bass, and Joe Byrnes from Trenton Ave.

### Open Studio Event Friday, January 25th

On Friday, January 25th, from 5 to 7 p.m., Jessie Greene from Jessie's Jewelry will host an Open Studio with wine and snacks. Come see welding demonstrations and new jewelry designs for 2019. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so here's an opportunity to order that custom special gift. Jessie's studio is at the entrance to the brown barn at 126 Sybil Blvd., just past the beauty shop at Scarpelli's.

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### Euchre Wednesdays at the Reel Bar

All Euchre games in January will take place at the Reel Bar. The game on Jan 2nd is "for Fun" since many people will still be returning from New Year's activities and travels. This winter Euchre is in three "Quarters." The first Quarter concluded before Christmas. The winners for first Quarter are Corky and Jerry McFlint.

## They Came Out On Top!



ABOVE: The Put-in-Bay High School Girl Panthers Basketball Team came back victorious after playing in the Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament. The ladies defeated three teams from other islands in the Great Lakes, Washington Island, Wisconsin, Beaver Island, Michigan and Mackinac Island, Michigan. Left to right are the happy champions; Nora Ladd, Lucy Schneider, Elena Schroeder, Kate Byrnes, Cecelia Glauser, Charleigh Smith, Alexandra Knauer, Coach Craig Schuffenecker, Hannah Lentz and Lauren Peter. The Panther boys team took second place in the tournament.



ABOVE: Here's a group photo of the Put-in-Bay, Washington Island, Beaver Island and Mackinac Island teams that met on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan to take part in Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament on November 30th and December 1st, 2018.

## Predictions for the New Year

It's that time of year when everyone makes resolutions for the coming new years. We're not going to make any resolutions; we're going to make New Year's predictions instead. So, here is a list of some of our predictions for 2019.

### A Busy Tourist Season

The first prediction for 2019 is a busy 2019 tourist season, but not a record setter. The one hope is for better weather in the spring to make up the losses suffered early in the season last year.

### Plenty of Water

We predict the Put-in-Bay Utility will be back on track and be making enough water. In 2018, mismanagement and turmoil took its toll and had officials on edge at times trying to supply enough water on busy weekends. Things are indeed looking more positive with the change of personnel made as last season was coming to an end.

### Village Administrator

Anne Auger will remain as acting Village Administrator. She stepped into the position after Glenn Bastings was let go. Her years of experience working for the Village at various jobs in several departments has been evident since she's taken over. She also makes a delicious punch for

holiday parties. That alone should qualify her for the job.

### High Water Level

Water level in Lake Erie will remain high. This makes the island subject to flooding. High water storms also can have a negative economic impact when the ferries can't run and tourists can't get to the island. Keep your fingers crossed for no nor'easters.

### Going for Fifty!

Mike "Mad Dog" Adams begins his 40th Year entertaining at the Round House. We predict he'll be announcing he'll be going for 50.

### No More Legal Issues

The new Ohio Attorney General will not be indicting anymore Put-in-Bay officials. The investigations and indictments that made headline in 2018 will be thing of the past.

### Winter Weather

We're not sure about all of 2018, but this winter from mid-January through the end of February will be a good one for cold and ice. With the number of fish in the lake, watch for some great ice fishing.

### "Favorite" July Weekend

Since we are fresh from the holiday season, we come to the most difficult of predictions to

make - one concerning everyone's "favorite holiday at the end of July. A task force has been working to get the prime summer weekend back to normal. The last few years have seen the weekend just get worse and worse and we are optimistic the group's work will at least begin to mitigate the negative public relations and economic impact for the island this weekend has become. A good resolution might be not to mention the name of nor promote that similar holiday in July. It is definitely time for a change. The weekend last July was both a business and public relations nightmare. What was once a positive thing for everyone, has now turned sour. Let's resolve to do everything we can to get back to normal.

### Plenty of Island Events

We predict many of the islands' most popular summer events will be back and going strong for 2019. A ton of events are already scheduled. A very good web site which has a lot of detail about the most popular events can be found at <http://www.millerferry.com/events/category/put-in-bay/>.

### Happy New Year!

Check back here at the end of the year and see if all these predictions come true or not. In the meantime, Happy New Year to All!

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## What's on the plate for 2019

Wow! 2019! We can't believe another year has come and gone. With that, we should look forward to what's going to be new on the island this new year. Here's a mixture of what we've seen and heard about what's in store for the island.

Probably the biggest thing will be the arrival of Miller Boat Line's new ferry, the M/V Mary Ann Market. Expect to see it join the fleet as next summer ends.

Marv Booker tells us a new seawall on the east side of the docks at The Keys is forthcoming this season. It will make a stay at the docks there much more comfortable and safe when those northeast storms come up.

Work has already begun on enclosing the second floor rooftop "green room" at Mr. Ed's. We're also getting wind of a new tree house bar which is to be built on the property behind Lovella's that changed hands this past season.

The Goat will have a new staircase leading from their parking lot to Das Lokal, the Biergarten in their front yard.

Dave Zilch from Roger Miller Builders is putting on new porch at the little cottage at the Anchor Inn, plus remodeling the restrooms at Hooligans.

Todd Blumensaadt's crew has been working on the old Nissen home behind Mossbacks on Bayview Ave. The never completed porch, deck and restrooms of a bistro that was never finished are gone. The house has been gutted, new windows and siding installed, plus there's a new roof. Sounds like a real improvement for Bayview Ave.

On the residential front, there are two new homes on East Point. One, which replaces the Seven Gables cottage at Shore Villas is already under roof and sided. The other is on a lot across from the Acorn Club on Columbus Ave. The lot is already cleared. Catawba Construction is building both these homes.

Greg Auger is working on a large addition on Jim and Nancy Lang's home on Chapman Rd. Greg's crew is turning a tiny cottage into a big one.

Also on Chapman Rd., Scott Market, with the help of Rich Myers, is remodeling the former home of Rick and Linda Rothert.

The biggest residential project on the island is the new home going in where Bob Schmidt lived on Toledo Ave. Bob's house came down this fall and the construction site is stocked full with everything needed to build the home over the winter.



ABOVE: Monk and Mark Nemec getting things ready at the South Bass Island the afternoon of Lake Erie Islands Conservancy potluck.

The Put-in-Bay Garden Club recently came to the Village and the DeRivera Park Trustees with ideas for some improvements in the downtown park. It looks like there will be new baskets and brackets for the flower baskets on the lampposts.

And last, but not least, is an ozone treatment system at the Put-in-Bay water plant. This additional treatment will protect users from conditions associated with HABS, harmful algal blooms, which can produce toxins harmful to humans and pets. The EPA mandated the installation of the system because of the amount of algae in the lake each summer.

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ABOVE: Having fun at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Christmas Potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse was this group, starting clockwise with Susan Byrnes in the foreground are Marsha Collett, Kelly and Marty Faris, Paula and John Ladd, Rich and Carol Roberts, Amy Huston and Mark Nemeec. The was no shortage of holiday spirit and great food. - Photo by Barry Koehler

## Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Christmas Potluck

A happy crowd enjoyed an evening of good food and company at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on Monday, December 10th. Ham and salmon were served with lots of tasty and unusual side dishes like tuna with ginger and wasabi, fried green tomatoes, brussel sprout casserole and lots of desserts! Great cooks here on the island! Chair Lisa Brohl led a sparkling grape juice toast to the year's land preservation accomplishments. Thanks to Mark and Monk Nemeec and Susan Bixler for help in setting up and to their hosts, The Ohio State University Stone Lab.

Nancy Tanner was the winner of the afghan hand made by Tracy Burgess - drawing was held that night.

Thanks to all of our members and supporters for their help this past year!

In attendance were Lisa and Russ Brohl, Kelly and Marty Faris, John and Paula Ladd, Susan Byrnes, Marsha Collett, Scott, Caroline, Liesl and Cal Jackson, Jessie Greene and Aaron Hill, Keri Carnicom, Sue Seaberg, Mark Nemeec, Rich and Carol Roberts, Mother Mary Staley, Val Chornyak, Doraine Toms, Jackie Taylor and Glen Cooper, Rudy and Linda Rence, Steve and Jill Cooks, Bob and Dianne Smith, Kristin Stanford, Susan Bixler, Judy Berry, Linda Frederick, Barry Koehler, Peter and Amy Huston, and Jody and Matt Amsden.



ABOVE LEFT: Jessie Greene (right) is seen here enjoying dinner and recruiting new junior members, Liesl Jackson (left) and son Aaron Hill (center), at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on December 10th. ABOVE RIGHT: Also at the potluck, the winning ticket for a hand-made afghan made by Tracy Burgess Bender (PIB Class of 1987) was drawn. Nancy Tanner, the gardner at the Monument, was the winner. It looks like she'll be warm and cozy this winter.



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ABOVE LEFT: Suzanne Kostura with the cake and cookies at the Holiday Buffet at the Town Hall on Sunday, December 16th. ABOVE RIGHT: These island ladies had fun at Brenda Nemeč's art class at the Town Hall in early December. Left to right are Kira Hubner, Roberta Scarpelli, Kristen Stanford and Missi Kowalski.



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## Listen to Larry

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

I tossed a big log on the fire and settled into my soft recliner, seemed to be a good day to just sit back and read. As I was catching up on the day's news, I stumbled across an article about the Great Lakes: I learned there are over 35,000 islands in the Great Lakes, stretching from far-away Lake Superior to the eastern end of Lake Ontario, some just little bumps in the water, others that spread across the water for miles. But even more amazing, our South Bass Island is one of less than thirty that has a year-round community of 50 or more people! Of course, we all can agree that this is a special place, but to be one of just 30 out of 35,000 is quite a distinction – the top 0.1%!

The largest is Lake Huron's Manitoulin Island, 1,068 square miles, home to over 13,000 people (just over 12 people per square mile) – South Bass weighs in at barely 2.5 square miles, but with a year-round population of three to four hundred (depending on who is counting), about 140 people per square mile – packed as compared to the sprawling Manitoulin!

The more I learned about the islands of the Great Lakes, the more intrigued I became: How might we compare with the rest of the world? Manila, in the Philippines, has the distinction of being the most densely populated city in the world – not an island, just a city with over 1,600,000 people jammed into less than 17 square miles – that is nearly 100,000 people per square mile! To put that in perspective, if South Bass had the same population density, this would be home to over one-quarter million people – just imagine those lines for the ferry! Or, put another way, my tiny lot on the West Shore would be home to over 20 cramped cottagers.

But what about other islands? While my curiosity was high and my computer was heated up, I Googled on: Amazingly, there is another island much smaller than South Bass, but with a population density that nearly matches Manila! Ebeye Island is a tiny bump of land in the Pacific, part of the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Ebeye covers just 0.14 square miles but is home to 15,000 people; 107,143 per square mile – over 15,000 people on less than a twentieth of a square mile. With such a mass of people crammed into such a small area, infrastructure problems abound – dirty water, raw sewage in the streets, unreliable and expensive electricity – disease is rampant, including cholera, dengue fever, tuberculosis, polio, and measles. To make matters worse, many

islanders and their descendants suffer the lasting effects of radiation exposure, an unfortunate reminder of the days when neighboring islands were used for nuclear tests. Clearly, Ebeye is not an island paradise.

As I read about Ebeye, I stumbled across some other tiny, but well inhabited islands: Perhaps, the most crowded place on Earth is the tiny island of Santa Cruz del Islote, just off the coast of Columbia in the Caribbean. Home to as many as 1200 people, about 100 homes, jammed into an area of less than 0.037 square miles, about 2.4 acres! Here, there are no problems with electricity, water, sewage, or even reliable internet service – they have none, although recent years have brought a crude generator and a few solar panels to the island! They have a public park about the size of a tennis court, two shops, a school, and a lone restaurant, water is shipped in from the mainland, everything else they do without!

There is the fishing village of Migingo Island perched on a rounded rock in the middle of Lake Victoria in Kenya (or Uganda, depending on who has made the most recent claim of sovereignty), home to as many as 400 on barely a half-acre. Like Bass Islanders, the Migingo's fish for perch, however, theirs are Nile Perch, a monster fish that can grow to over six feet in length and over 400 pounds – one heck of a fried perch sandwich! The tiny rock island is virtually covered with rickety shacks, unlevelled and crudely constructed of scrap metal and anything else that could be cobbled together. No parks, no utilities, no roads, no tour trains! Migingo does have a few bars, a couple brothels, and a lone police officer.

Of course, not all small, densely populated islands are cloaked in poverty and disease. Ile Saint-Louis, a 0.04 square mile island in the Seine River in Paris is home to a well-healed population of about 2500. No ferry service here, but no less than four bridges connect Ile Saint-Louis' narrow, well kept streets with mainland Paris. Small apartments and century-old homes sell for millions; hotel rooms can command over \$500 per night; restaurants, cafes, boutiques, and galleries line the historic streets. Enjoy a drink and live music at the 17th-century Au Franc Pinot – you probably won't hear Bob Gatewood or Pat Dailey, and your Domaine de la Romance-Conti will not be served in a big, red plastic bucket!

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 worlds 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,



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# Island Diary December 2018

**Sat., Dec. 1st** - At the Forge, there's a "Half Price" sale for their gift certificates. BOGO! Buy one, get one! Tipper's is open for the last day, before shutting down for the season! It won't be the same this winter. On Beaver Island in Lake Michigan, the Put-in-Bay Panther basketball teams are playing in the Great Lakes Island Basketball Tournament. The boys team finish in second place, and the girls team win all their games to take first place.

**Sun., Dec. 2nd** - It's a nice warm day for outside work before winter really set in. Greg Auger and Joe Kostura are working on clearing the plot on Columbus Ave. on East Point where the Kuwatch home will be built. Mike and Susan Byrnes enjoy a little kayaking. There's a little rain in the afternoon.

**Mon., Dec. 3rd** - Great morning! The 5th/6th graders started a "Reading Buddies" program with the preschoolers at the Erie Islands Library at PIB School. A drizzly rain doesn't stop block laying on the second floor of Mr Ed's. Leaves are being raked by the bathhouse in the park and across the street at T&J's. There's a "Painting with Bee" event at the Town Hall. The painting each participant paints from a rough outline is the Monument with a grape leaves.

**Tues., Dec. 4th** - An early ferry leaves Put-in-Bay at sunrise to pick up a 28,000-gallon load of propane. That will enough to top off the bulk storage tanks that will be used to supply islanders for the winter.

**Wed., Dec. 5th** - Workers are taking the siding off the old Nissen home on Bayview Ave. behind Mossbacks. Since Tipper's is closed for the winter, the Euchre players meet at Reel Bar.

**Thurs., Dec. 6th** - Bill White from Put-in-Bay Rd. is in Dubai. Kim Pugh is in Iceland. Paula and John Ladd are taping and labeling Lake Erie Islands Conservancy newsletters!

**Fri., Dec. 7th** - The temperature hovers just below freezing and never gets above 32 degrees all day.

**Sat., Dec. 8th** - Greg Auger working on Jim and Nancy Lang's cottage addition on Chapman Ave. At their home on East Point, Marv Booker and Pat Thwaite host an intimate dinner party for Steve and Jill Cooks from Shore Villas, and island newspaper owners, Kendra and Jeff Koehler.

**Sun., Dec. 9th** - There's skim ice covering much of the Bay. An owl is spotted sitting on top of Christmas tree decoration in the DeRivera Park gazebo.

**Mon., Dec. 10th** - Kira Hubner walks all five nature walks on the island. The Lake Erie Island Conservancy's Christmas Potluck takes place at the South Bass Island Lighthouse. There's ham, salmon, hot cider, plenty of potluck dishes, plus lots of delicious desserts. There's a social hour first with a sparkling grape juice toast.

**Tues., Dec. 11th** - Among the islanders stopping in Puerto Rico on a cruise are Carl, Chris, Miranda and Jessica Krueger, Paula Garsteck from the Round House, Marc Wright from the Old Forge, Jane Ruthsatz and her daughters, Leah Market and Caiti Bolyard, Caiti's husband Austin, Joan and Roger Rhoad from Cameo Pizza, Anita and Michael McCann and daughters Amanda and Elizabeth, Brian Gilles, Beth Burns from Bayview Ave., Dave and Jill Warga from East Point, Amanda Goaziou from the Candy Bar, and Skip and Kim Morrisson from East Point.

**Wed., Dec. 12th** - The regular meeting of the Put-in-Bay Village Council takes place in the morning with Councilwoman Jessica Dress presiding in Mayor McCann's absence. About 80 island seniors gather at the Senior Center for a wonderful Senior Christmas Luncheon catered by Sue Thwaite and her crew, husband Don, son Oliver and Sarah Toole. Gift baskets courtesy of the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee await the guests.

**Thurs., Dec. 13th** - The younger island

students at Put-in-Bay School present their annual holiday concert in the Jim Poulos Gymnasium at the school.

**Fri., Dec. 14th** - The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets for 15 minutes in morning. Bobbi Dobos is busy overseeing an incubated baby duckling hatch out of an egg at her home. Miller Boat Line's M/V Put-in-Bay is taken out of service for the season.

**Sat., Dec. 15th** - A group of islanders gathers at Maple Leaf Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. It is part of the Wreaths across America program. While the wreaths are being laid, Charlie Cartledge, who grew up on Middle Bass, flies over the Catawba, Port Clinton and Marblehead cemeteries, plus the island cemeteries on South, Middle and North Bass Islands in a restored World War II Royal Canadian Air Force Harvard AT-6. His father, Doug, a longtime resident of Middle Bass, did pilot trained in Harvards in Canada in World War II. The Put-in-Bay Panther's Girls Basketball team ends the day with a 7-0 record.

**Sun., Dec. 16th** - The upstairs at the Town Hall is the most festive location to be, thanks to everyone who made the Holiday Buffet such a memorable event. After a baked ham buffet, Santa arrives to pass out gifts to all the good little island boys and girls.

**Mon., Dec. 17th** - It's Tony Kowalski's (PIBHS Class of 1997) birthday. At PIB School, it's the first day of Secret Santa for the 7th through 12th graders. Dale Burris reports spotting 15 coyotes at the North Bass airport. Brenda Nemec has her second class of the month at the Town Hall. This time 17 painters are painting a picture of Santa.

**Tues., Dec. 18th** - It's National Ferry Crew/Dockhand/Ticket Booth/Office Staff Day! There's holiday party for those Miller Boat Line employees who are still around this late in the season. Miller Boat Line posts a schedule for after Christmas, weather permitting of course! Yippee! There's a Christmas party for the Crew's Nest and Put-in-Bay Winery employees at the old Slatmeyer house next to the Crew's Nest.

**Wed., Dec. 19th** - The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets to vote on a few items needed before the end of the year. In the afternoon, Council President Jessica Dress hosts a Village employee party at her home.

**Thurs., Dec. 20th** - A small group enjoys a Christmas Dog Pageant at the park hotel. Just picture dogs owners with a dozen dogs dressed in ugly Christmas sweaters!

**Fri., Dec. 21st** - School is dismissed early at 12:30 p.m. for the Holiday Break. The Island General Store has its customer appreciation Christmas party in the afternoon. Please stop by and enjoy some appetizers and adult beverages. Lisa Brohl takes a Winter Solstice walk through the Scheeff Preserve at the

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# A boat ride to Pelee

It couldn't have been a better day. The lonely, flat gray lake at the end of November, was just perfect for the group of questionable islanders to head to Pelee Island in two boats for lunch. It was a convincing story if they were stopped crossing the border this late in the season.

The group consisted of the "Gray Ghost" running his boat and the "Captain" running the second and faster boat. On board the first boat with Ghost were a (re)tired old captain who we will call "Cap," his wife the "Island Tree Lady," the "Diplomat," and one other, "Donner." The Captain had the more delicate passengers in the group on his boat, the innocent "Girl Scout" and the "Seamstress." It was indeed an eclectic group, each one skilled for the mission which would take them from Put-in-Bay to Pelee Island and return. They had their passports in hand and paperwork all in order neatly packed in a garbage bag.

They pulled out of the harbor, taking one last look at their compasses before leaving the Bass Islands in the misty haze at their stern. Ahead, West Dock, Pelee Island.

The Captain, the innocent Girl Scout and Seamstress made it to shore first. Nothing suspicious going on here came the word from the Royal Canadian Customs and Immigration officials who faithfully guard this foreign land in Lake Erie. The precious confirmation number they had given the Captain, was now tightly held in the Captain's hand and indelibly stamped into his ever-busy mind as the trio stepped onto land. The innocent Girl Scout squealed with joy, as it was her first time on Pelee Island.

The second boat arrived, but no luck this time. The boring existence of these friendly officials stationed in this lonely water-surrounded outpost was about to be reversed. The sweat on the palm of their hands told the Gray Ghost they

might be on to something. He and his boat had been back and forth across the border many, many times and had aroused suspicions. Something wasn't quite right here. The two officers watched the three men and two woman get off the boat with a careful eye, asking each one if they had anything to declare, "Liquor, Cigarettes, Weapons, Human Trafficking, CANNABIS!" Having practiced ahead of time, each in the cagey group had the same answer, "No."

Apparently that wasn't enough. Thumbing through their manual of what to do next, they found "Vessel Search."

You could see their hands were invisibly trembling with excitement. A vessel search....something they had never done before on the last day of November. Now hungering for contraband instead of food, their lunch break had to postponed.

Sadly, nothing was found and about a half hour later, they presented the group with the confirmation number which would now allow them to legally enjoy lunch at the island's Legion Post. The group took all their paperwork with them just in case they ran into anymore difficulties.

Lunch was great, and from what we hear, the Girl Scout had her first drink on Pelee Island. With a quick stop at the LCBO (liquor store here in the States), the group re-boarded their vessels, and with a friendly wave goodbye from the CanPass twins, they headed on a shortcut return course to Put-in-Bay across the lake still eerily void of any traffic.

As they plied through water that had once found home in the Detroit River, someone mentioned they had left behind their paperwork. Beyond the point of no return, there was no point going back to retrieve what they could all get copies of at Put-in-Bay,

Always watchful, the Captain suddenly spied two vessels approaching from the east or maybe south depending on your sense of direction. "Right on time," he thought. This was no coincidence, the timing coincided with his leaving Pelee for a perfect rendezvous just outside Put-in-Bay's harbor. With the Seamstress busy signing off on the Girl Scout's "border crossing" merit badge, the Captain sped up and eluded the Coast Guard boat bearing down on him. To his delight, he had outsmarted them again.

Unfortunately, the Gray Ghost wasn't so lucky and was stopped dead in his tracks almost in the shadow of the Lonz Winery tower on Middle Bass. It didn't look good as another boat flying the colors of the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service came on the scene. It was obvious to the Ghost that these Federal agents bent on protecting the men, women and children of Continental U.S.A. and the orange-clad Coasties were ready to pounce for the slightest infringement of the law.

The decision was made to escort the Ghost and his crew to the Put-in-Bay Village Docks where things got serious. The headman shouted out orders, his trusty Magnum .57mm pistol in one holster and his flare gun in the other on his gun belt, reversed so the handles pointed forward like in the old cowboy movies. The crossing bandoliers on his chest full of flare gun shells was impressive indeed. "Find something or else," he barked as half the crew guarded the suspects on the docks, and the other half went to work searching every nook and cranny of the Ghost's boat. In the meantime, the other agents began questioning the suspects. Their story of just wanting to go to lunch on Pelee didn't seem believable.

"Why would anyone want to do that on such a cold day?"

Then they spied the Tree Lady's address book in her suspicious-looking backpack. Carefully scanning the

pages, the only thing they could find of an unusual nature was a dried, pressed leaf from the Ginkgo tree that grows on the lawn at Perry's Monument. That really set them off and they then turned to her cellphone, going through her most personal texts and photos, something her husband Cap did once, but fell fast asleep.

Donner, at this point, was trying to bargain with one of the customs agents. "I have three daughters. You can have them all! Just let me go!" He was almost arrested on the spot for human trafficking, but then someone laughed realizing he was only nervously joking with the agents, something no one in their right mind would do under the circumstances.

The officials then cornered the Diplomat, who was now declaring diplomatic immunity, telling them he needed to catch a ferry to the mainland. They took a close look at his passport and waved him on his way as they spotted another suspicious customer.

Across the way on the Boardwalk Dock, a boat had just pulled in. A couple of the agents double timed it over to the unsuspecting lady who had just pulled in from Middle Bass (aka Isle de Fleurs). Apparently, there was some confusion in their minds as to whether or not Middle Bass (with its alternate French name) was in the United States of America.

Finding nothing, the agents released everyone, but not before filling out the appropriate paperwork, not to be confused with the paperwork the group had left behind on Pelee. No duty was collected, no fines were levied, no one was arrested.

Unfortunately, these islanders will now be looked at in a new light. Did they or did they not get away with something? The uncertainty will be a tough cross to bear, and we will never know for sure whether or not they should be shunned as they walk the avenues of our community.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**1)** Conservative cost of for two private boats (round trip to Pelee Island, insurance, maintenance, fuel, no paid captain, etc.) \$150, Lunch at Legion for eight people \$120 Canadian, Liquor at the LCBO store \$300 Canadian = NET TOTAL \$270; Cost of one Coast Guard Boat (round trip Marblehead/Put-in-Bay with all expenses paid \$500, Cost of Customs Boat (round trip to Put-in-Bay with all expenses \$500), cost of nine Coasties and agents @ four hours each at \$50 per hour \$1800; mainland support team and equipment for the operation \$1000 = TOTAL TAX PAYER SUBSIDIZED LUNCH AT PELEE FOR EIGHT = \$3800.

**2)** So it all comes down to this.....

1. Did the group smuggle anything into Canada?
2. Did the group smuggle anything into the US?
3. Did the group just go to Pelee for lunch at the Legion and a stop at the liquor store?

4. Did the group just go to Pelee in anticipation of coming back to Put-in-Bay with a story that will live in the annals of island lore?

5. Who had more fun, the island group or the Feds?

6. Now that recreational use of marijuana is legal in Canada, did the group make the trip to test border security in anticipation of future, more profitable runs?

7. Should there be a wall going down the middle of the lake to prevent further incidents like this?

**3)** Just in case you are wondering, the group used their new smart phone app to check back into the U.S. on the day they returned from Pelee, but didn't get approved until three days later. We think they were wandering around the U.S. illegally if they didn't wait by their boat until they got formal entry notification.

**4)** A few liberties may have been taken in writing this story to make it more exciting than it really was. We will leave what is not believable up to the imagination of the reader. Names have been changed for those planning to take the 5th.

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# St. Paul's is Ready for a New Year

St. Paul's has improved and fixed many things in the past year. The final "upgrade" is making the bathrooms brighter and a little more accessible. Bob White was the project coordinator. Jennie Burgess was given the honor of doing the ribbon cutting since she was one of the first to suggest the upgrades. Olivia Christensen and Harper Scarpelli had a close up view of the ribbon cutting. The bathroom and a recent necessary re-roofing of the bell tower were possible due to our five year "Planting for Tomorrow" Campaign. In addition an anonymous donor provided St. Paul's with a complete kitchen makeover earlier in 2018. We think this is the best the property has looked in many years. The first big church dinner took place in December with a delicious meal cooked by Chef Baca. The parish invited all our members and those who support the congregation in so many ways. There will be another dinner in January for the congregation and their guests.

Chalking the Doors is a tradition from the Church of England that has come to the United States through the Episcopal Church. Each year the clergy of the congregation visits the homes of parishioners and offers a blessing while "chalking the door" on Epiphany (January 6th.) Sign-up to participate by contacting St. Paul's.

The food pantry at St. Paul's received a number of generous donations this fall. 1st National Bank dropped off several bags of food, The Library's food donations for fines brought in a number of bags in addition to the cans delivered by Karen Wilhelm and the Honor Society at the PIB school organized all the grades for a food collection. Thanks to all of these groups and a financial donation from the Brown's Backers, we will be well stocked this winter.

On New Year's Eve St. Paul's hosted a celebration for all ages in the early evening so we could watch midnight arrive in both London (7 p.m. EST) and the Azores (8 p.m. EST). Our celebration boarded an imaginary flight across the Atlantic so we could celebrate in these two time zones. The community was invited to kick off their evening celebrations at St. Paul's before moving on to their other activities.

Our adult "Conversations in Faith" will resume in 2019. From January until Shrove Tuesday we will focus on Paul's letter to the Romans. We will gather on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. to discuss the daily readings from the Book of Romans. All are welcome to participate. You can get the list of daily readings from St. Paul's office. This year, participants from churches across the US are invited to read, reflect and pray upon a few verses of Romans. Even if you are in Florida, Vegas or Colorado, you can join in this daily reading.

The youth are very active in our Bible Explorers, Bell Choir, Teen youth activities and Sunday School. We are thankful to Jessie Greene for organizing and leading Sunday School along with other volunteers. There are so many people St. Paul's would like to thank for their support in 2018. Thank You Billy Market for removing the leaves from the front lawn. Thank you Pinky and Sue for setting up the outdoor crèche. Thank you Melinda for preparing the Christmas greens for the church. Thank you Yardworks for grounds keeping. Thank you Bob White for cleaning all the gutters this week, and so many other jobs you do. Thank you Sandy Funtal. For the wonderful Advent Cake for the parish dinner.



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ABOVE LEFT: Greg Hughes, Ma Werty and Keri Carnico at the Island General Store's Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 21st. ABOVE RIGHT: Annie Parker with old friend Santa and Walt Duff at the Holiday Buffet at the Town Hall. Walt says he went to the Buffet to get a couple of presents Santa forgot to give him 70 years ago.

## Island Diary December 2018

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tip of East Point. Some of the young island mothers enjoy a late afternoon Tom & Jerry party at Caroline Jackson's Stone Press House home. The kids are included so there's plenty of disorganized chaos as more than a dozen kids, ranging from one to seven, reign free. Partying mothers, wild kids - not a pretty picture.

**Sat., Dec. 22nd** - Pinky Batt tests the fireplace at the Goat. It works, so he, Russ Brohl, Patrick Myers, Jeremy Koebel and owner Scott Jackson, sit around it and talk over fireplace pros and cons while enjoying cold ones. There's a holiday dinner for the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. Volunteers and PIB EMS workers at the Senior Center.

**Sun., Dec. 23rd** - Ed Heineman gets his Winter Solstice haircut from a fellow beer drinker.

**Mon., Dec. 24th** - Island entertainer Ray Fogg is at Rick's in Key West celebrating with a Xmas Eve Show for those who made it on Santa's "Naughty List!"

**Tues., Dec. 25th** - The Senior Center is closed for Christmas.

**Wed., Dec. 26th** - Miller Boat Line is now running two boats in the morning and two boats in the afternoon. A bunch of guys are netting minnows from underneath one of the ferryboats docked at Miller's downtown dock. They are pulling a net from the stern to the bow using a pickup truck.

**Thurs., Dec. 27th** - The Put-in-Bay Twp. Port Authority's comment period closes for those who want to voice their opinion about holding a second Kid Rock Concert the day after the one scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 29th at the PIB Airport.

**Fri., Dec. 28th** - The temperature on the island at 6 a.m. is 51 degrees.

**Sat., Dec. 29th** - Jim Wehrheim and Maria Blandino from Fox's Den are in Curaçao celebrating their 10-year wedding anniversary.

**Sun., Dec. 30th** - It's sunny with the temperature just above freezing as the first ferry leaves the Lime Kiln in the afternoon.

**Mon., Dec. 31st** - To celebrate the New Year, the Reel Bar has a dinner package, plus John Salamon's Touring Piano for entertainment. Topsy Turvey's has hors d'oeuvres and music for its celebrating customers. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church the New Year's celebration begins with evening prayer and tuning into a couple of places around the world as they ring in 2019.

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ABOVE: Lauren Peter going up for a jump shot against a Washington Island player at the Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament. Put-in-Bay players in blue are Hannah Lentz (left) and Elena Schroeder (center). ABOVE RIGHT: Senior Jack Booker taking one of his last shots of the season before being sidelined for the season with a broken bone in his foot. Jack, with a 21-point average, is definitely going to be missed by his coach and teammates.



ABOVE: Dressed very appropriately for a photo with Santa (left) at the Holiday Buffet at the Town Hall on Sunday, December 16th, were Lukas Kostura (center) and his sister Ella (right). What great Christmas outfits!

## School News — by Steve Poe, Superintendent

I recently heard a quote that may be appropriate for this time of year. "To be given a talent, is to be given a gift, a gift that should be shared with others." What are your talents? Could your talents include cooking, repairing, planning and organizing, or building? In this new year, consider how your talents could benefit others.

January is "School Board Recognition Month." We would like to express our gratitude for the work our Board of Education members do. Each member brings a unique perspective and a different 'skill set' that benefits the group as a whole. Always keeping our children's best interest in mind, their decisions have improved and expanded opportunities and programs for our students. Please express your gratitude to board members: Mike Byrnes, Bill Market, John Domer, Karen Goaziou and Dino Uszak.

Congratulations to our choir students and Ms. Gay Pipert for another excellent holiday performance on December 13th. The preparation our kids put into this program is quite evident! Thanks for putting everyone in the holiday spirit.

Our high school basketball teams began their season with a trip to Beaver Island, Michigan for the inaugural "Great Lakes Islands Tournament." The girls were the un-

defeated champions, while the boys were runners-up. Great job, Panthers!

### GIRL'S TOURNAMENT

PIB 48 - Beaver Island 30

PIB 33 - Washington Island 25

PIB 34 - Mackinac Island 15

### BOY'S TOURNAMENT

PIB 39 - Beaver Island 48

PIB 33 - Washington Island 29

PIB 40 - Mackinac Island 20

Senior Lauren Peter lead the girls averaging 23.3 points per game, while senior, Jack Booker lead the boys with 21 points per game. Currently, coach Craig Schuffenecker's girls are still undefeated at 7 - 0. The boys have been without the services of Jack since the team's return home and stand at 2 - 6. Both teams return to action on Saturday, January 5th hosting Fairport Harding. Come cheer on your Panthers!

The high school Quiz Bowl team competed in a final tournament at Tiffin University on December 14th. Our students defeated Seneca East in their first match 295 - 105. They followed this with another victory over Fremont Ross 215 - 85, then lost their third game, 285 - 70 to Upper Sandusky. Our school competed in a five-county league this year consisting of two 8-team divisions. Coach Linda Rence's

team from Put-in-Bay School won third place in the North Division with an overall record of eight wins and four losses, counting the Tiffin University Tournament. They also participated at the Bowling Green State University "Brain Game" where they won one of two competitions. Congratulations on an awesome year Quiz Bowl Team!! Members of the team included: Senior Max Schneider; Juniors Joe Byrnes and Alexandra Knauer; Sophomores, Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, and Lucy Schneider; and freshmen Kate Byrnes.

The end of the first semester grading period is Friday, January 18th. Grade cards go home on Friday, January 25th. Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled between January 28th - February 8th. Teachers will be contacting parents needing to schedule an appointment date/time.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with maintaining the ice rink. Also, primary elementary students using the ice rink need to be supervised by a parent or adult. Please contact Steve Poe at the school if you are willing to lend a hand or help with supervision.

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ABOVE: Linda Mahony (second from left) and these PIB School students put the candy and cookie boxes together for the holiday baskets handed out to island seniors in December. Linda was on hand sharing her extensive knowledge about candy and treats! Seen here, busy in the Town Hall kitchen, are (left to right) Ella Kostura, Linda, Lyla Steidl, Elora Hubner, Ava Heineman, Macy Ladd and Hope Cooks.

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## Vice-Commander...Ahoy! by Paul Bolden, Flotilla Vice-Commander for the Auxiliary Unit at Coast Guard Station Marblehead Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy (Part2)

First, I have a special thanks to Coast Guard Auxiliarist Phil Steinle for his clarification of question 1 of last month's quiz which was appreciated.

This is part 2 of our PIB Maritime Academy. During our second off-season mariner

class we are going to focus on "Aids to Navigation" (Atons) encountered in and around South Bass Island. This is not a complete list of aids, rather common ones seen in the waters around the island. No cheating.

### Quiz

- 1) To the right is a picture of the PIB lighthouse. What is the aid to navigation (aton) on top of the lighthouse? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) To the right is Gibraltar. Between Gibraltar and Oak Point is a string of regulatory markers. What does the diamond mean? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) While not exactly an aton. This picture of the Boardwalk shows several dozen floating balls. What are they called? What are their purpose? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) When entering PIB harbor there is a row of red atons. What are they called and what are their purpose? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) This picture is an aton located between Ballast Island and Buckeye Island (Buckeye Point). What is it called and what is its purpose? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Pictured is Pebble Beach at the State Park. About 30ft off its shore is a line of regulatory markers. What does the diamond and cross mean? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) This is a picture of the buoy located near Gibraltar. What is it called and what is its purpose? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) I spotted this aton near Schoolhouse Bay at Middle Bass. What is its purpose? **ANSW** \_\_\_\_\_



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2)



3)

### Answers

- 1) Non-lateral dayboard. The sole purpose of these diamond shaped dayboards is to help the vessel operator determine his/her location.
- 2) Regulatory Marker. Hazard to boaters. The buoy indicates a hazard such as Rock, Stump, Shallow Area, Reef, Shoal, etc.
- 3) Not exactly an aton. These are mooring buoys used for tying up vessels.
- 4) This lateral aid is called a "NUN" because of its shape and is red. They mark the channel on the right or starboard side when returning from sea.
- 5) This lateral aid is called a "CAN" because of its shape and is green. They mark the channel on the right or starboard side when going out to sea.
- 6) This regulatory marker with a diamond shape and cross means boats must keep out indicating Swim Area, Beach, Keep Out, No Boats, Closed Area, etc.
- 7) The Stone Lab Data Buoy used to confer weather and sea conditions online.
- 8) Diver Down Flag. It means what it says...a diver is actively underwater. Your vessel must maintain a distance of 300 feet. How did you do?

If you got them all right, then you should be writing this article. Missed 1, then you get honorable mentions. Missed 2 to 3, pick up a copy of "Aids to Navigation" it's time to brush up.

Missed 4 or more...scary.

Again, this was not intended to cover every aton, rather to test your awareness of some of the most common Aids to Navigation around PIB. In our often crowded and relatively shallow waters it is important to understand what these aids mean. These are not water decorations, they are there for a very important reason and can save your life or the life of someone else. If you didn't recognize most of these, that should serve as a clue that you need further education. That education is available everywhere from books, online study and courses taught by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. You just have to be willing.

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Paul Bolden is the Division Vice-Commander for the 9th Coast Guard District, Central Region, Division 16 and is a seasonal resident of PIB.



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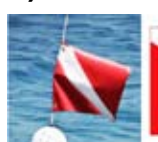
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ABOVE: Former Put-in-Bay Rd. residents Terry and Margaret Robinette read the Put-in-Bay Gazette with Dan Skoufos in the Bahamas recently. Terry and Margaret lived in the old Broderson home near the entrance to the Island Club.

## Attention Island Dog Lovers

A dog park will be coming to Put-in-Bay soon. The Put-in-Bay Township Trustees and Port Authority are collaborating to design and construct the dog park at the airport. It will be located on the south west end, in the open field along Airline Rd. next to Langram Rd. June Stoiber asked the trustees if a dog park was possible and offered a generous donation to help pay for the fence and dog park accessories. We are hoping to have it completed by early summer. Eric Engel, Rosann Keiser, and Kim Stoiber Morrison are on the dog park committee. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the park. You can contact the Port Authority at 419-285-3371 or email: PIBTPortAuthority@frontier.com.

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Something new this year at the Put-in-Bay Pavilion at the Cleveland Boat Show will be Lyman Islander IPA. The brew is already being sold in Vermilion and Huron and other ports where Lyman boats are still popular. The Lyman IPA will be available on the islands this coming summer.

**Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!**

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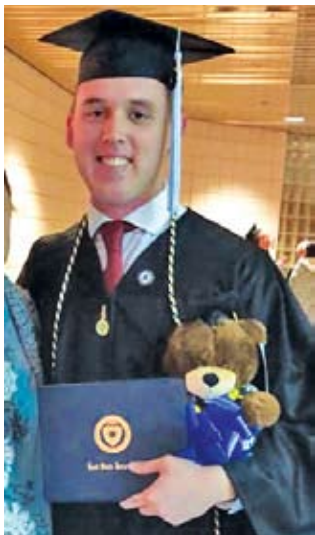
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CODY PORCHE

# Milestones

## Graduated

### Cody Porche

Congratulations to Cody Porche (PIBHS Class of 2014) who graduated from Kent State University in December with a degree in Middle Childhood Education. Cody, who works summers as a dockmaster at the Crew's Nest, believes he is the first person in his immediate family to graduate from a University. Cody is Dusty Dykeman's grandson.

## Obituaries

### Doris Drake

Doris Katharine McKenzie Drake (March 15th, 1930 - November 23rd, 2018), a member of the Put-in-Bay community for over thirty years, passed on from this world after 88 years of living her best life on her own terms. Remembered for her years working at Skyway, the Colonial, Dockside, the Winter Bar, and Mossbacks - Doris never met a stranger. Marked by her quick (and most often gloriously inappropriate) wit, mischievousness, brilliance and magnanimous personality, she made an impact on everyone who knew her. She was a fiercely loyal (and stubborn) lady who loved her family, her friends, and her coworkers and always had a knack for making people laugh, feel validated and reassured, and for making people feel welcome no matter where she was. She was a one of a kind soul. Doris knew more about football, Western movies, John Wayne, and cooking than anyone I've ever met. She held true to her pride in her Ulster Scots heritage, and was known to swear like an Irish sailor. A daughter of the Appalachian Diaspora, she grew up in Lebanon, Ohio, where she had fond memories of swing dancing, small town antics, and memories that she held dear after moving North to Put-in-Bay in 1988. She told the greatest stories - the kind that just pull you in - about growing up in Southern Ohio, visiting her grandparents on their farm in Kentucky as a child, and all the miscellaneous antics who got into both as an adolescent and as an adult. Doris is survived by her five children: Connie Drake (who has been her care taker) of Put-in-Bay, Russell Drake of Lebanon (formerly Put-in-Bay), Randy Drake of Kings Mills, Bobby Drake of Mason, and Cindy Castner of Milford - and preceded in death by her oldest son, Robert Wayne Drake. Doris also had more grandchildren and great-grandchildren than we can count. Myself (Cortney Drake) and my wife (Jennifer Knisley), Riley Drake, and Elyse Drake - who she all helped raise and were closest to her - and her children will miss her horribly. She was our rock, our support system, and the best person I have ever met. She'll live on forever in our hearts, our memories, and our stories. She did not want a service, so please honor her memory in celebrating her life, her smile, her personality, and her love of people in your every day life.



DORIS DRAKE

### Corlyn Lea Kindt

Corlyn Lea Kindt, passed away peacefully at 1:50 a.m. on December 4, 2018, with her loving family by her side. She was born in Port Clinton, Ohio on December 14, 1944. She was the daughter of late the Franklin 'Fritz' and Amadea 'Ab' (Eckert) Ohlemacher. She went to grade school at Put-in-Bay Island through the 7th grade when her family moved off the island to Port Clinton, Ohio, where she graduated from Port Clinton High School in 1963. Corlyn worked at Put-in-Bay for her parent's business, Island Piza, next to the Round House at an early age until it sold in the fall of 1972. She was a Godmother to her niece Do-Dee Woodman. She Married Robert 'Bob' Kindt, May 9, 1964 at Put-in-Bay Ohio, at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, after 38 years of marriage they divorced in 2002, they have remained good friends and traveled together many times including trips to Mexico, Florida and in 2016, Cuba. Corlyn was a homemaker, bookkeeper and business owner. She and Bob where business partners for many years starting with the Petersburg Lumber Company in Petersburg from 1965 to 1972. They bought their first rental house in 1965 and several more throughout the years. Together they developed and built homes on McNeil Dr. and Reflection Court and a storage rental business, Ida West Storage. Corlyn loved spending time with her family and friends any chance that she got. She loved playing games especially euchre, cribbage and crossword puzzles. Corlyn was a member of the Moose Lodge and also belonged to the Dundee-Petersburg Area Woman's Pool



CORLYN LEE KINDT



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League, where she was Secretary/Treasurer for 15 years. In the last year she was battling many ailments, including bone marrow cancer. She fought as long as her body would let her. In addition to her parents, her passing was preceded by her oldest sister Norma Joyce Woodman and her sister's husband whom was like a brother to her, Albert 'Woody' Woodman. To cherish her memories, Corlyn leaves her childhood sweetheart, companion and best friend, Robert 'Bob' Kindt, a daughter Michelle 'Shelley' (Kerry 'Butch') Iott, a son, Thomas 'TJ' (Melissa) Kindt and feline friend, Joey. Siblings, Franklin 'Bud' (Irene) Ohlemacher Jr. and Lois Knipple. Grandchildren, Brian (Chelsea), Michael (Tiffany), Mason and Mitchel (Brittany) Iott and Chloe Curll. Great-Grandchildren, Shylee, Kaydance, Penelope and Michael. Also, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, especially Becky McFellin whom Corlyn loved to travel with and spend time at her Lake Leelanau cottage. Memorial services were held at Capaul Funeral Home in Ida, MI, on December 8th. The family invited everyone to a Celebration of Corlyn's life at the Petersburg VFW immediately following the service where they shared a luncheon and memories. Contributions in Corlyn's memory may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Dr. Ann Arbor, MI. 48103.

### Joe Dopps

Joseph Randolph Dopps, at the age of 66 years old, left this world to the heavenly gates on December 6, 2018. He was born to Eugene and Herma Dopps on September 22, 1952 in Mansfield, Ohio. Joseph graduated from Mansfield High School, attended Michigan Tech, majoring in forestry. He was a member of the Election Committee. Joseph served on the North Bass School Board for 39 years. He coached a North Bass softball team. Joseph was a pilot and flew his own plane. He was an outdoors man, enjoying fishing, four wheeling and most of all his love of beagles. Left to cherish his memory, his mother, Herma Dopps. Joseph was preceded in death by his father, sister and nephew. Services will be held at later date. Memorial contributions may be given to North Bass Chapel. P.O. Box 6, Isle Saint George, OH 43436.

### Leonard H. Dodge

Lennard H. Dodge, 88, of Erie County, Ohio died at Meadows at Osborne Park, Sandusky on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Lennard was born on Middle Bass Island on April 3, 1930 to Harold and Ruth (Girardin) Dodge. He attended school there. During WWII, he worked at the Erie Ordinance Depo. For 31 years, Lennard worked at NASA, retiring in 1981. Mr. Dodge served in the US Army from 1951-1953. On June 27, 1954, he married Juanita Grunden. She preceded him in death on August 14, 1991. Surviving are two daughters, Louann Fahrney and Debbie (Bill) Papenfuss all of Sandusky. Three grandchildren; Dawn Michel, Denise Booth, and Kevin Fahrney, and four great grandchildren; Elizabeth Michel, Connor Michel, Addison Booth, and Lillyanna Michel also survive. His special companion, Betty Melton survives in Sandusky. Mr. Dodge was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Gerald "Jerry" Dodge and Harvey Dodge and sisters, Jean Fatiga and Naomi Swisher. Burial, with military honors was at Parkhurst Cemetery.



LEONARD DODGE

## Thank You...

The family of Doris K. Drake would like to THANK everyone for their warm hugs, comforting words and thoughtful cards! She donated her body to Science in hopes of helping others! She didn't want any type of service, but donations can be made to Children's Leukemia or Put-in-Bay EMS. She'll be missed dearly! Thank you all! - Connie Drake and family

# January BIRTHDAYS

(Bold Type Signifies Decade Birthday or Anniversary)

- 1st Brad Brown
- 2nd Tracy Burgess-Sayeh  
Sara Keiser
- 4th Alison Duff McGrath
- 5th Joan McCann  
Joan Metzner  
Ann Duez  
Lisa Reedy
- 6th Bill Kowalski
- 7th Nick Moore  
Jana Olson  
Shirley Woischke  
Michelle Mettler
- 8th **KAY DRAKE**  
George Hirkala  
Bev Edwards
- 9th **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
- 14th Moo Moo Biederman  
Ann Heidenreich  
Pinky Batt  
Molly Domer  
Sharon Brown  
Robert Mack
- 15th Julie Skinner
- 16th Natalie Ontko-Price
- 17th Justine Bianchi  
Matt Moore
- 18th Anna McCann  
Paul Digby  
Gwena Market  
John White  
Katie Hauk  
Joanne Sutton
- 19th Dee Dee Duggan  
Jane Hauck  
Bob Boebel  
Jennifer Robison-Norris
- 20th Charlie Biederman  
Bill Blumensaadt  
Marsha Parker  
Kathy Holscott  
John Glauser  
Rob Mohn  
Deborah Miller Palmer
- 23rd Bob Wertenbach  
Jim Turner  
Al Bindokas  
Heidi Tigges
- 24th Lauren Kindt  
Owen Thomas Woischke
- 25th Beckett Dobos  
Jim Marquard
- 26th Matt Roesch  
Joe Kostura
- 27th June Stoiber  
Linda Gray  
Don Stephens  
Wyatt Auger  
Carl Obenauf  
Susan Hildebrandt
- 28th Russ Maringer  
Bill Woischke  
Mary Boag French  
Tammy Hiles  
Anna Stilla  
Bill Timmerman
- 29th Jim Drushel  
Charles Joseph Couch  
Cal Jackson  
Moxie Spatafore
- 30th Jane Ohlemacher  
Ed Isaly  
Ted Koehler  
Joan French
- ANNIVERSARIES**
- 2nd Mike & Alice  
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- 5th Jim & Linda Warrington
- 6th Bud & Ruth Griebel
- 17th **RAYMOND & PATI ARTH**  
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# Senior Center News

Welcome to the New Year! We are all looking forward another year of activities, food, fun, fellowship, and...did I mention food? Seems like the holidays involved so many great opportunities to get together and share food that many of us are now planning to start new diet and exercise programs. If you are too, come join us at the Senior Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for walking or aerobic dance and strength training and Tuesday for a low impact aerobic workout. If that's not enough, we also have a treadmill and exercise bikes available for use any time. It's always more fun when others are sweating too!

Additional January fun includes: "Wii Bowling" on Jan. 10th; "Soup and a Show" on Jan.17th; and, Appetizers at Topsy Turvey's on Jan. 25th. Please check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our website [www.PIBseniorcenter.org](http://www.PIBseniorcenter.org) for any last-minute events. There could be even more fun!

Our "usual" activities are still happening, with a few changes. Our Senior Lunch location for the winter is the Reel Bar. We will still be served at 12 noon every Thursday. Please make



ABOVE: Sue Thwaite (left) addressing the island seniors at the holiday lunch she and her helpers made at the Senior Center on Wednesday, December 12th, for about 80 people. Kelly Mohn (right) was one her helpers along with Sue's husband ,Don, and son, Oliver, and Sarah Toole (not pictured).

## Island Calendar January 2019

Schedule Subject to Change

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

### JANUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 7
- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ☐ Euchre • Reel Bar • Every Wednesday - 7p
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Weds - 9:30a - 3:30p
- ☐ Library Events • See Article on this Page
- ☐ PIBYC Annual Winter Doldrums • Jan 18 & 19
  - Holiday Inn Express, Westlake, OH
- ☐ Progressive Insurance Cleveland Boat Show • Jan 17-21
  - Cleveland IX Center • Island Night/Thurs, Kelleys Island Sunday Funday/Sun
- ☐ Jessie Jewelry Open Studio • Jan 25 - 5 to 7p
  - 126 Sybil Blvd

### JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Village Council • Jan 2 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Commission • Jan 2 - 11a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Port Authority • Jan 5 - 10a • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • TBA • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Rec Committee • Jan 7 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Jan 8 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Jan 8 - 10a • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • TBA
- ☐ LEI Chapter Blackswamp Conservancy • Jan 8 - 7p • TH
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Village Council • Jan 9 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce • Jan 14 - 1p • Town Hall
- ☐ Legion • Jan 17 - 11:45a • Sr Cen

### JANUARY CHURCH SCHEDULES

#### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ☐ PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a • Mother of Sorrows
- ☐ Confirmation Class • Jan 13 & 27 - 10:30a
  - Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ Parish Council Mtg • Jan 6 after Mass • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ PSR/CCD • Tues (Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29) - 3:30p
  - Mary's Rm & Corner Stone Rm

#### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ☐ Holy Eucharist and Church School • Sunday 10:30a
- ☐ Worship • Weds - 9:30a
- ☐ Conversations in Faith • Weds starting Jan 16 - 5p
- ☐ Youth Bible Explorers • Tues (Resumes Jan 15) - 3:15p
  - Undercroft
- ☐ Youth Bell Choir & Lunch • Thurs - 12:05p
- ☐ Youth Group • Jan 20
- ☐ Chalking the Doors • Jan 6 (Sign up)

#### St. John @ the Bay

- ☐ Services • Sundays Jan 13 & 27 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

### COMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

- ☐ Chocolate Fest • Feb 2 • Library
- ☐ Jer-Bear & Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament & Banquet
  - Feb 1 & 2
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Days in Key West, FL • Feb 6 thru 9
- ☐ Dock Trash Yacht Club Party • Feb 8 thru 10
  - Commodore Perry Inn, Port Clinton

### 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](mailto:pibgazette@frontier.com)

## What's Happening at the Erie Islands Library in January?

### Tues., Jan. 8th: Bingo for Books at 5pm

BINGO! Erie Islands Library will be hosting "Bingo for Books." 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! 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.

### Thurs., Jan. 10th: Words & Wine Book Club at 5 pm, at Karen Wilhelm's House

What's better than a good book? A good book paired with the perfect glass of wine, of course. (Aren't you just imagining relaxing with your book and wine while taking a bubble bath?) And there's no better time to combine books and wine than with our new book club.

Tell the others in the group a little about your book and why the wine you brought is the perfect pairing. Fun, relaxing evening with friends! Adults only, please.

### Mon., Jan. 14th: Preschool Story Time at 11am

Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. In-

## Moss on the Rock

HE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Bob "Werty" Wertenbach is doing well at Edgewood Manor Nursing Center and loves mail. His new address is 1330 S. Fulton St. Rm 126, Port Clinton, OH 43452, and you can just put "Werty;" he is well known. He loves all cards, Christmas, New Years, Just a thinking of you cards, and his birthday is on January 23rd. JAN

### ISLAND NIGHT AT THE BOAT SHOW

Thursday night, January 17th, is Put-in-Bay Island night at the Progressive Insurance Cleveland Boat Show at the I-X Center in Cleveland. Several of your favorite Put-in-Bay entertainers will be on hand to entertain in the evening.

### WORK HAS BEGUN

Vice President Jake Market of the Miller Boat Line Inc. tells us he and his aunt Julene headed to Fraser Shipyards in Superior, WI, to check out the early construction of the Miller's new, bigger, faster ferry, the M/V Mary Ann Market. Miller Boat Line mechanic David Bianchi is living there for the winter and learning everything from stem to stern about the new boat. Delivery is expected in September 2019.

### FUN EVENING ON THE MAINLAND

One Saturday night in mid-December Mark and Holly Kirsch from East Point, Moe & Kathryn "Frenchy" (French) Taylor (from the West Shore French Family), John and Kim Hesseman, Brad and Daisy Ball Bradley (both worked summers at Put-in-Bay for many years, Caroline and Scott Jackson from the Goat, and Scott and Kristen O'Brill (she worked summers at the Boardwalk and the Goat) enjoyed dinner at Robby Lucas's (PIBHS Class of 1999) restaurant, Cole's Public House & Cork Tree Tavern in Amherst, Ohio. They highly recommend it! While there, they ran into Eric Mansell and Christopher Kubicki. Eric works for Robby. After dinner they stopped by Tommy (from Mojito Bay) and Brenda Dailey's house in Avon Lake for a little Christmas caroling. Pete Johnson, former Round House bartender happened to be there, too.

your reservation by 12 p.m. on Wednesday either by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. It is important to let the Reel Bar kitchen know the lunch count by noon Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for our senior lunches!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. This is a wonderful service they provide so feel free to get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday, Jan.24th. 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.

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

I want to thank everyone who's been helping at the Senior Center while I recover from knee surgery! What a wonderful group of Seniors we have here on Put-in-Bay. Last, but definitely not least, extra special thanks to Sue Thwaite and her helpers, the Girl Scouts, and many others that made our Senior Christmas Luncheon such a wonderful event.

Hope to see you at the Senior Center soon!

tended for children through age 3 with a caregiver.

### Tues., Jan. 15th: Make Your Own Duct Tape Wallet at 5 pm

Stop by the library to design your very own wallet made out of colorful duct tape. Event is suggested for grades 3 and up. It is suggested that younger children have a parent to assist.

### Wed., Jan. 16th: Estate Planning at 5 pm

Join Gail McCracken at the Senior Center as she gives useful ideas on how to prepare for your later years. This is the first of a two-part session intended for adults of all ages.

### Tues., Jan. 17th: Pop Corn & Movie Night at 5 pm

Don't miss this adorable movie, "The Secret Life of Pets," especially if you have a pet! Did you ever wonder what your pet does when you are gone away? Join us to find out! Popcorn and drinks will be served to everyone attending.

### Tues., Jan. 22nd: Leather Craft Workshop for Adults and Teens at 5 pm

Stop by the Senior Center and learn about leather craft working.

### Wed., Jan. 23rd: Estate Planning at 5 pm

Join Gail McCracken at the Senior Center as she gives useful ideas on how to prepare for your later years. This is the second session of a two-part session intended for adults of all ages.

### Wed., Jan. 30th: What's Your Favorite App? at 1 pm

Did you get a new phone or iPad for Christmas? Not sure what apps to install? Join us for an informal session where participants share their favorite apps and tell about them. Learn some pointers from those in the know. Everyone is welcome to come, even those just learning how to install apps.

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**Lake Erie Islands  
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Want to have an exciting summer and meet lots of nice people? The Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) has three positions that need to be filled for the 2019 season. Needed are:

- (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 and South Bass Island two week camp run smoothly under the direction of the Islands Camp Director. When not needed for camp duties, the Camp Coordinator can work at the center.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the LEINWC Chair Kate Ptak at 440-409-4690 or at [kptak@gmail.com](mailto:kptak@gmail.com) to learn more about these positions. Check us out at [www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com).

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 [kptak@gmail.com](mailto:kptak@gmail.com) to let us know how you can help. Check us out at [www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com).

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ABOVE: Left to right are Lisa Brohl, Brian Hovey, Sandy Funtal, Elizabeth Heineman and Susan Harrington taking a break for lunch during the Audubon Lake Erie Island Count on Sunday, December 16th.



ABOVE: Susan Harrington (left) and Paula Ziebarth (right) riding in style while counting birds on Chapman Rd.



ABOVE: Ornithologist Tom Bartlett was the hit of the fundraiser at Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center when he came in from outside with a yearly owl. Tom showed those present how he knew its age. He took the little guy outside and put it under a special light and lifted the birds wings. Under the wings it had a pink color which older birds don't have.

## Lake Erie Islands Audubon Christmas Bird Count - By Lisa Brohl

The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count was held on the Lake Erie Islands on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The day was unusually warm with a little drizzle in the morning but the sun came out occasionally making for mild winter weather. With the open water and unfrozen marshes on the mainland, there were few waterfowl compared to past years. It was a relatively quiet day in the woods and feeders as well with pockets of bird activity when the sun came out.

The South Bass count started with a great horned owl on a telephone pole at the entrance to the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. It was a good owl day with another seen at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail and eastern screech owls heard on Mitchell Rd. at dark. The tufted titmouse showed up at Kit Knaser's feeder on Saturday and was included as part of our official count as a count week bird. It has also been making appearances at Barb Chrysler's feeder this winter. An area where woods, fields, wetland, and vineyards converge at Heineman's vineyards was our best spot of the day with white-throated and song sparrows, a few red-winged blackbirds and a common grackle as well as a variety of other birds. We did count quite a few woodpeckers including one yellow-bellied sapsucker and lots of red-breasted nuthatches in addition to the usual white-breasted nuthatches. The woodpeckers and yellow rumped warblers were enjoying the poison ivy berries at numerous locations. Poison ivy is not always a bad thing!

We had 10 red-tailed hawks between the counters and feeder watchers on South Bass. Bald Eagles made their appearance on the east side and in the cottonwood in front of Miller marina where they are frequently seen. Ruth Scarpelli reported the only three tundra swans that flew over her home-usually we have many more off east point this time of year. The belted kingfisher was still at the pond and one ring-necked duck was found in addition to the usual bufflehead, scaup, and goldeneye although in lower numbers than usual. A total of 47 species were tallied for the day with Canada Goose being the most numerous at 242.

On South Bass Island, Lisa Brohl, Elizabeth Heineman, Susan Harrington, Paula Ziebarth, Sandy Funtal and Brian

Hovey monitored the shoreline by car and the woods on foot with some added help from Jessie Greene, Julene Market, and Todd Navarre. Fifteen people watched their feeders for at least a portion of the day: Pam Stephens, Walt Duff, Jean Hilt, Ruth Scarpelli, Carmen Trisler, Susan Harrington, Kit Knaser, Sandy and Brian Hovey, Gene and Pam Zajac, Russ Brohl, Rudy and Linda Rence, John Ladd, Michelle Heineman, Sue Amrine, Bob Glauser, Jessie Greene and Aaron Hill, Paul Ladd and Gay Pippert. Thanks to island property owners who allowed us access and to Linda Rence for a great breakfast strata to help feed hungry birders at lunch.

On Middle Bass Island, Nancy Welter and Gerald Shanley surveyed the island. They tallied 30 species with mallards being the most numerous bird counted at 48. They recorded the only horned grebes on the Bass Islands. A great horned owl right in a tree by Nancy's house in the evening was the best bird of the day!

On Kelleys Island, John and Shaun Pogacnik, Tom and Paula Bartlett, Sandi Tkach, Jim Smallwood, Chris Ashley and Tyler McClain and other feeder watchers tallied 59 species with the most numerous bird being bufflehead at 455. Best birds were long-eared owl (heard by Tom and Paula), 8 saw-whet owls, 4 yellow-bellied sapsuckers and a count week western palm warbler.

Counters were also busy on Pelee Island that day. Totals for there and the entire Lake Erie Islands Count Circle will be available soon on the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy website at [www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org](http://www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org).

Thanks to John Pogacnik for his work as the Lake Erie Count Circle Compiler and to Tom Bartlett for helping us organize.

Thanks for everyone's help with the count. It is great to participate in such a great citizen science effort! It is always lots of fun to be outside all day enjoying the beauty and quiet of the islands in winter!

## PIBIO - By Peter Huston PACE, not too good to be true

Imagine if you just happened to attend a Lake Erie Shores and Islands Lodging Partner meeting and some guy gets up to talk and explains that he wants to hand you a quarter of a million dollars? \$250K! Obviously the guy is in concussion protocol or is about to explain how he got rich taking out small ads in newspapers across America. You think, "I have seen this infomercial!"

This fellow's name is Jerry Arkebauer and he is with the Erie County Port Authority. I am guessing that since they don't have an airport in Erie County anymore, he was bored and accidentally discovered this great "ponzi" scheme to help keep him busy.

But not only is it real, but he can help you to increase the value of your property, make it more energy efficient and get 100% financing, too. I'm listening to all this in amazement and was certain that it was a pyramid scam or shell game.

But darn if there isn't really in a program called PACE that could be an amazing opportunity for you or your business. It is known as Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, and I am not making this up. We could set up this program in Put-in-Bay. Here is the website <https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/property-assessed-clean-energy-programs>.

Turns out that you can get project costs covered for large clean energy improvements. The program is not for everyone and starts at \$250K and goes even larger. Instead of getting a commercial bank loan, this program can be 100% included in a special property tax assessment.

What is a special property tax assessment? It is like a loan, but does not go on your credit report. If you sell your property, it is not part of the total listed cost, nor does it need to be paid off to complete the sale. It is a regular tax assessment that is on your tax bill.

At the Lake Erie Shores and Islands Lodging Partners meeting Jerry Arkebauer, Executive Director of the Erie County Port Authority, explained that both Erie and Ottawa County businesses (and individuals) could participate in this program.

Who is eligible? Turns out that developers, commercial property owners, small business owners, non-profits, even governmental entities all can get in on the program.

What is covered? Energy Efficient Improvements like new heating and air conditioning, roofs, building insulation, energy efficient windows, solar and geothermal projects, upgraded lighting, even energy management systems.

PACE Program Benefits include: reduced energy costs, competitive fixed rate financing, and no mortgage is required. The PACE loan is not considered debt on the borrowers financial statement, and property owners may be able to pass part or all costs to tenants.

The process starts with getting the village zoning board to create an EISD "Energy Improvement Special District". The Erie County Port Authority is willing and ready to assist in this process. Once the EISD is created it takes 30-90 days for a business owner to apply.

Want to know more? Call Jerry Arkebauer yourself at 419-480-9656 or email him at [jarkebauer@gmail.com](mailto:jarkebauer@gmail.com) and lets see what happens.



PETER HUSTON



ABOVE: Andy Christensen (right) of the Reel Bar presents a check for \$500 to Paula (left) and John Ladd (center) of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy from their bar chair challenge. Thanks to the Reel Bar for their support!

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# Do Rabbits Get Poison Ivy?

By Gordy Barr

Twelve billion years ago, a giant star exploded. Stuff was flung everywhere. Among the ruin of debris, a molten chunk began to cool as it spun and took on a circular shape.

(1) The Earth was formed!  
Meadow Lark Lemon would later use this same technique to spin a basketball on his index finger when the Harlem Globetrotters played the hapless Washington Generals.

(2) Some might argue that God (substitute your choice of higher being if Christianity is not to your liking) created the earth (and stocked it with interesting creatures) in seven days. Clearly a land speed record!

However, in earth's geologic record, humanity does not even warrant a footnote. We have been here a short time. Simply put, we are important to ourselves but as far as the universe is concerned we don't count for anything.

I am sorry to draw your attention to this fact. Our sun is minor. We evolved from primordial slime (in a leisurely paced 2 billion years). Earth is actually a big slowpoke in the cosmic order!

However, a noted physicist (3) made his life's work the study of "God Time" as it relates to "man time". The out-

come was that a day for man was a billion years for God. So in the wake of this revelation it is Thursday in "God Time" (and the weekend is just around the corner!).

Good news. God still has two days to polish us up and finish those tricky Fjords in Norway (4).

In the face of Nihilism (5) and life's search for meaning, one question remains: do rabbits get poison ivy?

Actually, that is not the question. But the answer is the islands in the Western Basin of Lake Erie.

Our islands represent all that is important about man. In geologic time, Lake Erie is important and actually would qualify as a foot note (6).

"All the world is not a stage" but the Western Basin of Lake Erie is about as close as it comes. It hosted a war (7), hotel fires, love, loud drunken shouting, dreams of wealth, earned wealth, inherited wealth, broken hearts, car accidents, boating accidents, airplane crashes, alcoholism, ice fishing, spiritual salvation, and, of course, wine.

Water defines Lake Erie and it defines humans. Without water we would not exist (in our current form anyway as we are not sand particles with intellect).

Geologic time, the world stage, Lake Erie, The Bass Islands, the Harlem Globetrotters water bucket trick, and Sweet Georgia Brown (8)- these things define that which is human. We may become a footnote in the geologic record yet!

Searching for the meaning of life is like hunting beach glass. If you don't look for it, you will never find it. Meaning is in the water, rocks, and that gleam in your child's eye.... Faith is how the puzzle fits together.

### Notes on the story:

1) The Earth, as it was called earth by many of its inhabitants, was formed around 4.56 billion years ago.

2) Over the 16,000 games played, the Washington Generals only beat the Harlem Globetrotters twice (1954 and 1958).

3) The "God Time" physicist is not real and is a complete fabrication invented by the author to support a very thin history of Earth.

4) God broke up Pangaea because seven continents is far more interesting than one giant continent (he got bored).

5) Nihilism is the rejection of all religious and moral principles, often in the belief that life is meaningless. Sigh.

6) Humans may not be a footnote in geologic time but I believe we at least qualify as the Earth's Harlem Globetrotters water bucket trick.

The water bucket trick: Two globetrotters get into a tiff. Meadow Lark Lemon throws a tiny Dixie cup of water into "Big Easy's" face. Big Easy responds by picking up a full water bucket and chasing Meadow Lark Lemon around the gymnasium. Big Easy corners him in the packed stands. Meadow Lark ducks as Big Easy throws the bucket of water. The crowd gasps! It turns out the bucket is filled with paper confetti (not water). Roaring laughter from the crowd!

7) The western Basin actually hosted a battle not a complete war (it took part in a war). The Battle of Lake Erie was won by Oliver Hazard Perry and the Lake Erie Fleet



ABOVE: Taking part in Wreaths Across America and laying wreaths on the grave of veterans at Maple Leaf Cemetery on South Bass Island are (left to right) Val Chervenak, Walt Duff, Mary Myers, Steve Cooks, Jeannette Luecke, Marty Faris, Jill Cooks and Kelly Faris.



ABOVE: While laying wreaths for Wreaths Across America in Maple Leaf Cemetery, John Ladd stopped by the graves of his grandparents, Mary and Walter Ladd.



ABOVE: The staff at Tipper's toasted the end of the season after closing for the winter. Left to right are Josefina and Jose Mauricio Baca, Patty Bauer, Ivana Nikolova, Sandy Funtal and Darin Eley.



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on September 10th, 1813. The United States also won the reenactment staged on September 2nd, 2013 by out grossing British (well, Canadians) forces by a margin of 10 to 1 in tourism dollars.

8) Sweet Georgia Brown is a jazz standard composed by Ben Bernie and Maceo Pinkard. It was a number one hit for Bernie and his Hotel Roosevelt Orchestra.

### Editor's Note:

The Put-in-Bay Gazette may or may not agree with what its columnists expound on in their writings. The goal of the Put-in-Bay Gazette is to expand wisdom from whatever mind set, warped, murky, befuddled or normal, which might be presented in hopes that its readers will have a better understanding of the Lake Erie Islands and those you live here.

## Former PIB officer going to trial

Former Put-in-Bay police Officer El'Shawn Williams, who was indicted for allegedly assaulting a handcuffed suspect and falsifying his reports to cover it up, last year will go to trial in early May in District Court.

Williams was involved in the arrest of Keith Blumensaadt a few weeks earlier. Blumensaadt's attorney has questioned whether Williams can be a credible witness in against their client. In the meantime prosecutors in the Williams case are not forthcoming with documents needed to defend Blumensaadt and he remains behind bars.



ABOVE: Ed Gudenas from St. Hazard's on Middle Bass read his Put-in-Bay Gazette in Tulum, Mexico, near the Mayan ruins. Ed says he found lots of ideas for St. Hazard's. If you travel, please take a Gazette with you and have your photo taken. Email the photo and a blurb about where it was taken to [pibgazette@frontier.com](mailto:pibgazette@frontier.com).

## Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center building donations still needed

We have made great progress toward raising the \$60,000 for the Matching Funds Grant for the Building Addition at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center with close to \$40,000 raised so far. Since we are getting so close, we still have time to accept donations in the new year toward this match; the deadline has been extended to January 31, 2019. Please send in your donations by mail to LEINWC, P. O. Box 871, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456, with building addition on the memo line or call Kit Knaser at 419-341-1936 for information on purchasing a square meter or sponsoring an animal. You can also visit our website [www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com), and use the paypal button to make a quick donation. We really appreciate all the of the donations and words of encouragement that so many of you have given us and hope to move forward with the addition soon.

## Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

### VFW POTLUCKS

VFW Potlucks started on December 9. There is a new face behind the bar, Erica Pogalies Poston, and we bid a sad goodbye to Patti Fresch who brought some new faces into the VFW (particularly in the winter!). The Kelleys Island BOARD OF EDUCATION announced that they will not collect eight mills of real estate taxes for 2019. This results in a savings to Island property owners of about \$627,160. This is the 19th consecutive year property owners have realized a savings. The KELLEYS ISLAND FERRY BOAT LINE said thanks to Islanders with a free trip the second week of December. This is a much looked for treat for us; a bonus day where we can take the time shop and to sit down for lunch. It is always disorienting to see people from the Island in the stores.

Christmas on the Island is celebrated in many ways. The holidays begin, with the help of so many volunteers, with the decorating of the downtown park. There are wreaths, lights, more lights, and this year there are more candy canes than you can count. The official lighting came the day after Thanksgiving. Santa arrived in a fire truck and had a sit down chat with every child present (and probably some of the adults too). The park has a real wow-factor at night and is worth driving by. The next official Christmas event was the CHRISTMAS POT LUCK at historic Kelley's Hall. A feast to behold and devour, followed by Santa visiting with all the children. There were carols, jolly good cheer and loads of fun.

### NEW CABLE & ANTENNA PROJECT

Work on the ANTENNA PROJECT at the Transfer Station is moving forward quickly. You can easily see the tower from the West Bay as it grows every day. They brought over a really big crane to continue work on the upper regions of the tower. The new Hancock Wood ELECTRIC CABLE PROJECT is complete as the cable got connected and the power transferred back, shared by both cables on December 19.

### COUNCIL NEWS

LEGAL - Dick Grubbe and Mike Kaufman talked about Mayor's Court and litigation. The Village was complimented on its clean handling of cases, that everyone is on the same page, and the court cases run like clockwork. EMS reports that pediatric trauma training has been successfully completed. The SAFETY COMMITTEE announced

it received two \$5000 donations towards the purchase or lease of a vehicle and Council approved the lease of a 2019 Ford F-150 for the Police Dept. The POLICE DEPT issued two tickets (stop sign and speeding), issued 5 warnings for speeding, and has started HOUSE CHECKS. BUDGET ISSUES surfaced again, however, several ordinances dealing with the budget were not approved as emergencies, and stood as a first reading (Village solicitor, zoning inspector, new base pay salary range for full and part-time permanent employees, and an ordinance combining the duties of the Clerk/Treasurer into an appointed office known as the Village Fiscal Officer). Access to the lake by residents of Lincoln Rd. has been resolved. The GO-LIAS HOUSE issue is finally decided as Council approved offering the property for sale. There is still tension between Council members as the line between an official's actions and those taken as a private citizen becomes blurred. Criticisms flew over sending letters regarding a court case and to by-passing the chain of command when seeking a clarification. Recently the tension has spilled over onto Facebook. Catch up on the minutes at [www.KelleysIsland.us](http://www.KelleysIsland.us).



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ABOVE: We think we spotted the PIBHS Class of 1973 member up on stage at this year's Christmas Holiday Buffet. But then we could be mistaken. That guy was fat, had white hair and a white beard, plus had a red and white suit and hat.

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## Thank you, Christie!

We are sad to report that Christie Ontko, the author of the "Island Girl" column for the last eight years in the Gazette, has let us know she will no longer be writing for the paper.

Over the years she has written about her business, her experiences, her youth, her family her jobs, her ideas, etc., and given us a unique look at the life of an island women from childhood to adulthood.

We know our readers will miss her, but the good news she has a goal of putting together a book with a compilation of her writings.

Thank you, Christie. You have become an island icon! Keep it up!



ABOVE: Behind the scenes working in the kitchen at the Town Hall the day of the Christmas Holiday Buffet were (left to right) Doug Wilhelm, Dan Skoufos, Tom Thanasiu, Woody Widmar and JR Domer.

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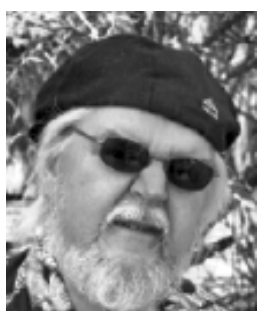
## The New Year

By McKenna Stacy

The New Year is a perfect time to start off to a fresh start. Most people don't make any New Year goals and most people that do don't follow through with them. Your goal could be to go on a walk every day, eat healthier, or to save up money to buy something. Your New Year goal could be anything. The year of 2019 is time to start making changes. A few months ago I got my long hair cut to shoulder length. That was tough for me because of how long it has been since my hair was that short. This was indeed a good decision though. My hair is not hard to handle anymore, and it isn't fluffy all of the time. Anyway making changes can be good. My new year goal is to write a short novel. I have worked on several novels, but after a while I can't think of what should come next. My stories always take a turn that I never thought they would take. I hope that by the end of 2019 to have a good novel. I don't think that I will ever share any of my writing because I don't have the confidence to share it. It's good to have something to look back on knowing that I wrote it. I hope to complete this goal, although I think that I will only finish half of a novel. To come up with New Year resolutions or goals just think of something that you would like to accomplish within a year. Even if it seems tough just put your mind to it and focus on that task. I hope that all of you can accomplish your goal for 2019, and I hope I accomplish mine as well. Have a great new year and enjoy 2019 because it will be over before you know it.

### Island Trivia:

When the five bronze doors on Perry's Monument, four at ground level and one double door on top, were restored in 2017, the cost was \$171,000 according to a news release.



### Lower the Bar by Woody Widmar

I can't believe it's over Another year's gone by I guess it's true as we get older Time does really fly

Resolutions that were made About a year ago Have melted and evaporated With last winter's snow

We start with great intentions And give them the ol' college try But after a month we realize We set the bar too high

This year be more realistic Be more where you are We can make it through the year If we only lower the bar

**Happy Birthday, Betty**

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