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Above: Max Schneider

Right: Lauren Peter

Above: Matthew Stacy

Left: Jack Booker

Rumor Control - You can stop this one now!

For several months now, we've been hearing the rumor that the Put-in-Bay Gazette is being sold to Mark Mathys from the Put-in-Bay Gazette. This past month, we heard the rumor from several different people. We decided to call him and find out if this is true seeing as how we, the owners and editors, know nothing about him buying the island's premier newspaper.

When we called him and told him, his answer was simple, "That's a good one, That's news to me."

We immediately went to one of the FACT CHECK web sites on the internet to see if this rumor was true. Nothing came up anywhere concerning this matter. That was a big waste of our time.

So, with neither of us knowing about the sale or a planned sale, we have determined without reservation that this rumor is TOTALLY FALSE.

There may be some confusion with so many web sites out there. We have a Put-in-Bay Gazette web site which is www.putinbay.news (where readers can subscribe online), and Mark has a web site www.visitputinbay.org which features Put-in-Bay News from a variety of sources.

Ever since we started publishing the Put-in-Bay Gazette we have allowed anyone who would like to re-publish what's in the paper to do so. This includes in print or on the web. We like to spread the good news about Put-in-Bay and the islands. With that policy in mind, Mark has reprinted many of the Gazette's news articles on his web site which he uses to promote the island and his businesses. If you, too, would like to reprint, share or republish items from the Gazette, feel free to do so, but please call us and let us know so we have no surprises.

So everyone, we have been making some long-overdue changes, but please be assured that when the Put-in-Bay Gazette is sold, there will be an official announcement on the front page.

Music Festival Volunteers Needed

If you can volunteer for a 4-hour shift (either 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.) at the Put-in-Bay Music Festival on Saturday, June 8th, your help is needed. Volunteers will get 2 drink tickets, plus a $10 food voucher. Please contact the museum at (419) 285-2804. Thank you!

June is filled with island events!

There are plenty of things to keep you and your family busy on the island in June. Among the most popular are the following:

Put-in-Bay Music Festival

On Saturday, June 8th from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Put-in-Bay Music Festival will take place on the grass lawn across from the Dairy Isle. There will be six bands, food and drink available and more. See the article on page 29-B5 of this issue for complete information.

Pooch Parade

The Island Pooch Parade will be held Saturday, June 15th, in DeRivera Park. Dogs of all kinds and sizes are encouraged to participate.

Registration for this amusing, fun event will open in the Gazebo at 9:30 a.m., followed by the children led traditional doggie stroll around the Park at 10:30. Judging will immediately follow the parade.

This is always an enjoyable and entertaining event for the entire island and particularly the children.

Cats are NOT invited.

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Founder's Day

The annual Founders Day Celebration at Put-in-Bay will be held in the center of the village at DeRivera Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th. This free, family-focused island event, is hosted by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, and celebrates the founding of Put-in-Bay by Hispanic merchant Jose DeRivera. Founder's Day will feature live entertainment, playing popular tunes in a fair-type atmosphere. Children's games will be available from noon to 2 p.m. There will also be local crafters and jewelry makers selling their wares. Pick up a vintage Put-in-Bay souvenir, handcrafted items, tee-shirts, jewelry and more.

Island Artisans Fair

Local artists will gather at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Thursday, June 20th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sell art, crafts, beauty products and more.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Christie Ontko at freshwatersensations@yahoo.com.

Pyrate Festival

The 11th Annual Pyrate Festival will take place from June 21st to 23rd in the downtown park. Scallywags, Pirates, Buccaneers, Mermaids, Corsairs, Wenches, and all common folk are invited to this fun-filled event.

Put-in-Bay's annual Pyrate Fest sees the return of the Pyrate King to find his stolen treasure. Fun for the whole family with costume contests for kids and adults, cardboard boat races, watch Pyrates invade the Put-in-Bay Harbor, a 5K Run, a Pyrate Village, Faire Winds Circus, historic displays, re-enactors and so much more!

Don't forget to dress like a Pyrate and Save $1 OFF your round trip passenger fare for Put-in-Bay, any time during Pyrate Fest.

Perry's Monument Sunset Tour

Perry's Monument Sunset Tour will take place on Friday, June 21st, from 8 to 9:30 p.m., the day of the Summer Solstice. The evening Summer Solstice Ticket includes a trip to the Observation Deck to experience the longest day of the year. There is a $20 fee for adults and a $10 fee for kids (5-15) for the evening program and tickets can be purchased through the NPS Fee Portal site, recreation.gov, until 48 hours prior to the event. All tickets must then be purchased at the Ticket Desk in the column the night of the event.

Pyrate 5K Run

The Pyrate Run 5K to benefit Stein Hospice will be held at DeRivera Park on Bayview Ave. on June 23rd. The cost is $20 in addvance or $25 day of the race. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Reel Bar, 461 Catawba Avenue, with the race beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Registration Package: $35 includes race, round trip passenger fare aboard Miller Ferry, and bus transportation (available only until June 10).

Register by mail: 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 or www.steinhospice.org

Awards will be held at the Reel Bar for:

- Top Overall Male & Female Runners
- Top Overall Male & Female Walkers
- Age Group Running Awards (under 13, 14-19, 20-19, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+)

Other June Events

There are lots of other June events on the island. Other event articles are in this edition of the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

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ABOVE: Andy Shuttleworth (left) was the first to tandem parachute jump over the island with 19,000+ jump veteran JR Piosek. Andy looks like he's having second thoughts as he gets prepared for the jump.

RIGHT: Put-in-Bay's electrician Scott Pugh with his daughter Madeline Pugh (PIBHS Class of 2014) the day she made island history jumping tandem from 10,000 feet and landing at Put-in-Bay. Not only was she the first woman to do it, but she was also the first Put-in-Bay High School graduate to do it. A few days later, Ryan "Doc" Daugherty from the Bird's Nest Resort and Patty Bauer from Tipper's jumped. At the end of the month Elizabeth McCann (PIBHS Class of 2011) took the plunge. We'd like to know what's going on here with all these single island women jumping just for fun.

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for last-minute date changes and exact show times.
June 14, 15 & 16* *Fri, 7-10, Sat,2-4 & 8-11 & Sun. 1-4
July 8, 9, 10 & 11 & 29, 30 & 31
August 1, 12, 13, 14 & 15
September 6, 7 & 8 & 21
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Sat,1: Old Firehouse Winery 4:30 PM
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Islanders first to sky dive!

May was an exciting month for several thrill-seeking and brave islanders. They were the first to take to the sky with pilot Dustin Shaffer, owner of Island Air Service, and then tandem parachute jump to the lawn just south of the Put-in-Bay Airport terminal.

The first skydiver was Andy Shuttleworth, bartender at the Round House. A group of onlookers watched from the ground as a speck came out of the sky. The descent seemed surprisingly slow, but the final seconds coming down seemed to speed up just before touching ground.

The next person to take to the air was Aaron "Vern" Schroeder the owner of East Point Construction here on the island.

And then history was made when Madeline Pugh (PIBHS Class of 2014) took to sky and made the first female tandem jump. Madeline must have been saving her money from her ongoing yard sale to pay for the excitement.

The cost to make a tandem jump from 10,000 feet above the island is $300 with hand cam video included at this time.

Chief Tandem Instructor, JR Piosek, has 20+ years experience and over 19,000 jumps. Pilot Dustin Shaffer has 20+ years experience flying aircraft and has been flying these islands for eight years. He operates Island Air Taxi, an island based air service providing winter flights to the island, air charters to larger cities, and scenic tours in the summer.

Call Skydive Put-in-Bay at (419) 573-2960 to book an experience you won't forget in this lifetime!!!

Island Calendar June 2019

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

- ❑ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ❑ First National Bank Open • Mons, Weds & Fri - 9:30a-3:30p
- ❑ LIBRARY SCHEDULE • SEE THIS PAGE
- ❑ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 20
- ❑ PIBYC SCHEDULE SEE THIS PAGE
- ❑ RESALE SHOP OPEN DAILY - 11a to 5p
- ❑ LEIML Softball Games • Sun, Mon & Wed - 6:15p & 7p • Ball Diamond
- ❑ LEIML Softball First Pitch • Jun 2 - 6p • Ball Diamond
- ❑ Island Employee Soup Supper • Jun 4 & 5 - 6to7:30p • St Paul's
- ❑ Social Media Training • Jun 6 - 9:30 to 5p • PIB Town Hall
- ❑ Phlocking of the Phaithful • Jun 6 thru 9
- ❑ Mills Trophy Race • Jun 7 & 8
- ❑ 15th Annual SBI Kayak Rendezvous • Jun 7, 8 & 9 Guest Speaker / Jun 7 @ 8p State Park
- ❑ 3rd Annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival • Jun 8 11a to 7p • On lawn across from Dairy Isle
- ❑ The Amazing Island Raise • Jun 8
- ❑ Bob Adamov's Coconut Commando Party • Jun 9 - 12 t0 3p • Hemingways at the Keys
- ❑ Swim/Sail Classes Begin • Jun 10
- ❑ 11th Annual Drag Show • Jun 10 • Round House
- ❑ Will's Day at the Bay • Jun 12
- ❑ In Memory of Louis Heineman • Jun 12 - 1 to 4p • Heineman Winery
- ❑ BINGO Begins • Jun 12 Weds thru Mid-Aug • 8p • TH
- ❑ 104th Anniversary of Perry's Monument Opening • Jun 13 • Perry Monument
- ❑ PIB Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner • June 14 - 5to8p • PIBYC
- ❑ Live Polka Entertainment • Jun 15, 22 & 29 - 1 to 6p • Goat Biergarten
- ❑ Musket & Carronade Weekend • Jun 15 & 16 • Monument
- ❑ Pooch Parade • Jun 15 - Registration 9:30a/Parade 10a • De Rivera Park
- ❑ Founder's Day • Jun 15 - 11a to 4p • De Rivera Park
- ❑ Maritime Exposition • Jun 15 - 11a to 4p • Monument
- ❑ Museum Opening Party • Jun 15 - 4 to 7p • Museum
- ❑ TIPS Training Sessions • Jun 17 &18 - 8:30 to 11:30a • Niagara Event Center
- ❑ Wire & Wine Jewelry Making Class • Jun 17 - 2to4p • Lola's at The Keys
- ❑ Wild Tuesday ~ Geology • Jun 18- 1to3p • Nature Center
- ❑ Ice Cream Social • Jun 18 - 6 to 8p • Dairy Isle
- ❑ Gibraltar Island Tours • Jun 20 & 27
- ❑ Island Artisans Fair • Jun 20 - 9a to 2p • Town Hall
- ❑ Summer Solstice Sunset Tour• Jun 21- 8:30 to 10p • Monument
- ❑ Pyrate Fest • June 22 & 23rd • Downtown Park
- ❑ Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run • Jun 23
- ❑ Pyrate 5K Run/Walk • Jun 23- 9:30a • DeRivera Park
- ❑ Blessing of the KI Fleet • Jun 23- 12 to 3p • Kelleys Island
- ❑ Jessie's Art Studio Opening • Jun 24 - 7 to 9p • 126 Sybil Blvd
- ❑ Arts on Erie• Jun 24 thru 27 • Monument
- ❑ Middle Bass Nature Camp • June 24 - 27
- ❑ Wild Tuesday ~ Birds • June 25 - 1to3p • Nature Center
- ❑ Nature Scavenger Hunt • June 28 - 11a • Massie Nature Preserve on East Point
- ❑ Wine, Paint & Book Signing of "Don't Box Me In" by Kate Ptak • Jun 30 - 3 to 6p • Nature Center • All ages welcome

JUNE MEETING SCHEDULE

- ❑ PIB Village Mayor's Court • Thursdays - 9a • TH
- ❑ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • Jun 3 • Fire Station
- ❑ Village Council Mtg • Jun 5 - 9a • TH
- ❑ PIB Village Planning Com • Jun 5 - 11a • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • Jun 6 - 4p • Twp Hall
- ❑ PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Jun 10 - 1p • Brewery
- ❑ DeRivera Park Trustees • Jun 10 - 5p • Town Hall
- ❑ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Jun 11 - 9:45a • TH
- ❑ Park District Meeting • Jun 11 - 10a • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Jun 11 - 7p • Mid Bass Is TH
- ❑ LEI Chapter Blackswamp Conservancy • Jun 11 - 7p • TH
- ❑ Village Council • Jun 12 - 9a • TH
- ❑ Bd of Education • Jun 12 - 12:10p • School
- ❑ Garden Club Mtg & Plant Exchange • Jun 13 - 4:30p • PIBYC
- ❑ PIB Property Owners Assoc Mtg • Jun 15 - 10a • Sr Cen
- ❑ PIB Twp Port Authority • Jun 17 - 5p • MBI TH
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Jun 18 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Legion • Jun 20 - 11:45a • Sr Center

JUNE CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
- ❑ PIB Mass • Sats 5:30p & Suns 10:30a
- ❑ Middle Bass Mass • Suns - 8:30a • MBI TH
- ❑ 45th Anniversary of Deacon Mike • Jun 1
- ❑ PIB Mass • Wed, Jun 19 Thurs, Jun 20 - Noon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- ❑ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 7:45a thru mid-Sept
- ❑ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a • Followed by Coffee Hour
- ❑ Stillpoint Worship •Thurs - 5:30p thru Sept
- ❑ Middle Bass Eucharist • Jun 2 & 4 - 12:30p • MBI TH

Church of Middle Bass
- ❑ Services • Sundays - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall

St. John @ the Bay
- ❑ Services • Sundays - 6:30p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN JULY

- ❑ Patriots Band Concert • Jul 4 - 6 to 7:30p • Monument
- ❑ Fireworks • Jul 4 - Dusk • PIB Harbor
- ❑ Middle Bass Music Festival • Jul 13 - 12 to 7p • Lonz Pavilion
- ❑ Junior Bay Week • Jul 14 - 18
- ❑ Put-in-Bay Jeep Invasion • Jul 20

SUMMER RECYCLING HOURS

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

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

- ❑ 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, Wed & Fri 10a - 4p • Tues & Thurs 1 - 7p Sat 10a - Noon / Closed Sundays

It's happening at the Erie Islands Library in June!

Soap Making

Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own soap? Join Christie Ontko at her Freshwater Retreat and she will teach you how to make beautiful soap for gifts or for yourself to enjoy! Adults only for this class.

Words & Wine Book Club

Thursday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m.

We will be meeting at the Put-in-Bay Winery, so grab your favorite book and a friend for an enjoyable discussion on books that others have read. It's a great way to find new books to read for the summer and a glass of wine makes for a relaxing evening.

Beach Glass Art

Wednesday, June 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Kerry Burris will be on hand to teach a class on how to make beautiful pictures with beach glass. Supplies will be provided. Come spend the afternoon and show off your artistic talent!

Movie & Popcorn Night

Thursday, June 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone's favorite movie, E.T., will be shown this evening. Popcorn and beverage will be served to those attending. Come for a fun night out with the family!

Mr. Puppet

Friday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m

Bring the kids to see Mr. Puppet perform. It's sure to be an entertaining time for kids and adults.

Moon Exploration

Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

NASA Ambassador Gene Zajac will be presenting a Moon Exploration at the Senior Center. Teens and Adults are welcome.

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 1 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays - 10 a.m. to Noon

PUT-IN-BAY YACHT CLUB

JUNE ACTIVITIES

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - Weekday Adult Sailing Series - 1pm
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - Wave Sailing Series - 10am
4th - Swim/Sail Instructor Orientation
7th, 8th, & 9th - Mills Trophy Race
8th - Mills Trophy Party - Noon to 4pm
9th - Mills Race Breakfast - 7:30 to 9:30am
9th - Auxiliary Welcome Ice Cream Social - 7pm
10th - Morning Swim, Endurance Swim & Learn to Sail Classes Start
11th - Bar Summer Hours Start - 5 to 10pm - Open Tues. thru Sun.
13th - Garden Club Meeting - 4:30pm
14th - 16th - Cruise Out Pelee/Leamington
14th - Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner Benefit 5 to 8pm (Public Welcome)
15th - Wave Sailing Clinic - 9am
16th - Adult Sailing Lesson (Free) 10am (Every Sunday)
16th, 23rd & 30th - Bloody Mary Brunch - 10am to 2pm
18th - Auxiliary Luncheon - Noon - "On the Town"
21st - Club Rented - 8am to 5pm
22nd - Auxiliary Luncheon - Noon
25th - Auxiliary Luncheon - Noon - Silver Sails
29th - PIBYC Board Meeting 9am
29th - Martini Night - 6pm

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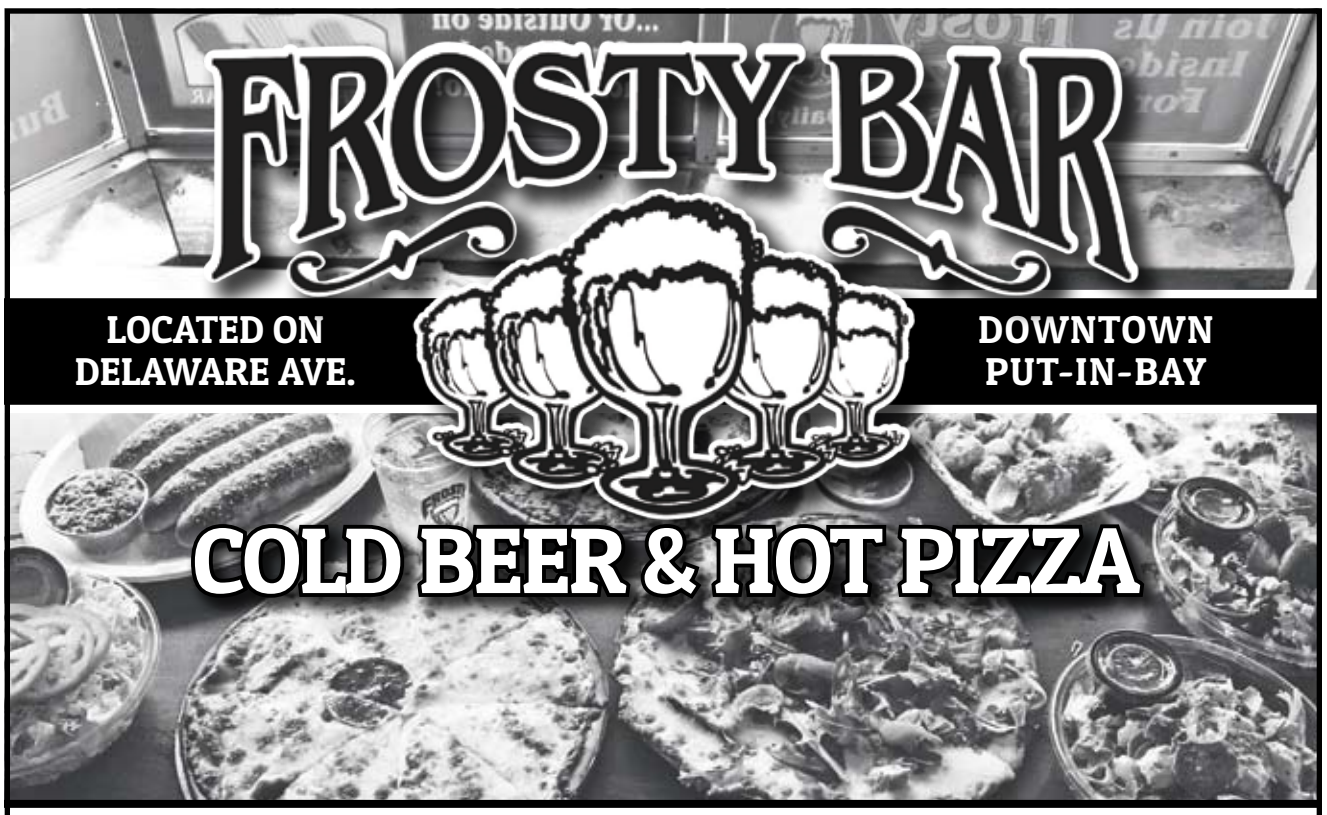
50 Years ago in 1969

Fifty years ago way back in 1969, human leg found on Kelleys Island by a 12-year-old girl. At the time, it could not be identified, but was believed to be from a murder victim in Canada. The limb was tentatively identified as the right thigh of a human being. The thigh was sent to Cuyahoga County for further investigation. We don't know anything more about this. Does anyone out there know the rest of the story?



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8 • MIKE DRUM (PATIO) 2-6P
RUSTY BLADEN 2-6P
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9 • RUSTY BLADEN 2-6P
14 • STEVEN METZ 2-6P
RUSS BAUM 8P-12A
DJ MIKE (PATIO) 9P-CL
15 • PAT SHEPARD 2-6P
STEVEN METZ (PATIO) 2-6P
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16 • STEVEN METZ 2-6P
21 • RUSTY BLADEN 9P-12A
DJ MIKE (PATIO) 9P-CL
22 • MIKE DRUM (PATIO) 2-6P
PAT SHEPARD 2-6P
RUSTY BLADEN 9P-1A
DJ MIKE (PATIO) 9P-C
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RUSTY BLADEN (PATIO) 2-6P
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DJ MIKE 9P-CL
CHIEF DJ (PATIO) 9P-CL
29 • PAT SHEPARD 2-6P
RIA LEE (PATIO) 2-6P
DJ MIKE 9P-CL
CHIEF DJ (PATIO) 9P-CL
30 • RIA LEE 2-6P
MIKE DRUM 7-11P

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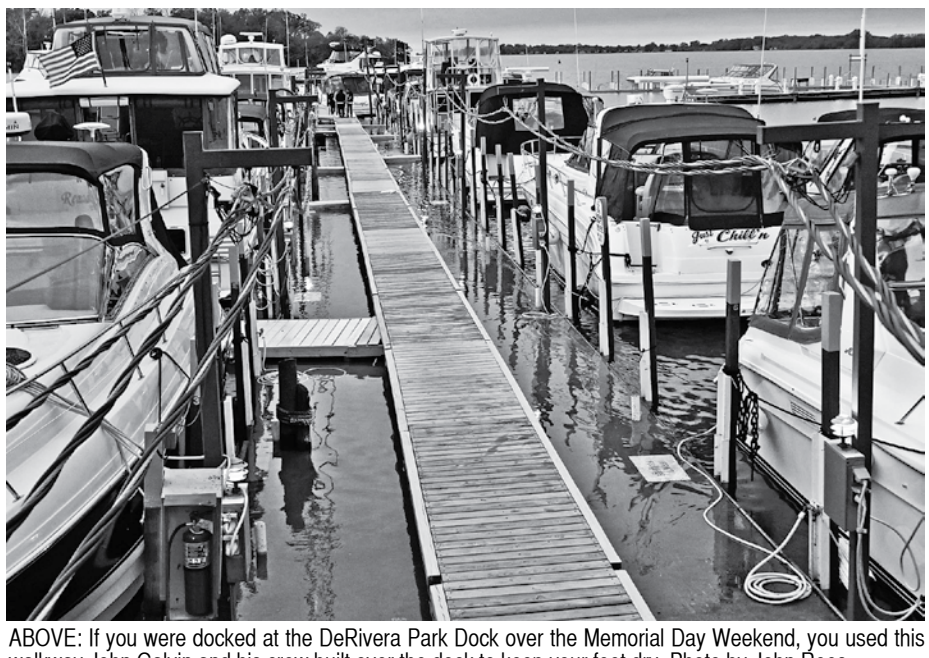

ABOVE: If you were docked at the DeRivera Park Dock over the Memorial Day Weekend, you used this walkway John Galvin and his crew built over the dock to keep your feet dry. Photo by John Rees

Put-in-Bay dodged another bullet on Mother's Day Sunday. A few days before the weather forecast was for several hours of sustained winds over 30 miles an hour out of the northeast. It looked like it would be the worst storm of the spring. Fortunately, the weather forecast got better and better and by Sunday the winds were blowing at only 20 mph or so out of the northeast. The predicted nor'easter had fizzled out.

The water in front of the monument on the road leading to East Point still flooded but it was nowhere near what it could have been. A few days before another nor'easter hit the island, and we noticed a vehicle stranded in the high water on Route 357 by the Monument. It was one of the many cars and trucks that drive through the flooded area each time there is a nor'easter. So far, most of them have made it through safely, but there are the exceptions.

If you were one of the drivers either coming from or going to East Point, you probably had the feeling of wondering if your car or truck would make it through.

If it didn't make it through, you would have had to get out and wade through the water to a high spot. This time of year the water is still very cold, but probably not enough to give you hypothermia as you made your way to high ground.

One young island family actually had their car stall out while trying to get by the Monument and had to get out of their car and wade through the water with their toddler to safety.

A question came up; How much water can a car drive through before it is unsafe? That's a really good question, and thankfully, the Internet was there to provide us with an answer.

On just about every website the maximum safe depth to drive through was about 4 inches before damage could be done to a car.

Drivers really need to know the risks they take for both themselves and for their vehicles, so here are some precautions you might consider…..

1. Take an alternative route

Never drive through deep, flooded roads if you can avoid them. It's better to add an extra few minutes to your journey rather than risk your car's engine and electrics being ruined or stalling out and being stranded.

2. Check the water depth

Unless you're driving a high-riding 4x4, the maximum depth most experts advise you drive a standard car through is four inches. Modern cars are generally water-tight so they can start to float when driven through water that's only 30cm deep.

3. Let oncoming vehicles pass

Wait for oncoming vehicles to get through the flood patch before you head into it, especially if they're large vehicles or are travelling fast because they could soak your vehicle and cause it to break down.

4. Drive the highest point of the road

At the Monument, for example, vehicles have been trying to ride with one wheel up on the sidewalk. That's another reason to wait for oncoming cars to get out of the way before attempting to cross floodwater.

5. Don't drive too fast

Drive through flood water slowly – 3-4mph is an adequate speed. If you drive too fast you not only

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ABOVE: Mike Roe from the Red Cross with CC Wisniewski from Put-in-Bay Yacht Club at the PIB Town Hall while CC was relaxing after giving blood on day in May. The Red Cross hopes to have another blood drive on the island later this season.

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Driving in deep water Continued from page 6

will you create a wave that will splash other road users, you'll also run the risk of your car's tires losing their contact with the road. If this happens, don't brake, just take your foot off the accelerator and keep the steering wheel straight and wait for the grip to return.

6. Don't stop

Although you should drive slowly, it's important not to let the car come to a halt while crossing deep water because that could allow water to get into the exhaust pipe, which can cause costly damage. Keep the engine revs up, too. If you're driving an automatic, select the lowest possible held gear and keep your foot on the accelerator.

7. Dry your car's brakes

Gently press your car's brakes a few times once you're clear of the flood – and in a safe place to do so - to dry them off and ensure they respond efficiently.

What to do if you're stuck in floodwater

If the worst happens, and your car gets stuck in deep water stay inside it and phone for help. Don't get out or open the hood or you could worsen the initial damage. Don't try to restart the engine either as that could suck water into the engine. Help can be called.

Insurance Coverage

If your car is damaged in deep water, you are covered for this peril by your insurance if you have comprehensive coverage after you pay your deductible. Better yet, don't drive through deep water!

ABOVE: Here's the fishing boat from which three men were rescued by three Kentuckians after it was pulled out of the water, put on a boat trailer and on its way back to the mainland on the ferry. Ouch! - Photo by Tom Thanasiu

Three rescued by Kentuckians

Three Kentuckians, Robert Bush, Charlie Banks and Josh Brinker, from Dryridge, about 35 miles south of Cincinnati on I-75 were out fishing on a charter boat off Put-in-Bay north of the Monument mid-afternoon on Monday, May 20th, when they had an experience they will never forget. They rescued three fishermen who ended up in the water when their boat started taking on water and capsized. Apparently, their bilge pump wasn't working.

According to reports, the crew on the M/V Islander, the Miller Boat Line ferry that serves Middle Bass, spotted the fishermen in a small metal boat. They signaled the Kentucky boat that trouble was nearby and must have called the Coast Guard, too.

The wind was stiff and the waves were high, but the three Kentuckians were able to pull the very cold men out of the lake and take them to the Boardwalk. Bush reported that the rescue was exhausting and the scariest thing that had ever happed to him. The rescued men were basically in shock, but after getting back to Put-in-Bay, they were able to take a golf cart and get back to where they were staying on the island.

Interestingly, the Coast Guard showed up after all the men were safe on the island, but official reports read "Coast Guard rescue 3 from capsized boat" and "Boats from Station Marblehead responded, rescued all three occupants and returned them to land."

When the excitement was over, the three Kentuckians headed out to Massie East Point Preserve where they found the capsized boat washing up against the rocks below the cliffs there. At times the waves were splashing higher than where the men were standing as they took photos of the boat in the lake below.

We're sure that the three Kentucky fishermen will be retelling this fishing adventure tale for years to come.

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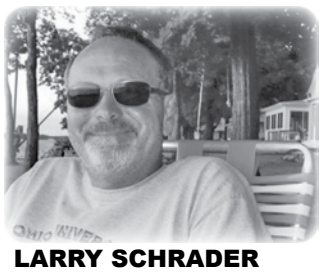
By Larry Schrader

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



LARRY SCHRADER

I looked out at the lake from the screened porch, there she was, sitting out by the water, alone. Her long blond hair swirled in the light breeze as she watched the waves. Was she bored, barely a teenager, stuck on the island with Mom and Dad, or like me, at peace by the lake, caught up in the sights, the sounds? I had just finished unpacking our weekend supplies, tired after a long week at work and the rush through late Friday traffic. I walked out and sat next to her.

"Hi Punkin."

"Hi Dad."

We sat, she talked, I listened. Sometimes the conversation stopped, we watched the boats, the sky, then talked some more. I was lucky, fortunate to have her to myself, away from the interruptions of the mainland. We first came to the cottage when she was just thirteen. Now, she was 14, maybe 15. Soon, high school, then college would take her away. I wondered if she realized how her life would change. I knew our days together, just the two of us on the rocky shore, would one day end.

On Saturday mornings, we would often climb on to our Jet Ski. We liked to bounce across the lake, to just North of Middle Bass, where the water was flat and calm. There we could skip across the smooth lake as fast as we cared to go. When the Summer got hot and sticky, we would jump into the water, bobbing along in the chilly lake until we were cool. On the ride back to the West Shore, we would race through the wake behind the Jet Express, more often than not, landing with an awkward splash that would send us both tumbling into the waves.

Back at the cottage, she would stretch out in the sun, where she was quickly joined by her mother. I would attack a few of my weekend projects before firing up the grill for a late dinner. Together we watched the sunset.

Sunday arrived quickly, already time to pack things up, to rush back to the mainland, an abrupt end to our time together. Back to jobs, her mainland friends, phones and televisions.

A few days ago, "Daddy's Little Girl," Sarah, celebrated her thirty-ninth birthday. She still comes to the cottage, but now, with a tall, thin blond, an almost-teenager, much like that little girl I shared the shore with years ago. And a little boy, a young man that often is accused of being much like Sarah's father. And she brings a husband, my favorite son-in-law, always willing to help me with whatever project is underway, or to just join me by the grill with a cool beer. I'm proud of that little girl by the lake, blessed and lucky to be her Dad. It has been a while since we bounced through the waves on a jet ski, but we still sit by the lake, I fire up the grill for an earlier dinner, and we share another island sunset.

I am glad the little cottage works its magic, it draws her back, to see the lake, the waves, the sunsets … and me.

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ABOVE: Having fun planting the flowers around the park one day last month were (left to right) Bonnie Lukcso, Susan Hildebrandt, Paula Hubner, Barb Hunter, Joan Booker, Laureen Mooney, Cathy Schrader, Mary Myers. Valerie Chornyak, Barb Guskin, Eileen Walker, and Bob Smith. Thanks goes out to all the volunteers who help make the downtown park really beautiful.

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NEW PIZZA COMPANY

The new Fire Engine Pizza Company will be opening in June next to the Fire Engine Bar across from the Reel Bar. The owners say they will have the best prices on the island, islander discounts, great specials and some of the best pizza in the area!

DID YOU FIND A TREASURE?

We hope you found your island treasure on Saturday, May 18th, the day of the Island Wide Garage Sale. A bit of rain in the morning probably didn't help, but by afternoon the sun was out. There were 22 places to stop on the island if you looked at the map of the island the Chamber handed out.

NEW VISITOR LOGS AT PARKS

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy recently had photo posted showing the new visitor logs/surveys going up at our preserves in the islands, thanks to Kristin Parrish and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. Thanks Cameron and Ken Farber, Teddi Morris, Russ Brohl and Richard Gump for help in getting them up!

ABOVE: Put-in-Bay's American Legion Post 542 elected new officers at their May meeting. The officers will be installed at the June meeting. Past commander Dave Frederick (left) will assume the position of Sergeant of Arms. Ed Hubner (right), the current commander, will become past commander. The past commander sits on the executive board. Dan Skoufos (center), who serves as the post service officer, will become the commander for the next year. The trio is seen here at Maple Leaf Cemetery.

INTERESTING TIDBIT

Gary and Becky Kowalski had their oldest and youngest grandsons both graduate this May from Put-in-Bay School .... Matthew Stacey from High School and Beckett Kowalski from kindergarten. Matthew is the son of Gary and Becky's daughter Kristi, and Beckett is the son of their daughter Bobbi.

TICKETS TO KID ROCK AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

We originally heard that the Bash on the Bay Kid Rock Concert on Thursday, August 29th, at the Put-in-Bay Airport, was sold out within hours of tickets going on sale last fall. Well, quite a few must have been bought up by resalers. The tickets on the web start at a mere $100 for standing room as far from the stage as you can get to $1380 for a spot in the "Pit" right up by the stage. There are also tickets for other sections which cost somewhere in between.

NORTH BASS DOCK

Legislators in Columbus recently passed a transportation spending bill that included $500,000 to repair the main dock on the south shore of North Bass Island. The dock is in need of serious repairs and if they were not going to be fixed, Miller Boat Line would not be able to service the island. The dock at North Bass Island must be repaired to allow ferry service to continue. The dock is critical for getting equipment to the island to repair roads and keep the airport running. If the airport shut down, the Put-in-Bay Port Authority would risk having to pay back millions of dollars of federal grant money.

One official said, "If people can't get there by plane or by boat, it's going to cause a real problem."

When the transportation bill reached the Senate floor, it was amended to add $500,000 for the dock repair. State Representative Steve Arndt said keeping the dock project in the final bill was a struggle, but that Governor DeWine intervened.

"The governor put his foot down and said we are going to fund the North Bass dock," Arndt said.

The Division of Parks and Watercraft is creating a master plan for North Bass Island, an expensive piece of property the ODNR purchased to eventually become a state park.

The department also had an interest in the project because they want to be able to have some way to get people to and from North Bass for hiking, exploring and primitive camping there. The ODNR plans on keeping the island as natural as possible.

TRAVELING ISLANDERS

Gwena Market (PIBHS Class of 2018) was recently at Stonehenge in England. Ericson Booker (PIBHS Class of 2017) and his cousin Adam Myers from Peach Point have been busy touring Europe. They sepent some time in Holland and in Berlin, Germany. Julene Market was in France visiting Mont St. Michel and in England in the Boscastle area of Cornwall.

APRIL FOOL EDITION

What do you think? Should the Put-in-Bay April Fool issue continue to be published with April Fool photos and articles throughout the paper, or should they be limited to a certain "Bayzette" section so people definitely know what is truth and what is fiction? If you have an opinion, one way or another, please email it to pibgazette@frontier.com.

HABs FORECAST

The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory and Ohio Sea Grant will host NOAA's annual Lake Erie HABs (Harmful Algal Bloom) Forecast on Thursday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From initial reports, it appears the harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie will be worse this season than last. This is neither the worse or the best ever recorded.

Sign up info for Nature Camp

Join us for our 16th year of fun-filled outdoor adventures at Nature Camp! Each year has a different theme, and all are designed to encourage youth's natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities.

The 2019 Nature Camp Theme for Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay is Reptiles and Amphibians. Do you enjoy searching for snakes, turtles, salamanders, frogs, and toads? Join us as we visit aquatic habitats in search of our amphibian friends, as well as sunny spots where reptiles may be found. We will meet the resident reptiles that call OSU's Stone Laboratory home and learn about their unique adaptations that enable them to survive.

The older campers will go kayaking and campout one night. Environmental Adventure Camp I will campout on Middle Bass or South Bass Island, and Environmental Adventure Camp II will campout on Kelleys Island.

Contact Jackie Taylor for questions: jackieruthtaylor@gmail.com .

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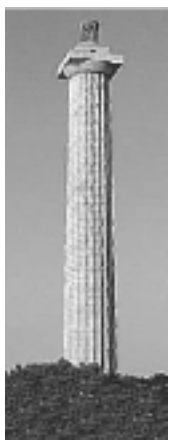

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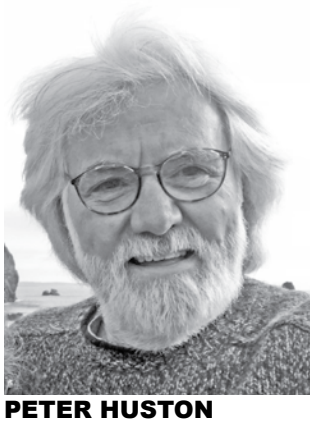
PIBIO - Is it Summer Yet?

By Peter Huston



PETER HUSTON

It has been a dark, dank, cold, wet spring with just a scant few warm sunny days to give us hope. Over the last thirty years our island's "summer season" here in Put-in-Bay has stretched from just three months to nearly five. A multitude of enticingly fun events now stretch from mid April to the end of October.

For us the "shoulder season," as the tourism industry likes to call it, are those transitional months of April, May, September and October. I like to think that this definition from "Urban Dictionary" nails it. "In the north, we call the beginning of spring and fall shoulder season. Northerners say it's shoulder season because you are changing what you have on your shoulders throughout the day. Example: "It's definitely shoulder season, I wore my winter coat to work this morning and by lunch, I was wearing nothing but my T-shirt."

Exactly what happened to us this past May. I was attending Tourism Ohio Day in Columbus on May 8th, and it was a sunny 85 degrees there and a shivering 53 degrees back here. Chilly winds off the lake can really affect our island weather.

ABOVE: This lady obviously couldn't make up her mind about whether you wear your full-length fur coat on or off your shoulders when she walked down Delaware Ave. this spring. She's the perfect example of "shoulder season," which Peter writes about in his article.

This year's spring shoulder season here on South Bass Island has looked more like three layers of warm sweaters, a winter coat and rubber boots. But now we head into June when the better weather is showing up more regularly as we pass through the summer solstice on June 21st which just happens to be the start of the best ever PyrateFest XI (June 21-23rd pyratefest.org) this year.

We love that people from far and wide have still wanted to visit South Bass Island, even on these cold weekends. They braved high winds, heavy rain and temperatures in the mid 40's while relishing a few sunny moments from time to time to experience Put-in-Bay for the first time or perhaps returning again to a place they love and missed.

They wear summer clothes and have a positive outlook as they streak by on a golf cart. And while we don't have 100% of our island open during these early months, we seem to have enough to keep these wishful visitors coming back for more, which is a tribute to our enterprising and welcoming business community.

So I am optimistic about June, projecting nothing put positive thoughts, as I sit here writing this on another 45 degree day. Please stand by for this hopeful forecast: June is going to be full of green trees with birds nesting and bountiful summer flowers in bloom everywhere while music and enticing smells of BBQ waft through the air. And these warm spring days will provide us with a seemingly endless opportunity to wear shorts and T-shirts. So put away your down jackets and turn up the air conditioning.

We are poised and ready to have an amazing June with some great outdoor events here on South Bass, like the Put-in-Bay Music Fest (June 8th), South Bass Island Kayak Rendezvous (June 7-9), Founders Day and the Pooch Parade (June 15th) a visit from the Brig Niagara (June 15-17), PyrateFest XI (June 21-23), Arts on Erie (June 24-27) and much more.

Turn off the TV weather cast and open your window and yell "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take cold weather any more." Then close it really fast before the heat escapes. Seriously, I am hoping that you are putting on sunscreen while sitting on a porch or patio at your favorite Put-in-Bay destination while reading this.

Lets get out the lawn chairs and head to Perry's Victory on June 8th for the 3rd Annual Put-in-Bay Music Fest (in lot across the street from the Dairy Isle) (pibmusicfest.com) and get your island summer vacation started. Bring your swimsuit, and checkout some parasailing, jet skiing and kayaking too. In fact, this summer you can even try your hand at skydiving.

We are ready for the long sunny days and short nights. Happy summer!

Case Closed

I'm writing in response to the "Case Closed!" editorial from May. As a detached observer who read various accounts of Mack McCann's legal troubles in 2018, it's good to see the situation resolved without unnecessary incarceration. It feels like the State of Ohio was involved in a muscle-flexing exercise, and it seems that Ohio's involving heavyweight federal institutions like the FBI and IRS was both unseemly grandstanding and a waste of taxpayer funds. Ohio should have more carefully considered the innate difficulties of conducting business on an island, and, with that in mind, could have resolved the issue far more quickly and painlessly for all concerned. That said, onward and upward for the McCann family and PIB!

- *Matt Amsden*, Columbus, OH

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If you would like to help, there are plenty of opportunities:

• Donate items for the prize drawing (contact Candy Baker 440-708-8176.)

• Attend the Fair to meet and welcome the students

• Most importantly, encourage your employees to attend

Let's show everyone the best of the Bay!

ABOVE: On May 1st at the Camp Perry Clubhouse, Ottawa County Senior Resources inducted six new Senior Hall of Fame recipients at their 2019 "Slumber Party" Senior Day. Among the six was islander Sara Toole who lives on the lake out in Victory Woods. Sara is an active member at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center. The recipients received a plaque commemorating their service to the seniors and citizens of Ottawa County.

ABOVE: The winners of the 2019 Beer'lympics at Hooligans in May were Joe Bodenbender, Cullen Blaney, Cody Porche and Gunnar Auger. Twenty-one 4-person teams participated.

ABOVE: PIB School junior, Morgan Stacy (center front) was presented with the "Nine to Five" award on May 3rd at Mon Ami Restaurant on Catawba. Pictured are (left to right) Morgan's grandmother Becky Kowalski, PIB School Superintendent Steve Poe, Morgan, guidance counselor Margie Warnicke, and Morgan's mother Kristi Stacy.

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Garden Club has downtown park looking beautiful

The new lamp post brackets have been installed, and the new hanging baskets have been filled and hung. Although the May weather has not been terrific, we had beautiful days for planting and hanging of the baskets. And, the Park gardens have had their spring cleaning and face lifts. Thank you to all our great volunteers!!

Many hands make lighter loads. Take a stroll through town and check out the Park.

The June meeting of the Garden Club will be held at the PIB Yacht Club on Thursday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. Our program for this meeting will feature a Plant Exchange. Please bring only healthy plants that are labeled with as much detail as possible. To prevent messy transport, please water plants early that day or even the day before.

This is an excellent way to start a new garden or to enhance an existing one. Please bring only healthy plants that if possible have been in the pots and settled for more than a week (longer is better) so that they look their best.

Be sure to "Like" us on FB @ Put-in-Bay Garden Club and to see upcoming events or changes and photos of past happenings.

And as always, please join us! We welcome new members, visitors and volunteers.

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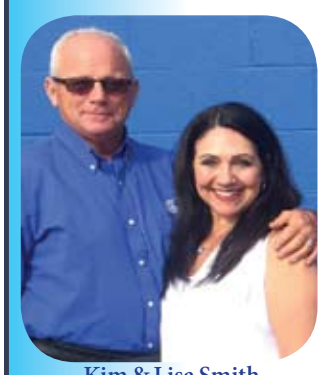

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ABOVE: Honored guests at this year's Put-in-Bay High School Alumni Association's brunch at the Crew's Nest Pavilion on Sunday, May 26th, were Sue Zura Moxley (Class of 1969) and Emily Morrow Deeks (Class of 1994). Sue graduated 50 years ago (Ouch!) and Emily 25 years ago. They were the only ones from their classes to attend the brunch. The two are seen holding a display with pictures of graduates from 1969, 1994 and 2009. Others in Sue's class were Diane Bianchi, Cathy Carlson, Becky Ferguson Campbell, Connie Parker Ras and Gary Wilhelm. In Emily's class were Michelle Mandell, Natalie Ontko Price and Seabrook Riddle.

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June 14, 15 & 29
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June 28, 29 & 30 @ 2pm

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RIGHT: John Galvin from DeRivera Park was caught building this platform so his boating customers on B-Dock won't get their feet washed when the dock at the popular dock this summer. The water level in the lake is so high that he decided it was not prudent to rent the finger dock at B-Dock over the Memorial Day Weekend. He says he has a plan for raising it so it will be usable this season.

Island Diary May 2019

Wed., May 1st - It's Ottawa County Senior Day at Camp Perry! Sarah Toole is honored as the PIB "2019 Senior of the Year." The water overnight floats several floating docks up onto the road at Squaw Harbor and blocks both lanes.

Thurs., May 2nd - The Fishbowl and Mossbacks open for the season. Bill "He's Everywhere" Boag and Jim French are at Mossbacks for dinner.

Fri., May 3rd - It's not a very nice day for the media that was invited to the island for the day. The weather keeps those at the Crew's Nest opening party inside for the event in the evening.

Sat., May 4th - There's a great surprise 40th birthday party for Jeremy Berman at the Reel Bar. The place was crowded with friends and family. Besides owning a summer home at the airport, Jeremy is an officer with the PIBPD on weekends.

Sun., May 5th - The antique car paraders enjoy the first parade of the season then stop at Heineman Winery afterwards. There are 14 cars in the parade. To celebrate Cinco de Mayo, there are $5 Margaritas at Joe's Bar. The EMS is holding an open house complete with delicious tacos for those who stop by.

Mon., May 6th - Talk about a change in the weather. It's actually hot out - no wind and no clouds! Lisa Brohl, Nancy Welter from Middle Bas and Susan Byrnes from the Arbor Inn are at the Town Hall assembly room in the morning getting ready for the Road Scholars. There's a whiskey tasting at Hooligans in the evening. There's a report of counterfeit $100 bills floating around the island. The Boardwalk Harbor Operations places the mooring balls in the harbor.

Tues., May 7th - Another "cold and cloudy" Blessing of the Fleet fed by wind out of the north takes place at the Jet dock. Among the vessels blessed by Rev. Mary Staley, Rev. Jim Lehman, and Deacon Mike Leahy are Perry's Longboat from the Monument, Miller and Jet Express ferries, a few private boats, one of the Boardwalk harbor taxis, the Life Flight helicopter that flew overhead, and vehicles from the PIB Vol, Fire Dept., PIB EMS

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LEFT: Celebrating Allie Market's birthday at Rita's Cantina on Cinco de Mayo at the Boardwalk were (left to right) Allie's mom Lori Busold from Hooligans, Jen Booker from the Boardwalk, Angela Christensen from the Reel Bar, PIB Village's fiscal officer Courtney Blumensaadt, Katrina Spatafore from Miller Boat Line, Boardwalk Bartender Theresa Finney, Jenny Stasko and Marisa Rence from the Goat, Joan Rhoad from Cameo Pizza and Caroline Jackson from the Goat.

Island Diary Continued from page 14

and PIBPD. At the DeRivera Park dock, workers are putting platforms on the dock so people can walk through the water when it floods. The Bible Explorers helped plant two trees in the backyard at St. Paul's.

Wed., May 8th - Council meets in its regular session with Tip Boyles taking the place of Mayor Dress who could not be there. Ferry service is suspended late in the morning due to high water. Back To The Wild, a Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic in Castalia, Ohio, is at the Town Hall presenting programs with their birds and critters to the Road Scholars and some of the PIB students. David Dress, Bob Stausmire, Jake Market, Eric Engel, Briton Schroeder baby sit two of Miller's ferries, one anchored off the State Park and one at the Lime Kiln Dock. The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is represented at Ohio Tourism Day at the Statehouse in Columbus!

Thurs., May 9th - The Students from Canton Country Day School are at Stone Lab dissecting fish. Thirty mph NE winds are scheduled for Sunday.

Fri., May 10th - The summer Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island Miller ferry schedules start. The 9th Annual Corn Hole Tournament begins.

Sat., May 11th - There's a gathering on North Bass Island to remember Joe Dopps who passed away this winter. Billy Markets posts, "If you want to spend time with your Mom tomorrow, be safe and leave the island today." Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) dips the rear tire of her bike in the Atlantic Ocean in northern Florida and begins a 2 1/2-month, 4000-mile trip across the U.S. with a group of young people who are part of a Habitat for Humanity Bike & Build program, When she reaches the Pacific, she will dip her front tire in the water. The island police have a busy night. Someone got hit in head with a beer bottle and someone else fell out of a golf cart.

Sun., May 12th - The previously-predicted 30 mph winds fail to reach expectations and the Miller ferries, in spite of the high water, are in service.

Mon., May 13th - Susan Byrnes from the Arbor Inn, Nancy Welter from Middle Bass and June Campbell from Kelleys Island are at the PIB Town Hall in the morning getting things ready for the Road Scholars who are birding this week on the islands. The DeRivera Park Trust holds its regular meeting at the Town Hall. Members of the community are in attendance to check on the progress of the Cooper's Woods sale.

Tues., May 14th - It's a beautiful day for the volunteers in the Village park planting flowers. The Safe Island Task Force, created to investigate and report on South Bass Island infrastructure concerns related to large crowds during special event weekends, delivers a presentation at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center,

Wed., May 15th - Back to the Wild is at the Town Hall presenting its program about wildlife rehabilitation. Thanks goes out to the sponsors Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee, Miller Boat Line and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy! Andy "Shuttle" Shuttleworth makes history as he makes the first tandem parachute jump on the island. The M/V Put-in-Bay is heading back to PIB from Cleveland after having to be hauled out to fix a rudder problem. David Dress, Bob Stausmire and Greg Johnson are onboard.

Thurs., May 16th - The police report that the Put-in-Bay Shirt Shack was broken into. A few days later, a suspect is caught and charged. There's a Malibu Rum event at the Boathouse with complimentary eats and giveaways.

Fri., May 17th - The Red Cross set up shop at the PIB Town Hall to conduct a blood drive. The island kindergarten students have their graduation ceremony in the morning. The Goat opens for the season.

Sat., May 18th - Sonny-S Boat Line begins service between Middle Bass Island and Put-in-Bay for the 2019 season! The Monument opens for the season. Mayor Dress is busy swearing in new police officers. Island Realtor Rudy Cooks is busy with an "Island Tour of Homes," showing properties for sale on the island. It's the day of Island Wide Garage Sale. Did you find the buy of a lifetime?

Sun., May 19th - Along with the "Lighting of the Cupola," the inaugural Souper Duper cook off at the yacht club takes place. Barb Cooper with her clam chowder and Joy Cooper with her chicken matzo ball soup tie for first place honors.

Mon., May 20th - A semi-truck car hauler arrives on the island packed with a load of new rental golf carts. The grand opening of the Island Paws Dog Park at the south end of the Put-in-Bay Airport takes place in the late afternoon.

Tues., May 21st - The 2nd Annual Meet and Greet Dinner with Mercy Saint Vincents, the PIBVFD, PIB EMS, County EMA and police takes place at the fire station. A hands-on educational experience for students to learn about the War of 1812, life during that period, and life on board the US vessels takes place at the Monument. Students experience learning through a Living History camp that includes living conditions, cooking, 1812 medical practices and black powder demonstrations.

Wed., May 22nd - A new Joe's Bar sign is going up to replace the one run down earlier this spring. Ed Herdendorf, former director of Stone Lab, is the speaker for the Road Scholar group in the evening at the Town Hall.

Thurs., May 23rd - A storm goes through in the morning. The water temperature is about 58 degrees. The Biergarten at the Boathouse opens for the 2019 season.

Fri., May 24th - Two members of the Put-in-Bay Village Council have a luncheon at the Town Hall to meet some of the new police officers. Many island businesses are offering specials and reduced prices to the veterans who visit this Memorial Day Weekend. The PIB High School graduation ceremony takes place at the Monument in the evening. This year's graduates are Max Schneider, Lauren Peter, Jack Booker and Matthew Stacy.

Sat., May 25th - The thunderstorm in the afternoon doesn't put a damper on the fun being had by the nice crowd that on the island for the day. The Brig Niagara comes into Put-in-Bay harbor and spends the night at the Jet dock.

Sun., May 26th - Islanders awake to a morning rain. The Put-in-Bay High School Alumni Association holds its annual Alumni Brunch at the Crew's Nest Pavilion. There's a surprise 70th birthday party for Bill "He's Everywhere" Boag's wife, Allie from the West Shore at the West Shore Blvd. home of Steve and Denise Snyder in the late afternoon. And of course, Bill is there.

Mon., May 27th - At the Monument there is a memorial honoring those who fought and died in the Battle of Lake Erie, honor all veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There's a live Polka Band at the Goat Biergarten, Das Lokal, in the afternoon. The antique car parade stops there at the end of their Memorial Day parade. West Shore resident and World War II veteran Gill Terry celebrates his 95th birthday with among others, Bill "He's Everywhere" Boag, Jim French and "Listen to Larry" Schrader.

Tues., May 28th - Rain in the early morning hours and at dinner time make for a nice wet day on the Bay.

Wed., May 29th - There's a birthday party for seven-year-old Piper Koehler upstairs in the Town Hall, lots of fun stuff for the kids to jump around on, a pinata and tacos, birthday cake to eat. Volunteers gather in the Undercroft at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to help stuff gift bags to hand out at the Employee Welcome Fair on June 4th and 5th.

Thurs., May30th - Deacon Mike Leahy has on his schedule a tour of Mother of Sorrows for a group of 20 students. There's free being served at the opening in the evening of the Fire Engine Pizza Co. at the Grand Islander Hotel.

Fri., May 31st - The weather forecast for June for our area is temperatures in the 70s and low 80s with not a lot of rain. High water in the lake will continue.

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Calling all Island Creatives!

By Jessie Greene

I'm honored to have called the island my home since 2001. I've traveled a bit and love coming back with new ideas and inspirations to share with our community. What I don't talk about much is how I share our story with people all over the world and inspire them with some Lake Erie Love.

I got my first job at Island Imports working for John and Lisa Kutschbach behind the old Treasure Chest in 1996. I was 16 years old. I commuted from my childhood summer love Middle Bass Island and learned and watched. I started Jessie's Jewelry on the deck of the Wharfside the summer of 2002 post 9/11. I had a 70's antique suitcase of wire and stones my Dad hand cut and a metal box of handmade pieces of jewelry.

You can now find me at my Jessie's Jewelry stand, the Key-osk, at the entrance to the Keys on the water just east of the Jet Express dock.

Uncertain times in our country and, I think, art and creativity play a big role in society. It's super interesting Put-in-Bay is full of all kinds of creative people and yet art business doesn't thrive here.

Art propels us into a vision of a new world. It also brings us together and gets us talking about new things outside of the norm. This summer, I want to try some new things. I'm writing this little ditty to share some inspiration and hope to bring some creative folks together to simply share what they love and get some creative juices flowing.

Anyone who has ever seen my work knows that stones are a central theme for me. I imagine the island as a big rock full of caverns and crystals. I think lots of folks are drawn here simply by the amazing healing energy of the Celestite crystal cave at the winery - a national treasure as far as I'm concerned. The other central theme I don't talk about as much is wire. Wire is a simple invention, carries the electricity that runs our homes and factories, it is used in electronics, plus it used in both artistic and practical ways. I love the way it moves and the many metal forms it comes in from copper to 18k solid gold. It is Zen in its simplicity and culture changing in its functionality. In a stressed out, over-complicated world there is value in simple joys. Maybe more value than ever. Come enjoy a simple pleasure with me.

This summer, I would like to simply share my love of creativity with whomever is willing and open to learning or growing their creativity.

Wire & Wine Jewelry Making Class

On Monday, June 17th (full moon), from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Keys' Lola's overlooking the amazing Lake Erie views I will offer a beginner Wire Jewelry Class making a link bracelet. This class is called "Wire and Wine" and will include two cocktails for a cost of $50. Contact me or stop by the Key-osk with any questions or to sign up (12 person Maximum).

Art Studio Opening

On Monday, June 24th, from 7 to 9 p.m. I will host an open house "Art Studio Opening" at 126 Sybil Blvd in the east entrance of the Brown Barn just past Ruth's beauty shop. Drinks and snacks with my most recent art works on display and welding demos. A very special artist guest will also attend. Come see who it is! For additional info, please stop the at Key-osk at The Keys or contact me at (330) 608-4664.

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A new face at the bakery

There's someone new behind he counter this year at the Village Bakery. It's Tom Duffy, the son of Jim and Sally Duffy from Squaw Harbor. Tom is actually buying the Bakery from Pauline Garsteck who has owned and operated the business for 25 years. Pauline will be working with Tom this summer to show him how everything works.

Tom, who spend summers as a youth on the island, says he'll be making fresh donuts. We were in the bakery the other day and they looked delicious.

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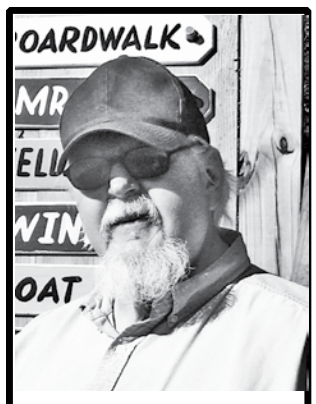

Trippin' Through the Sixties

by Woody Widmar

Trippin' through the sixties
Fifty years ago today
Never thought I'd spend
my golden years
Here at Put-in-Bay

Tie-dyed shirts and sandals
Hip-hugging
bellbottom pants
Hair half way down
your back
Stuff to put you in a trance

Music festivals across
the land
Monterey Pop was quit
a ball
Sorry that I missed
Woodstock
The biggest of them all

Now I'm trippin'
through MY sixties
Over curbs, steps and rocks
Listening to those
old bones creak
While putting on my socks

Two new hips
and soon the knees
As my sixties come
to an end
Next month I hit the Seven-O
"What a long strange trip
it's been"

To celebrate this milestone
I bought myself a bike
Soon you'll see me
cruise through town
On a custom Harley trike

Happy Father's Day to all you Dads {I sure miss mine}

Play Ball !!!!

ABOVE: USAF Major Colin Huber read his PIB Gazette while deployed to Al Udeid AF Base in Qatar. Colin is son of Middle Bass residents Ann and Alan Huber and spent several summers working on MBI.

Former PIBPD officer acquitted of federal charges

Former PIB police officer El'Shawn Williams was recently found not guilty of charges stemming from an incident that took place at the PIBPD jail in the summer of 2017. Williams resigned from the PIBPD shortly after the incident. Williams was indicted in a 2018 federal indictment alleging police brutality and falsification. In a jury trial, he was acquitted of deprivation of rights, falsifying a report and witness tampering.

Williams was accused of assaulting a man who became combative following his arrest and police were forced to restrain him. Trial evidence included incident reports, multiple audio files, police body camera footage and photos of the man in custody. The man in question didn't testify.

Williams was one of numerous officers involved in a standoff with island resident Keith Blumensaadt in June 2017.

Williams attempted to pull Blumensaadt over while he was on his way home from work, but when he pulled into Blumensaadt's driveway on Airport Rd., Williams claimed he saw Blumensaadt point a rifle at him and he quickly left the scene. Multiple officers went to the scene and ended up in a stand off with Blumensaadt which wasn't resolved until Sheriff Steve Levorchick arrived on the island and arrested Blumensaadt several hours later.

Blumensaadt was indicted and is still sitting in the county jail nearly two years later. Several issues, including a resolution of Williams's federal trial, have kept Blumensaadt from having his day in court.

A final pretrial for Blumensaadt is scheduled for July 22nd and a trial for July 29th in Ottawa County Common Pleas Court.

Did you know?

Did you know that one of the police officers on the PIBPD force is an attorney and teaches law in Alabama?Another officer commutes from Michigan and has the certifications to be a policeman in both Ohio and Michigan.

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Museum opening party

The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society will hold its annual Opening Party on Saturday, June 15th, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be food and beverage, and if you can bring a dish to share, that would be great. Even if you're not a member, please come to opening party to see what the museum is all about.

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11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 2 – Thursday, June 6

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 7

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 9 –Thursday, June 13

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, June 15, 22 & 29

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
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6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.
12:30 a.m.	1:00 a.m.

Sundays, June 16, 23, 30

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
10:30 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, June 19 & 26

Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
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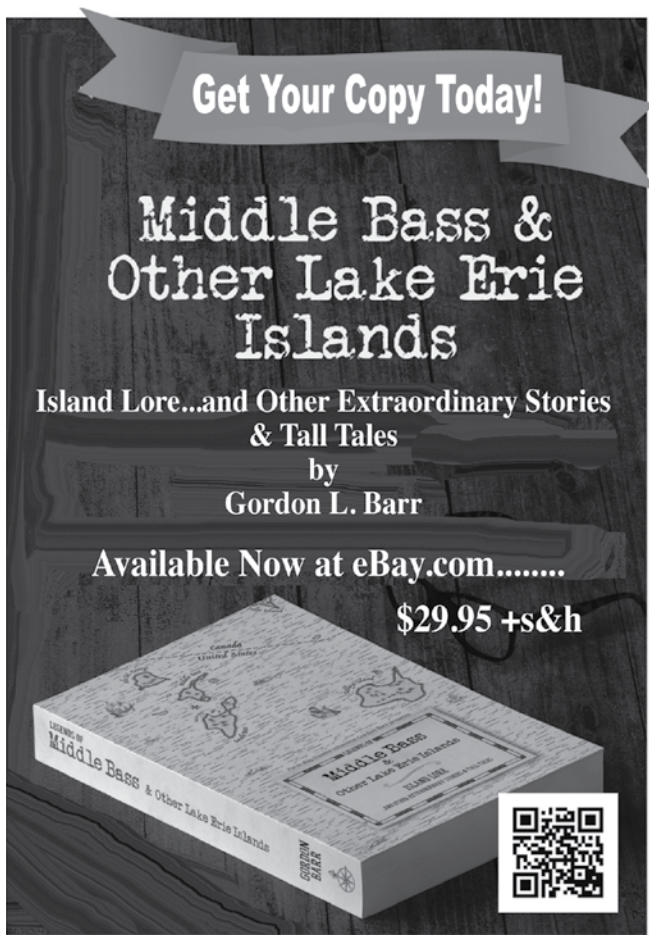


Beach Glass Report June, 2019

By Gordy Barr

I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I had to go out and find my own…

The foundation of my 2019's summer beach glass report is based on record northeast winds, multiple storms, and significant property damage. Sea break walls throughout the Lake Erie Islands are falling faster than the gates of Troy. Millions of dollars of erosion has plagued its shorelines.

Chad Waffen of Kelleys Island reports that Lake Erie's water level is near a record high. The low water mark (NOAA, since 1959) was 569' above sea level. The high water mark was 576' (1970's). Our current water mark is (+/-) 574'8." "If it goes up another 1'4+" we will be at a record high water mark," said Waffen.

Beach Glass Reports

The only bright side to this year's high water and storm damage is that it has produced a bumper crop of beach glass. Sections of beach that have not been turned over since the 1970s are now in play.

Reports from all Islands indicate that glass yield is significantly higher than previously recorded. Here are examples:

Maureen St. John of Middle Bass found her first bottle stopper (green, frosted, tapered point).

Barry Koehler of Put-in-Bay has found red glass (depression era, patterned), Vaseline (yellow glass), children's marbles, and several large chunks of blue.

Bud and Ruth Stonerook have lamented that high water has kept them out of some of their favorite beach glass hunting grounds, but one or two of their "secret" beaches are yielding well. Ruth recently found a very rare piece of china that was labeled "Hamburger Castle, Put in Bay."

Lucy Schneider of Middle Bass has had great success at her Grandma's (Carrie Schneider) beach finding some nice blues, chunky, highly abraded bottle bottoms, and recently two brown bottle stoppers (early Clorox bottles or beer bottle).

I have a confession. I frequently send Lucy pictures of recent beach glass finds (from all over) and tell her that I found them all on her Grandma's beach. Lucy (Junior, Put-in-Bay High School) has a great sense of humor and is a highly competitive beach glass collector.

Jessie Greene of Put-in-Bay said that the high water has kept her from some favorite spots. However, she has found some unusual things including a miniature sun-purple stopper from a perfume bottle.

Jessie also has the only piece of beach glass from a Put-in-Bay Bottling Works bottle (Nate Ladd). I offered her $10,000.00 for it. She declined the offer.

Regarding Silver Spoons…

Some of my favorite places to hunt beach glass required me to wade up to my neck in 45-degree water this spring. The early bird gets the worm, but also risks frostbite.

In addition to beach glass, the spring storms have revealed everything from horseshoes and flat irons to Victorian window weights and potbelly stove parts. Common finds also include forks, spoons and table knives.

I was hunting in a particularly hostile part of a favorite beach. In the summer, water snakes frequently drop on you from trees. In the fall and spring, the water is so cold your extremities sting before they go numb.

I looked down in a crux and saw a spoon wedged between the rocks.

Old dining utensils found on the beach are usually worn showing some silver and the underlying red copper. After finding a few of these picnic relics, they don't hold much interest.

There was something different about this spoon. It had an early colonial design and there was no red hue where the plating had worn out. This was a special piece and was comprised of solid silver.

It was signed Hotchkiss. An internet search claimed that the makers mark was for David Hotchkiss (1796-1874) of Palmyra, New York (east of Rochester). According to Hotchkiss's mark on this spoon, it was hand crafted between 1816 and 1849.

The maker's mark is like a social security number for silversmiths. It was an elite trade whose ranks included Paul Revere. After 1849, Hotchkiss's mark changed as he partnered with several associates most notably Andrew Schreuder of Schenectady, NY, from 1857 to 1871.

The name H.D. Farnum was custom engraved on the handle. Silver flatware of this type was a high-end luxury item. So who were the Farnum's and what was their relationship to the islands?

I reached out to North Bass Island (NBI) historian Robin Burris. Her research produced an 1874 North Bass Almanac map that showed Newell Farnum owned property across from her Dad, mid-Isle St. George.

Middle Bass Island (MBI) historian Mike Gora confirmed that there was an islander named Newell Farnum (NBI, island assessor). According to a March 12, 1872 newspaper article Gora sent me, Farnum was active in local politics with other island forefathers like Simon Fox, Andrew Wehrle (MBI), Frederick Bretz (MBI), Philip Vrohman (PIB, treasurer), and John Brown Jr. (PIB, his father, abolitionist John Brown Sr., led the raid on Harpers Ferry).

ABOVE: This is the silver spoon Gordy writes about in this month's article. He found it this spring on an island beach the whereabouts he will not divulge. Gordy says it is about 170 years old. This based on the silversmith's hallmark on the spoon.

Newell Farnum must have inherited the family silver from his father, H.D. Farnum. All the dates fit. How the spoon ended up on a beach is anyone's guess. Back then; everything was dumped into the lake at one point or another…

I was not born with a silver spoon in my mouth. In my experience, it is more fun to find your own silver spoon than to be born with it (even if the water can be arctic cold or snakes fall on your back). 2019 Beach Glass Forecast: Hunting will be cloudy with a chance of excellent finds. Glass that matters…

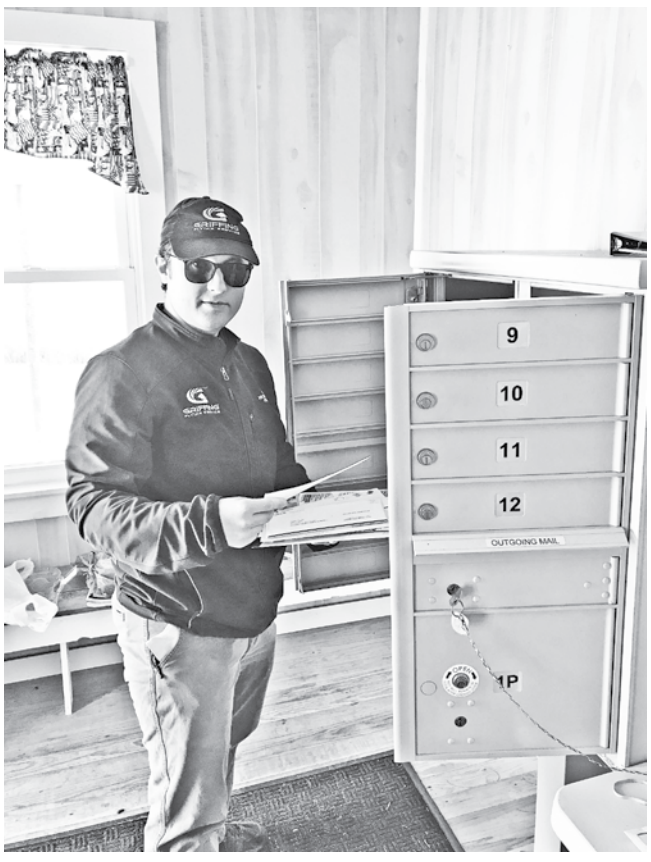
Notes on the Story:

1) I am doing a book on beach glass.

2) If you have a special piece of beach glass, I would like to include it in my book. If you have many pieces, even better! Send me pictures to Gbarr@newkor.com .

3). I will have a special section called Beach Glass Hall of Fame. Do you have what it takes to be in the Beach Glass Hall of Fame? Send me your brief "Island" biography, number of personal injuries due to beach glass hunting and pictures of your best "found" items.

4) You could be famous!



ABOVE: Steven Porter from Griffing Flying Services sorts the mail at North Bass Island. Whichever pilot makes the North Bass run makes sure that residents receive their mail.

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School News By Steve Poe, Superintendent

Congratulations to the graduates of 2019. This year's graduation ceremony was held at the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial on Friday, May 24. Addressing this year's graduating class was Mr. Dan Kowalski. Dan gave a speech about being an islander. Dan was a 1980 graduate of Put-in-Bay School. He attended Bowling Green State University, and in 1984, Dan earned a Bachelor of Science in physics. He then followed with a Master's in physics from Kent State University. Mr. Kowalski started teaching math at Put-in-Bay School in 1987, and just finished his thirty-second year. Affectionately known as "Mr. K" by his students, he has become an icon of Put-in-Bay School. He and his wife Valerie have four children and own a successful lawn care business on the island.

The eighth-grade class consists of Macy Ladd, McKenna Stacy, Doug Steidl, Alec Sharp, Cole Porche, Alice Lentz, Melody Many and Lilian Frederick. This class is the largest class in the school and most of the kids are involved in sports.

Students in the Class of 2019 have ambitious plans after graduation:

Jack Booker will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall. He plans to major in business and sales. He hopes to one day work as a pharmaceutical salesman and/or venture back home to work for the family business. He plans to travel the world and also give back to his island community.

ABOVE: At this year's Top Ten Banquet for students in Ottawa County, Max Schneider (center front) was recognized for his academic achievements. In the back row (left to right are guidance counselor Margie Warnicke, PIBHS math teacher Dan Kowalski and Superintendent Steve Poe. With Max in the front row are Max's mother, Katie, and his father, John. Katie is a teacher at Put-in-Bay School, and John operates the family business, the Sonny S, the ferry that goes between Put-in-Bay and Middle

Lauren Peter will be pursuing her education at Lourdes University, majoring in nursing. She will also be continuing her basketball career where she earned a scholarship to play for Lourdes. Lauren will be pursuing her BSN and one day hopes to become a nurse anesthetist. She is excited to be a part of a field that helps save the lives of people.

Max Schneider will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for a degree in Computer Science. He looks forward to his new adventures as he works to become a programmer after college.

Matthew Stacy will be joining the workforce, training to become a manager in the family business, Erie Petroleum. He will take online business classes to further his education and also plans to attend Emergency Medical Training (EMT) classes on the island.

Graduation last month was a memorable one. We would like to thank the staff at the Perry Victory and International Peace Memorial for providing the beautiful venue for this event. We would also like to thank our scholarship donors for providing over $31,000 in local scholarships for our graduates. The following is a list of scholarships each of our graduates received:

Jack Booker - Ricky Dysert Memorial Scholarship, Genoa Bank Scholarship, John W. Blatt Scholarship, Fitzgerald Family Scholarship, Kurt Rohrbacher Memorial Scholarship and the Heineman Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Peter - Magruder Hospital Scholarship, Cameo Pizza Scholarship, Browns Backers Scholarship, Jeremy Harlan, "Jer Bear" Memorial Scholarship

Max Schneider - Acorn Sportsman Club Scholarship, Mayor's Scholarship, Earl Johnson Scholarship. Browns Backers Scholarship. Jack Matia Scholarship, Jeffery Verhoff Memorial Scholarship, The Perry Group Scholarship, Lee Miller Scholarship. Lonz Foundation Scholarship

On April 17th, senior Max Schneider was recognized for his academic achievements at the Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet. Max is this year's Valedictorian and recipient of the Earl Johnson Scholarship. He is the son of John and Katie Schneider, long-time residents on Middle Bass Island. Congratulations Max!

Junior Morgan Stacy was presented with the Ottawa County "Nine-to-Five" award on May 3rd at Mon Ami restaurant. She was among the students from the six other schools demonstrating exceptional improvement from last September, the ninth month, to May, the fifth month; hence "nine-to-five." In addition, Morgan was recognized as a "Star Student" at Vanguard for her dedication, passion, hard work, and exemplary attitude. Most recently, she earned "Student of the Fourth Quarter," too. Way to go, Morgan!

Max Schneider, along with junior Alexandra Knauer and sophomore Elena Schroeder traveled to OSU on May 11th to participate in the State Science Fair. Each of them began their journey by competing in our local science fair held at in February where they received overall superior ratings. They then moved on to compete at the District Science Fair, held at the University of Toledo in March, where they again earned superior ratings to qualify for State. At the State competition Max and Alexandra earned superior ratings and Elena received an excellent rating. This is an extremely impressive accomplishment! Congratulations Max, Alexandra, and Elena!

The PIB High School Sailing Club had a great spring season. A new club for the school last year, we have competed in three seasons now. High school sailing is both a fall and spring sport, and the Midwest Conference allows 7th and 8th graders to compete in some events alongside the 9th-12th graders.

We had seven kids on our team this year: Alex Knauer, Nora Ladd, Talii Steidl, Kate Byrnes, Macy Ladd, Hope Cooks and Emil Michael. This spring season we had fantastic weather for practices and traveled to three regattas, one in Cleveland and two in Columbus.

Competing against teams from all over Ohio, Michigan and sometimes New York, our team had some great finishes and continued to improve. Our final regatta, the Westerville Classic at Hoover Sailing Club, brought us wind and challenging conditions, but our team sailed their best event yet and finished 9th out of 17. We even were highlighted in a clip about island living produced by Detroit PBS/Great Lakes Now! You can watch the video on YouTube at https:// youtu.be/I53txjTr8Nw. The team is looking forward to their summer sailing to help prepare for the fall season!

PUT-IN-BAY SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2019 - 2020

The Put-in-Bay Board of Education adopted the school calendar for 2019-2020. Please mark your calendars for the 2019-2020 School Year.

- **Tuesday, September 3 - First Day of School**
- **Monday, October 21 - No School**
- **November 27 – 29 - No School, Thanksgiving Break**
- **Friday, December 20 - Early Dismissal**
- **December 21 – Jan 5 - No School, Christmas Break**
- **Friday, February 21 - Early Dismissal**
- **February 22 – March 1 - No School, Winter Break**
- **April 10 – April 14 - No School, Spring Break**
- **Friday, May 22 - Early Dismissal**
- **Monday, May 25 - No School, Memorial Day**
- **Thursday, May 28 - Early Dismissal, Last Day of School**

RIGHT: Kevin Coleman aka Animall (left) with friends Keith Tidd and Duke Hearnons enjoying a good time at the Roundhouse.

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The Cove and the Idiot

By Kevin Coleman aka Animall

Do you remember where you were on Friday, June 21st, 1979? To refresh your memory, it was a beautiful sunny day and it was the last day for any islander to be able to swim at The Cove. You see, I was the "idiot" who ruined it for everyone. I broke my neck diving off the cliffs that first day of summer forty years ago.

My friends Duke Hearons and Art Brown and I were recently hired to be the new bartenders at Frosty Bar and Wonderful Pizza. We filled out job applications on the back of paper plates and as promised, June Stoiber called us in April and offered us jobs in paradise.

We worked in shifts. With two other bartenders, I worked from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Art and Duke worked 2 to 6 and 9:30 to close. By mid-June we were in our strides and learning from new friends like Curt Massie and Bobert Kowalski what person was "cool," who was "uptight" and to never, NEVER, walk down the street with an open beer.

That Friday, June 21st, George Stoiber went to Toledo to be on a noon news broadcast to promote Founder's Day on the island. June brought a portable TV into the bar and we watched George talk up the parade and other festivities. George's interview went so well that June broke out some bottles of champagne – Mimosas for everyone!

By 2 p.m. I was feeling pretty light headed. Art came into the bar and said three friends were on the island. They wanted to go swimming at The Cove. They had some smoke-able substances and he asked if I would take them. Sure, why not? I was swimming at The Cove the day before and agreed to drive them to the West Shore for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

Back then, there was only that craggy old stone fence over which it was very easy to climb. There were three to four others there having fun and jumping off the cliff. I too had jumped in twice that day and several times the day before and never once touched bottom.

On the third jump I figured I would try a shallow dive.

I remember everything.

First was the crunchy sound of my head moving some pebbles on the bottom. I came back up to the surface and looked up at a friend who was ready to jump. My head did not hurt. I don't remember being in any pain.

"Don't dive! I just hit bottom."

I will always remember the look on Werner's face. Pure shock. "Your head is bleeding!"

RIGHT: Kevin with Mark Keiser who worked at Frosty Bar 40 years ago.

When I reached up to feel the top of my head (which wound up needing 48 stitches) I felt a big hole. Now, here comes the part people cannot believe. I climbed up the cliff, grabbed my towel, put it on the top of my head and drove myself to the airport.

It must have been quite a sight – me with a bloody face driving up to the airport office. The person working in the office called the police. Enter my own personal hero – Bruce Mettler.

Later I was told that the steps Bruce took literally saved my life. He looked in my eyes with a flashlight. He gave me a very funny look and put a cervical collar on me and gave me a steroid shot. The doctors in Toledo said that was critical for making it so I would make it to live a normal life.

A four-seat Cessna pulled up and Bruce helped me into the back seat, where he joined me. We flew to Port Clinton where an ambulance was waiting. I got out under my own power and they put me on a backboard, which was the first clue that something was wrong other than a gash in my head. Off we went to Magruder Hospital.

When I was taken in for x-rays, the technician asked if I could stand up. I did and they took two pictures – one with my chin on my shoulder and then, standing sideways, one with my chin on my chest. I got back on the gurney and was chatting it up with a cute nurse I recognized from the bar. Talk about denial! Maybe I could get lucky, get stitched up and make it back to work by my 6 pm shift.

There are "flashbulb" moments we will always remember. From that day, the one thing that will always be with me is the Jamaican doctor with the overly-worried look on his face and thick Caribbean accent. "Mr. Coleman, it looks like you broke your neck…"

I remember laughing at him. "No way, Doc! I can do this" and I raised my foot and shook it at him.

"Yes! That is very good but DON'T MOVE! We are going to send you to Toledo for some good doctors to look at you."

Off we went; the cute nurse, a respiratory therapist and two ambulance men took me to St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee. My parents were waiting there, along with a surgeon to stitch up my head and a neurosurgeon to make sure my precarious neck was stabilized.

My dad, Chester Coleman, was a retired Toledo Fire Di-

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A couple of ideas for our community

With the recent Safe Island Task Force report being presented and discussed at two separate meetings this past month, it be came apparent we need to start thinking how we can serve the big crowds and reduce the kind of questionable behavior some our visitors display.

The litter problem and public urination seem to be big causes of concern.

Perhaps instead of being so upset about the litter problem after a big weekend, we put out larger trash cans, preferably square ones to accommodate pizza boxes, and then empty them on a regular basis during the day and evening.

Lighting the park on a busy Saturday night also helps with public urination to some degree, but how about also putting a big lighted sign on the bathhouse in the park that says "RESTROOMS?" There should also be directional signs showing in where public restrooms are located. Remember, most of our visitors are not familiar with the lay of the land.

Why not have a campaign in the bars to remind people to "Go before you go!"

If we expect to change people's behavior, we probably need to change ours and be more accommodating as well!

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vision District Chief. He was well known in local emergency rooms. He got there before me. While they were wheeling me in, he said, "Kev, you have a hole in your head I can put my fist in." I regret putting him through that pain.

When the doctor looked at the x-ray of my chin on my chest, he turned to my dad and pointed at it and said, "That could have killed him."

But it did not kill me. Six screws in my head, a halo brace and a laminectomy later, I came back for three more years at Put-in-Bay, working at Frosty, The Round House and Heineman's Winery. I went on to have a successful sales career, got married, divorced, married again, put two daughters through college. I have been truly blessed.

My replacement at Frosty Bar was none other than Mark Kaiser. He came to take my place and never left. Now he is Billy Market's best ferry Captain.

I come back to the island every year to see old friends and share the lesson I learned 40 years ago – feet first!

At about 2:20 p.m. on Friday, 21 June, 2019, exactly 40 years to the day and hour, I will be on the island, drinking a toast to the late, great Bruce Mettler and being with Duke and old friends to remember that day.

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- Children must be 6-12 years old to enter.
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- Include your phone number, email address, and the child's age.
- The winner will be notified by phone and email by July 12, 2019.

Contest Rules

1. Child must be 6-12 years old. 2. One entry per child.
3. The essay must be written by the child and be 100 words or less.
4. Essays must be received by email or mail by July 1, 2019.
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10. The time and date of the ferry ride will be at the Captain's discretion.
11. The child and parent/legal guardian will make one round trip ferry ride to Put-in-Bay and back.
12. Miller Ferry reserves the right to take and use any photos/video of child aboard the ferry and in the pilot house for marketing and advertising purposes.
13. Miller Boat Line employees and employee's family may not enter this contest.
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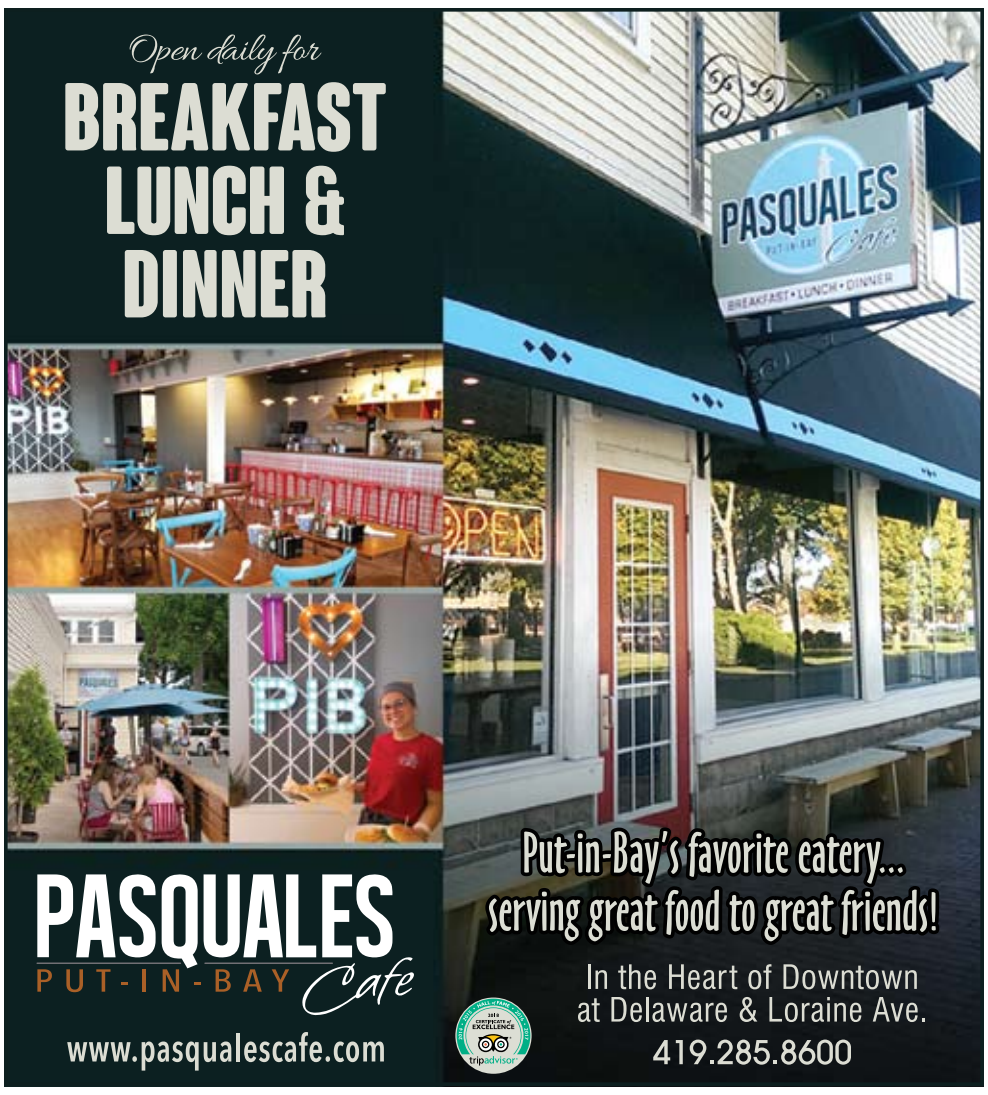

Bob Adamov's Coconut Commando Party

- Meet Some of the Characters in his Novels
- June 9th at The Keys

(PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO – May 13, 2019) Put-in-Bay author Bob Adamov is following up his successful Coconut Commando party in Key West with one in Put-in-Bay. It will be Sunday, June 9th, from noon until 3 p.m. at The Keys upstairs venue – Hemingways.

Author Bob Adamov

"When several of my readers said they couldn't make the Key West party in February, they asked if we could do one in Put-in-Bay. I always try to listen to my readers – so it's a go. Attendees will have a chance to meet some of my characters in my books, get a few drinks and have tasty food at one of my favorite waterfront spots in Put-in-Bay. I'll be signing books, too," Adamov explained.

"There will be some giveaways and our Coconut Commando black T-shirts are available on my website at www.BobAdamov.com by clicking on my Tropical Tease store. Caution – ladies sizes run small. The Coconut Commando term was originated by my Cudjoe Key buddy, "Big Daddy" Chuck Meier – who appears in my latest novel Flight," Adamov added.

Making appearances at the event will be series regular Mike "Mad Dog" Adams and Roger Roth who is a renown underwater videographer. Roth provided the idea for Adamov's The Other Side of Hell novel and escorted him around the Cayman Islands on a research trip. He appears in the novel as Roger Rothman. Mad Dog arranged a number of interviews for Adamov with his Cayman Island friends, appears in the novel and provided an 11-song CD for the book, including the featured title song – The Other Side of Hell.

Check Adamov's Facebook page for information about other characters who will be present.

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RIGHT: The new "Island Paws Dog Park" at the south end of the Put-in-Bay runway is really a wonderful place to run your dog(s). The fenced-in area is large and has a great lake view from the shelter where owners can sit and watch while their pets a little exercise running and frolicking with other dogs.

Dog park opens at Put-in-Bay Airport

After a lot of hard work, the new "Island Paws Dog Park" at the south end of the Put-in-Bay Airport was officially opened on Monday, May 20th. More than 60 people and an assortment of dogs, the likes of which Billy Market can tell you about, were on hand for the opening event.

After a few words from Put-in-Bay Twp. Trustee Eric Engel, Deacon Mike Leahy from Mother of Sorrows said a blessing, and then June Stoiber, the longtime advocate of a dog park here on the island cut the "leash" in the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony.

A big thank you to Township Trustee Eric Engel, Port Authority secretary Rosann Keiser, Susan Cooks, June Stoiber and Kim Morrisson, Paula Garsteck who worked on the dog park committee. The Zimmerman Paint Contractors Co., owned by Jack and Lorraine Zimmerman who have a cottage at the airport, put up the fencing and JDM Structures built the pavilion at the facility. The Put-in-Bay T-Shirt Co. supplied the T-shirts for the event and thanks to all those who brought the food that was served.

The dog park has rules posted on the gate for everyone to see. The pavilion offers a place for dog owners to sit and socialize while their dogs romp and play. There is a delightful view of the lake, plus plenty of parking. Everyone who has a dog is welcome to come out and use the dog park.

Special thanks go out to….June Stoiber, Jack and Lorraine Zimmerman, Todd Blumensaadt, PIB T-shirt Company, Ed Fitzgerald, Joe Kostura, Mark Keiser, Marie Schroeder, Sara Booker, JDM, the Dog Park Board…Eric Engel, Rosann Keiser, Kim Stoiber, Susan Cooks, Paula Garsteck, and all the daily volunteers helping with the upkeep of the park.

ABOVE: June Stoiber had the honor of cutting the leash at the opening of the new dog park at the south end of PIB Airport on Monday, May 20th.

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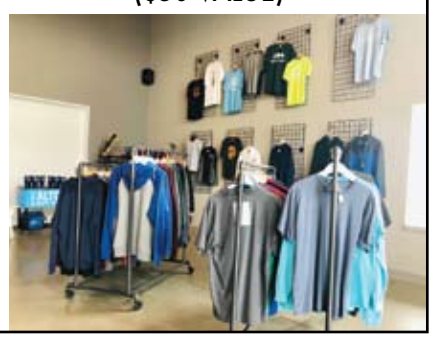

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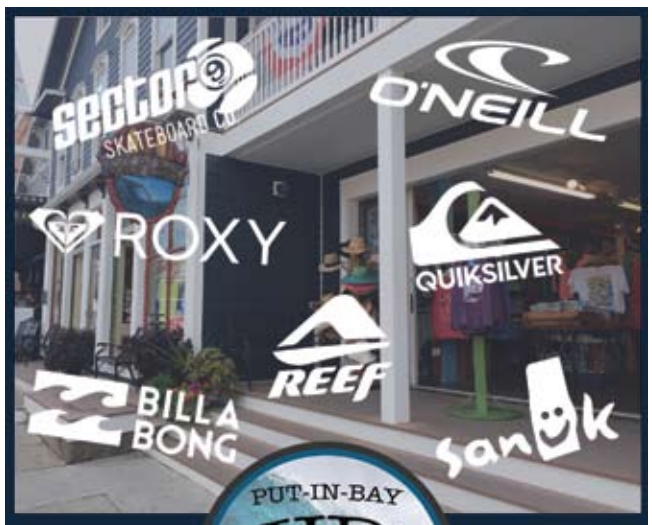

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Show highlights Hotel Victory

ABOVE: Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Curator Dan Savage welcomes everyone to the island museum this summer to see the displays that show the history of the famous Hotel Victory that burned on the island 100 years ago this summer.

Museum tells story of fascinating history of Hotel Victory

Whether you're familiar with island history or not, the featured display put together for this summer at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society museum is something to be seen and enjoyed.

Over the last few years, museum curator Dan Savage has put together displays each season that highlight Put-in-Bay history. This season marks the 100th anniversary of the burning of the Hotel Victory here on the island, so it was appropriate that this anniversary be the featured show.

For those who wonder what was so important about the Hotel Victory, the story is larger than life. The Hotel Victory was billed as the largest wood-structure summer hotel in the world when it was opened in 1892. It's opulence reflected those golden days when America first began feeling its oats as an economic and military power in the world.

The display Dan has put together includes items saved from the ravages of the fire to souvenir items, numerous original photos, some loaned by private collectors for the display, help tell the story of the hotel that was on the island for only 27 years.

Items like elaborate dinner menus, key fobs, baggage tags, silverware, original blue prints and even one of the handles from a soda fountain that was inside the hotel are all on display.

The collection of souvenirs and other memorabilia that has survived for more than a century for you to see makes it easy to step back in time to the days of the Hotel Victory.

Please stop by the island museum behind the Put-in-Bay Town Hall and see for yourself. The museum is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily all summer long.

Class of 2019's Journey to Alaska

By: Matthew Robert Stacy

Wednesday, April 17, 2019, was a big day for the Put-in-Bay High School Senior Class of 2019. Jack, Max, Lauren, and I (Matthew) left on our senior class trip to Alaska. This trip was made possible because of all of the class's fundraising efforts and the support of our island community. The class chose Alaska because no other senior class of PIB High School had gone there before. We wanted to be the first to visit the northernmost state. The trip included visits to Chena Hot Springs, Fairbanks, Anchorage and Seward.

The first city that we visited was Chena Hot Springs where we relaxed in the soothing springs, visited an Alaskan dog sled kennel, and took a 5-hour Aurora Borealis tour on a mountain side. After spending that night in Fairbanks, we began our 12-hour train ride to Anchorage in the morning. We experienced many beautiful sights during the trip before finally arriving. While in Anchorage, we enjoyed shopping and went to a beautiful 25-acre zoo where we saw many cool native Alaskan animals, such as lynx, polar bears, and moose.

We were also treated to dinner at Mrs. Cerny's cousin's house. My classmates and I were able to try some delicious Alaskan food such as moose, salmon and halibut. It was fun to hear Alaskan stories from a local resident. Our Alaskan trip ended in Seward with whale watching. It was amazing! We also enjoyed other animals such as porpoises, otters, eagles and sea lions.

ABOVE: Left to right are chaperone JR Domer, Lauren Peter, Jack Booker, Max Schneider and Matthew in Alaska on the PIB High School Senior Class trip this Spring.

My class and I had an amazing time in Alaska, the 49th and northernmost state of the U.S. Jack said, "Alaska was an incredible experience, and the people on the trip made it so much better. I wish we could do it again." Lauren said, "I realized that it was a good thing I was here to keep these boys from getting eaten by bears." Finally, Max said, "The class trip we took to Alaska was awesome! From the mountains of Fairbanks to the fjords of Seward, everywhere we went was an unforgettable experience. My favorite part of the trip was the train ride from Fairbanks to Anchorage. If given the chance, I'd take the trip again in a heartbeat." I would say there is no better place in the world to go on vacation than Alaska. The scenery and the unforgettable sights make a person never want to go home. So, if anyone is trying to plan a vacation anytime soon, choose Alaska because there you will have unforgettable memories!

Amazing Island Raise

"The Amazing Island Raise" will take place on Saturday, June 8th, here on Put-in-Bay. The race, which mirrors "The Amazing Race" television show, will have teams competing to solve clues, complete challenges and win prizes, plus raise funds for Joyful Connections, a supervised visitation and exchange center in Oak Harbor that provides a child-focused, healthy, safe and homelike environment where children can visit and stay connected with family members.

Those who participate and pay the $40 entry fee get round-trip transportation to South Bass Island on the Miller Ferry, team T-shirts, drawstring backpacks and food after the event.

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TIPS Program for Alcohol Servers

Steve Heineman has been training island bartenders with a TIPS program for 30 years. This year's training will be held at the Niagara Events Center. Two classes will be on Monday, June 17, and Tuesday, June 18. Classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m. Cost for the class will be $60 per person.

TIPS (Training in Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol) is intended for workers, their managers and the owners of businesses that sell alcohol. The approximately 3-hour course will teach the attendees the effects of alcohol on the body, interacting with customers and the server's responsibility to the community. Instruction is in the form of class lecture, viewing videos of actors in sample situations and will be reinforced by the use of role-play and a short quiz covering the materials presented in the class.

Upon successful completion the student will receive a certificate from the TIPS organization that is good for two years. Many states, as well as service clubs and food service companies require this training to sell alcohol, and many insurance companies offer discounts for liquor liability insurance to businesses that have employees trained in TIPs.

Call Steve Heineman at 419/341-2501 with any questions and to take advantage of this important training.

Jack innocent in mock Trial

The 4th through 6th grade students at Put-in-Bay Elementary participated in the Ottawa County Mock Trial on May 10th with Judge Danita Gilbert Conway of Ottawa County Juvenile Court. Students participated as jury members, jury fore persons, bailiff, lawyers and testifying witnesses. The student reacted the case of Jack Robinson v. The State of Ohio (Jack and the Beanstalk). The jury of eight students found Jack innocent in the murder of the giant. Following the mock trial, the students had the opportunity to discuss the U.S. justice system with Judge Danita Gilbert Conway.

ABOVE: The prosecutors, the defense attorneys and the judge in the Jack and the Beanstalk mock trial at PIB School - (L to R) are Elias Wright, Richard Scarpelli , Judge Danita Gilbert Conway, Eliza Many, Madison Koebel, Ava Heineman and Cody Kowalski.

ABOVE: The jury and the judge in the Jack and the Beanstalk mock trial at PIB School - Left to right are Allen Many, Juliana Scarpelli, Donovan Shaffer, Judge Danita Gilbert Conway, Lear Cooks, Bealy Steidl, Olivia Christensen, Lukas Kostura and Emma Michael.

LEFT: Gay Pippert-Ladd directs Put-in-Bay's younger elementary students during the spring concert at the PIB School gym one evening in May. The students did an excellent job to the delight of friends, family and parents who were watching.

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Kayak Rendezvous

The South Bass Island Kayak Rendezvous will take place from Friday, June 7th, through Sunday, June 9th. This great event is a weekend of fun, socializing, camping at the South Bass Island State Park, and lots of paddling and exploring around the island area. This is the 15th year the kayakers have come to Put-in-Bay and more than 100 kayakers from the tri-state area and beyond are expected to attend.

There are countless paddling opportunities among the islands of the Western Basin. For beginners there are paddling opportunities within the Put-in-Bay Harbor, for intermediate paddlers, there are miles of island coastline to paddle and for experienced paddlers there are dozens of open water crossings between islands to explore.

ABOVE: Kayaker Traci Lynn Martin

Special Guest for 2019 - Traci Lynn Martin

Many in the Great Lakes Region followed with great anticipation Traci's epic 3,952 mile solo journey circumnavigation the Great Lakes. Through struggles and triumphant success her Just Around the Pointe expedition was one of the most talked about kayak stories of 2017. Join Traci (who suffers from Rheumatoid Arthritis) as she recaps her attempt to become the first person to circumnavigate all five of the Great Lakes in one calendar year and in the process inspire all individuals who suffer from chronic health challenges to never give up on their personal dreams. She'll talk about the challenges she faced during this exhausting 10-month expedition and the amazing sights she encountered paddling solo on our inland seas.

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LEFT: A husband and wife team, Wally and Nadine, from Brighton, Ohio, made this 3-dimensional mural Ohio for the lobby of the BayShore Resort. They had never been to the island before until they delivered it this spring. Their business is called Fabit Metal. It turned out so awesome! Stop by and see it.

2019 Put-in-Bay Music Festival at Monument

The School of Rock, Cold Shot, Fuel on Fire, Few Miles South, Kris Lager Band and Bob Gatewood and Calabash will provide the entertainment for the third annual Put-in-Bay Music Festival on Saturday, June 8, at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial's grass area across from the Dairy Isle.

"We have another great line-up of musical talent for this year's music festival at Perry's Victory," said Superintendent Barbara Rowles. "We are again collaborating with our partners to make this an event that is fun for the entire family."

The National Park will open the festival grounds on the lot across the street from the Dairy Isle at 11 a.m. and the music will begin at noon.

School of Rock from Farmington, MI, will return this year with a new group of talented young musicians to kick off the day's entertainment. A national music school that teaches kids to play instruments, write songs and perform, School of Rock was developed after the movies of the same name starring Jack Black.

Cold Shot, a Detroit Stevie Ray Vaughn tribute band, will follow with a trio of guitarists that mimic the playing styles of the living legend who is in the class of Jimi Hendrix.

Fuel on Fire sets the stage ablaze in the third slot. Four brothers, originally from Buffalo, NY, and now living in Nashville, have been playing together all their lives. Their music is a mix of original tunes and some well-known favorites.

Few Miles South is an upbeat, steel pedal to the metal, foot stomping good time. This country group hails from a small Georgia town and the lead vocalist is equal to the musicians backing her.

In the fifth slot is the Nebraska born Kris Lager Band, a high energy show that has deep roots in Blues and Classic Rock with touches of Funk, Jam, R&B and more.

Bob Gatewood and Calabash will bring the festival home in the final slot of the day. One of the island's favorite bands, Calabash plays a variety of original music as well as many popular covers. Gatewood's Put-in-Bay anthem, "Friends of the Bay," will cap the end of another festival of music at the National Park.

Two food trucks from the Toledo Food Truck Association will provide a variety of menu items this year. The food trucks and the beverage tent will open at 11 a.m. The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society will operate the festival's beverage tent again this year with the bulk of the proceeds benefitting the historical society museum, a non-profit 501c3.

Personal coolers are not allowed on park property.

The 2019 Put-in-Bay Music Festival will include a Guitar Hero tent, a craft area where kids can make a variety of musical instruments, a music workshop tent where all ages can learn how to play the ukulele, and an area where anyone can play the Battle of Lake Erie corn toss.

Go to Miller Boat Line's website, millerferry.com, or to the Jet Express website, https://jet-express.com/ to check their schedules and start planning your visit. Information about Put-in-Bay, including lodging, dining and live entertainment can be found at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce website. The chamber operates Put-in-Bay's official information website that is supported by the island business community.

The park encourages festival goers to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Limited seating will be provided, but there are tables and chairs inside the beverage tent as well as surrounding the tent.

Many who attended the 2018 Put-in-Bay Music Festival said they planned a weekend visit so they could also enjoy the many entertainment venues in Put-in-Bay's Downtown District. Check the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce website for links to schedules.

All entertainment has been booked for the 2019 Put-in-Bay Music Festival. If you are interested in playing in 2020, please send a demo, band bio, website link, etc. to ambassador@visitputinbay.com.

We're already collecting information and planning the 2020 festival, so don't wait if you're interested in getting involved.

Perry's Victory has a long standing tradition of promoting peace through music and has hosted many musical events, including both the Toledo and Central Ohio symphonies, the Twilight Concert Series in conjunction with the Put-in-Bay Arts Council, and drumming, dance and other workshops for park visitors.

The Put-in-Bay Music Festival as all programs at the park is free and open to the public. Food, beverages, souvenirs and other amenities require a fee.

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BIRTHS

Vivienne Parker Baumert & Dylan Judith Baumert

Congratulations to Seth and Jane Baumert on the birth of their identical twin daughters, Vivienne Parker and Dylan Judith, born in Savannah, Georgia, on March 19th, 2019. The happy family resides in Brunswick, Georgia, along with big brother Brogan, age 12, and sister Evie, age 7. Island grandparents are Marsha and Jerry Baumert of Ibis Street.

DEAN'S List

Casey Pippert-Ladd

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Casey Pippert-Ladd

Casey Pippert-Ladd (PIBHS Class of 2014), son of Paul Ladd (PIBHS Class of 1971) and Gay Pippert, Music Director of Put-in-Bay School, achieved an exemplary grade point average for Autumn Semester 2018 and earned a position on the Dean's List at Columbus State Community College, Arts & Sciences Division. Casey's course of study is an Associate Degree in Digital Photography. Casey is working this summer as a dockmaster at the Keys.

GRADUATED

Karina Kowalski

PIBHS

Karina A. Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 2013) received her Masters of Arts in Museum Studies, specializing in Education and Programming from the Cooperstown Graduate Program/SUNY Oneonta on Saturday, May 11th. Karina has interned at The Western Reserve Historical Society, George Washington's Mount Vernon, The Nantucket Historical Association Whaling Museum and The Cincinnati Children's Museum, and has accepted an intern position this summer with Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Karina is the daughter of Dan and Valerie Kowalski, and the granddaughter of Dolores Kowalski. Dan attended Karina's ceremony, while her mother, Valerie, attended her brother Elliott's graduation ceremony more than 700 miles away.

Karina Kowalski

Elliott Kowalski

PIBHS

Elliott Kowalski

Elliot W. Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 2015) graduated from the Purdue University Honors College and the Purdue University College of Engineering, earning a Bachelors of Science Honors Diploma 'with distinction' (GPA > 3.84) in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. Elliot will be interning at Tri-D Dynamics Inc in San Mateo, California this summer, where he will be working with 3-D metal printing. In the fall, he will return to Purdue University to pursue a Masters degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. He is the son of Dan and Valerie Kowalski, and the grandson of Dolores Kowalski.

Elyse Drake

Elyse Drake, formerly of Put-in-Bay, graduated Cum Laude from John Carroll University on Sunday May 19th, 2019. Elyse received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a concentration in Integrated Marketing Communications and dual minors in Business and Political Science. Her final GPA was 3.68. Elyse is the daughter of Russ Drake and Niki Drake both formally of Put-in-Bay and the niece of Connie Drake. We are all very proud of her!

Elyse Drake

NATURALIZED

Erika Suttmann Crossley

PIBHS

Erika Suttmann Crossley

Erika Suttmann Crossley (PIBHS Class of 2001) has been living in England for the last six and a half years and on May 2nd became a British citizen. It was quite a road full of paperwork, tests, £££ (that's $$$, only in England) and a lot of cups of tea, but Erika said it was all worth it. Before the ceremony, she and her husband, Steven, went to a lovely cottage for Cream Tea with a bit of bubbly. She is now a dual citizen, the same as her two daughters, plus she now shares a nationality with her husband. The status makes her feel just that little bit more settled and home in Dorchester, UK.

OBITUARY

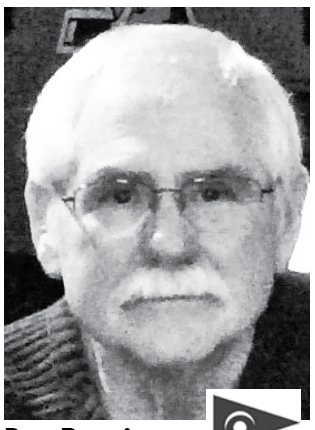
Carl Obenauf

Carl Frederick Obenauf, 97. of Charlottesville, Va., and formerly of Put-in-Bay, died on January 10, 2019 Born in Garfield, New Jersey, Mr. Obenauf is the son of the late Anna Emma Recke Obenauf and Frederick Paul Obenauf and the brother of Gladys Obenauf Diezel of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey. He was predeceased by his wife of over 65 years, Marjorie Brown Cottingham Obenauf, whom he met during their freshman year at The Ohio State University. Mr. Obenauf received his Bachelor of Science degree in June 1943 from OSU and shortly thereafter his orders to report to the Northwestern University (Chicago) Naval Midshipmen's School. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S, Naval Reserve with orders to report to the Navy Bomb Disposal School, American University (Washington, D.C.). He recorded the history of one man's military experience in the Pacific following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in his book History of Service United States Navy during World War II published in 2004. He reported for duty in New Caledonia on 13 March of 1944 as the Bomb Disposal Officer on the U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 aircraft carrier, the second vessel to carry that name as the first was sunk during the Battle of Midway. Since reporting on that day, Mr. Obenauf always considered Friday the 13th to be his lucky day as he lived to see the Japanese surrender. Carl and Marjorie married in November 1945 when he returned from service. During Carl's working years they made Chicago and Beloit, Wisc. their home and spent vacations at the Cottingham family cottage on Put-in-Bay. In retirement, the Obenaufs moved to Columbus and then Port Clinton, Finally, they summered at Put-in-Bay and wintered in Virginia. Mr. Obenauf became a member of the U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 Association at its inception in 1948. On Columbus Day weekend 1975, the ship U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 was dedicated as an official part of the Patriots Point floating museum just outside Charleston, SC. The U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 Association has always been an integral part of the ship, and Mr. Obenauf served in many capacities including a number of years as Association president and chairman of the board. Carl had more than 60 years of involvement with The American Legion. He wrote a book documenting the history of the Beatrice Foods Company Special Products Division, from which he retired as president in June 1983. His book, The Building of an Industry: The History of the Convenience Food Industry, details his professional journey. Business travel took him throughout 48 of the United States, Canada and most countries in Western Europe. Mr. Obenauf was a pioneer in the development of special powders utilizing the spray dehydration process and the adaptation of these powders to new product concepts. He was a member of the Institute of Food Technology, American Society of Bakery Engineers and American Association of Cereal Chemists (also chairman of its Midwestern Section). Ingredients he helped develop continue to this day to make food preparation easier for all who cook for themselves and their families. During his years with Beatrice Foods, Mr. Obenauf was elected to the Beatrice Foods Company President's Honor Club and received the Beatrice President's Club Award. His retirement many years ago marked 31 years of service at the company. A fervent Buckeye fan since first stepping on the Columbus campus, He was honore with the Distinguished Alumni Award of the OSU College of Agriculture Alumni Association and the Distinguished Benefactor Award of the OSU Department of Food Science and Nutrition. Most recently he was a 2018 inductee into the Ohio State University Department of Food Science and Technology Hall of Distinction, which recognizes graduates and friends of the Department who have made significant contributions to the food science and technology profession. He eventually retired as President of the Special Products Division of Beatrice. He was instrumental in the burgeoning industry involving dried food products for not only Beatrice but also other food companies." Carl and Marjorie established the Carl F. and Marjorie Cottingham Obenauf Agricultural Merit Scholarship at The Ohio State University. They were both members of the OSU President's Club. The Obenaufs are survived by their daughter, Linda Obenauf Porterfield (H. William Porterfield, M.D.) of Charlottesville, and son, Carl D. Obenauf, M.D. (Sherry Stuart Obenauf) of Rio Verde, Ariz., 7grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren as well as Mr. Obenauf's sister, With Mr. Obenauf's death, another member of the Greatest Generation is gone but definitely not forgotten. Special thanks go to The Colonnades Assisted Living staff who caringly tended to Mr. Obenauf's needs during his last days.

Carl Obenauf

Donald "Don" F. Ruggiero

Donald "Don" F. Ruggiero, age 71, of Put-in-Bay, formerly of Damascus, died May 20, 2019 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky. Born August 23, 1947 in Youngstown, he lived in the area until his passion for sailing took him up South Bass Island. He was an avid sailor, spending hours on "Caddy Shack" while he enjoyed his music. Don was a lineman for GM Lordstown for 30 years, when he retired and moved to Put-in-Bay, where he became the grounds keeper of The Island Club. He then took the position of Butcher for the Island General Store, where he was still working. Don was a real Chocolate lover and competed with entries at the island library's Chocolate Fest over the years. He had been a competitive swimmer and had been on the swim team at Muskingum College and with the Y Neptune Swim Team at the Youngstown YMCA. Survivors include his High School sweet heart and loving wife of 50 years, Judy (nee: Woodford) Ruggiero, whom he married August 30, 1968, his brother James Ruggiero of Dallas, TX, his cousin Patricia Beale of Cortland, his sisters-in-laws, Linda (Bill) McKernan of McDonald, Deborah Radek of Burr Ridge, IL and Lori (Jeff) Cramer of Gerard. Don also leaves several nieces and nephews and his furry companions, Colin, Abbey and Lily. Don was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws and his brother-in-law, Dennis Radek. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 29, 2019, in the Undercroft of St. Paul Episcopal Church, 623 Catawba Ave., Put in Bay. A Memorial service will be held at the Church at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The family suggests donations be made to St. Paul Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 248, 43456 or The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, P.O. Box 25, 43456. Information and condolences at www.burrservice.com.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Milestones

OBITUARIES

Barbara "Barbi" Barnhill

Barbi Barnhill

Barbara (Barbi) Yenney Barnhill, 82, passed away on May 5th in Pemberville, Ohio. Preceded in death by her husband Mark, Barbi is survived by her sister Nancy Archer, daughters Chandra (Ken) Fuss, Andrea, Belinda (Steve) Bengry, son Bruce (Linda), grandchildren Loren (Chris) Vaughn, Hunter (Crystal), Logan (Athena), Maddie, Rebecca Fuss, Parker and Tyler Bengry, and 3 great grandchildren. Barbi was born in Sandusky on September 28, 1936, graduated from Sandusky High School, and attended college at Michigan State, BGSU, and received an Associate's Degree in Restaurant Management from a Community College in Kansas City, MO in 1975. Although born and raised in Sandusky, Barbi spent the summers of her youth at Put-in-Bay, Ohio at the home owned by the family business, The E & K Wine Company. During one such summer she met her future husband, Mark, who was working as a cab driver at the resort island. They were married on December 27, 1955, and with Mark being a newly commissioned officer in the US Air Force, they moved to Texas, the first of many moves at the direction of the USAF. From there they moved to Washington, Alaska, Utah, California, Ohio, Turkey, Missouri, and then back to Ohio in 1976. In 1977, Barbi was the president of the PIBYC Ladies Auxiliary. Barbi and Mark made their final move in 1986 to permanently reside at the family farm at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, converting the family home into the first B&B on the island. Barbi, a devoted wife for 64 years and loving mother to her 4 children, was the quintessential military wife, or as she referred to herself, a "camp follower". With every move she looked forward with excitement to making a new home for her family and meeting new friends. This was never more evident than the two years spent in Izmir, Turkey. There, Barbi wholeheartedly embraced the Turkish people and their culture, dispelling myths of the "ugly American" with her respectful enthusiasm and kindness. She was often invited into their Turkish homes for hot tea and warm conversations, overcoming the cultural and language barriers. Despite her zeal for adventure Barbi always seemed to be home to provide her loving care and comfort to her family. She was a cheerleader, teacher, chef, chauffeur, B&B hostess, seamstress, vineyard worker, sailor, "momma-razzi" photographer, and the friendliest front-porch conversationalist you could ever meet. Her warm, infectious smile and cheerful, kind heart made everyone feel welcomed, and her culinary talents, served up with love at her home and B&B, enticed everyone to keep coming back to visit with her. Barbi cared deeply for her family, her Put-in-Bay home and community, and the 100's of friends she made as she lived and travelled around the world. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and all those she loved, including the ladies of the Put-in-Bay chapter of OWLS (Old Women's Literary Society), St. Paul Episcopal Church members, the BGSU Phi Tau wives, and the countless friends and B&B guests that were touched by her kindness and delighted in her famous Buttermilk Coffee Cake and Corn Pancakes.

Dick Dysert

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Richard E. Dysert, 75 of Ottawa, Ohio, and formerly of Put-in-Bay, died Friday, May 10, 2019 at Hilty Memorial Home, Pandora. He was born December 29, 1943 in Findlay to Garnet Dysert who is deceased and raised by his grandparents, William and Flossie Dysert, who are also deceased. On June 29, 1966, he married Marjorie Kuhlman. She died April 22, 2015. Surviving is a granddaughter: Alex Dysert, an aunt, Mary (Duane) Dearth, of Ottawa and many cousins. He was also preceded in death by a son, Rick Dysert, a Put-in-Bay High School graduate who was killed in a motorcycle accident on the island. The Ricky Dysert Memorial Scholarship is one of the scholarships that is given out each year to a deserving Put-in-Bay High School graduate. Richard was the owner of the former Bay Cab Co. in Put-in-Bay. After leaving the island, Dick was a driver for Advanced Limo. Funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m.. Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Love Funeral Home, Ottawa with Pastor Ruth Carter-Crist officiating. Burial was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Ottawa. Memorials may be made to the National COPD Donation Headquarters, 3300 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Miami, FL 33134. Condolences may be expressed at lovefuneralhome.com

Kenneth P. Fox

Kenneth Fox

Kenneth P. Fox II, 82, Bellevue, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2019, in First Community Village, Columbus. He was born June 14, 1946, in Bellevue, the son of Kenneth P. Fox I and Audrey (Fowler) Fox. Ken was a long-time attorney in Bellevue and followed in his father's footsteps as Bellevue Municipal Court Judge for 24 years. He graduated from Bellevue High School, earned his undergraduate degree at Ohio State University and then graduated from Marshal Law School in Cleveland. He was an active member of the community and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue Eagles, Elks, VFW, and the Oriole Club in Sandusky. As an avid OSU fan and alumni he was proud to be a member of The Varsity "O" Club. Ken was a summer resident of Catawba Ave. on Put-in-Bay for many years. Ken married Diane (Mobley) Fox, March 30, 1963, in Parma. She preceded him in death in 2018. Survivors include his son, Kenneth P. Fox III; daughter, Tiffany (Dan) Lhota of Columbus; and beloved grandchildren, Jack, William, Ellen, and George Lhota. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia (Fox) Cochran. Burial will take place at Bellevue Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Central Chapter, Team Ken Fox, 1379 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215. Memories and condolences may be shared at foosfuneral.com.

Pauline A. "Polly" Shock

Polly Shock

Pauline A. "Polly" Shock, age 90, of Tipp City, passed away Monday May 13, 2019. Born November 3, 1928 in Dayton, Ohio to Paul L. and Emma B. (Guadke) Dobeliet. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Roy Shock, daughter Vickie L. Woodrum and sister, Norma Jean McKeen. Pauline is survived by her son David (Mary) Shock, granddaughter, Andrea (Peter Sims) Shock and three great grandchildren; Daunte, Kaeden and Maison. Pauline lived in Ft. Myers, Florida for several years and had lived in Marblehead and many summers at Put-in-Bay as well. Pauline put together several islander group cruises to the Caribbean in the 1990s. After moving back to Ohio she settled in the SpringMeade carriage house community. Pauline enjoyed teaching ceramics to the other residents and sharing her pieces with family and friends. While spending time at the family home in Put-in-Bay Pauline discovered the Heineman Winery and some of her favorite wine. Each afternoon at 4 p.m. she hosted "Happy Hour" with her family and friends where they enjoyed, wine, cheese, fruit and fellowship. The roots of the 4 o'clock club at Heineman Winery can be traced back to Polly and her husband Roy. This special time will be missed.

Nancy Barlow

Nancy Barlow

Nancy Barlow passed away the morning of April 27, 2019 at Huntington Woods Rehabilitation Center in Westlake, Ohio after an 8 year battle with metastatic breast cancer. She was accompanied by her son, Paul Barlow and his wife Dora at the time of her passing. Nancy Barlow was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 16, 1937. She grew up on Fleet Avenue and attended Hoban Dominican High School where she graduated in 1955. She was married to William Barlow in 1958. In 1966, her parents bought property at Put-in Bay at 719 Langram Road. Her mother, Lillian Kahoun, would move to the island as a year around resident in 1968 after the passing of her husband, James. For many years, Nancy would spend her summers on the island. She began making candy for a shop called the Tintype, and that grew into managing the Bay Fudge Company for several years. She was very active in the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club as well being President of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1975. In the early 1980's, she turned her attention to nursing. She graduated from Parma School of Practical Nursing in 1986. She worked as an oncology nurse for several years. In 1987, she was named the American Cancer Society's Nurse of Hope for Ohio. She retired from nursing, and she spent the past several years living in Wellington, Ohio at Saint Patrick's Manor. She is survived by her son, Paul & his wife Dora as well as her former husband William. Upon her passing, Nancy requested that her body be donated to the Cleveland Clinic for science and research purposes. A Celebration of Life was held on May 19th at Avon Oaks Country Club with many family & friends in attendance. Donations may still be made in her name to the Cleveland Animal Protective League. Nancy was a nurse, loyal friend and wonderful mother - she will be missed every day.

Celebrating a Life

Louis Heineman

The Heineman Family would like to invite the many friends of Louis Heineman to a gathering at Heineman Winery on Wednesday, June 12th, from 1 to 4 p.m. to remember the life and time of Louis Heineman who passed away this past winter. A new stump carving in his honor will be unveiled.

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ABOVE: These prominent island photographers will be the judges of the Put-in-Bay Gazette's Photo Contest. Left to right are Susan Byrnes from Put-in-Bay Studios, Kelly Faris of Kelly Faris Photography and Bobbi Dobos from "A Moment in Time Photography." These three are very talented photographers who have a great background when it comes to taking photos around the islands. Susan has been taking professional photos here on the island for several years. Kelly Faris has been taking photos on the island for 50 years. Bobbi, a 2000 graduate of Put-in-Bay School enjoys taking photos of children in unique settings here on the island. It costs nothing to enter, so click away!

PIB Gazette's Best of Put-in-Bay Photo Contest

Do you have that special eye for photography? Have you always wanted your work to be posted on the front page for hundreds to see? If so, we have just the photo contest for you! The Put-in-Bay Gazette is hosting a "Best of Put-in-Bay" photo contest during the month of June. The winning photo will the cover photo for Section B of the Put-in-Bay Gazette's August issue! The winner will be selected by three experienced island photographers.

To be considered for entry:

- All entries must be submitted on the Put-in-Bay Gazette Facebook page by July 10th, 2019, AND using the hashtag #putinbaygiveaway or editor@putinbay.news.
- Photos must be taken on Put-in-Bay or have South Bass island in the photo.

More details will be posted on our Facebook page in the contest post on June 1st, 2019. In addition to the cover photo, the grand prize winner will also receive a 2-year online subscription to the Put-in-Bay Gazette, as well as a souvenir Put-in-Bay Gazette travel mug. Second and third place winners will receive a combination of tickets to the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society & Museum, African Wildlife Safari in Port Clinton, and a gift certificate to the Museum Resale Shop.

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ABOVE: What a great turnout there was for Annie Parker's 90th birthday celebration at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center on Saturday, May 18th. Scores of guests including her family were on hand to wish her well. Guests came in from each coast to help her celebrate with a wonderful luncheon. Annie moved to Put-in-Bay in the late 1940s when she married Joe Parker who eventually became owner of Parker's Garage. Annie is well known for singing the National Anthem at island events. She is seen here with two of her four sons, Ben (left) and Matt (right. Ben is also musically inclined. He fame has spread far and wide as Ben of the island band "Ben Dover and the Screamers. Matt is also talented. When not on the job as dockmaster for Miller Boat Line at the Catawba Dock, he can be found acting in local theater groups. He has also become a prominent guest at the island's gathering where Christmas gifts are handed out to the kids.

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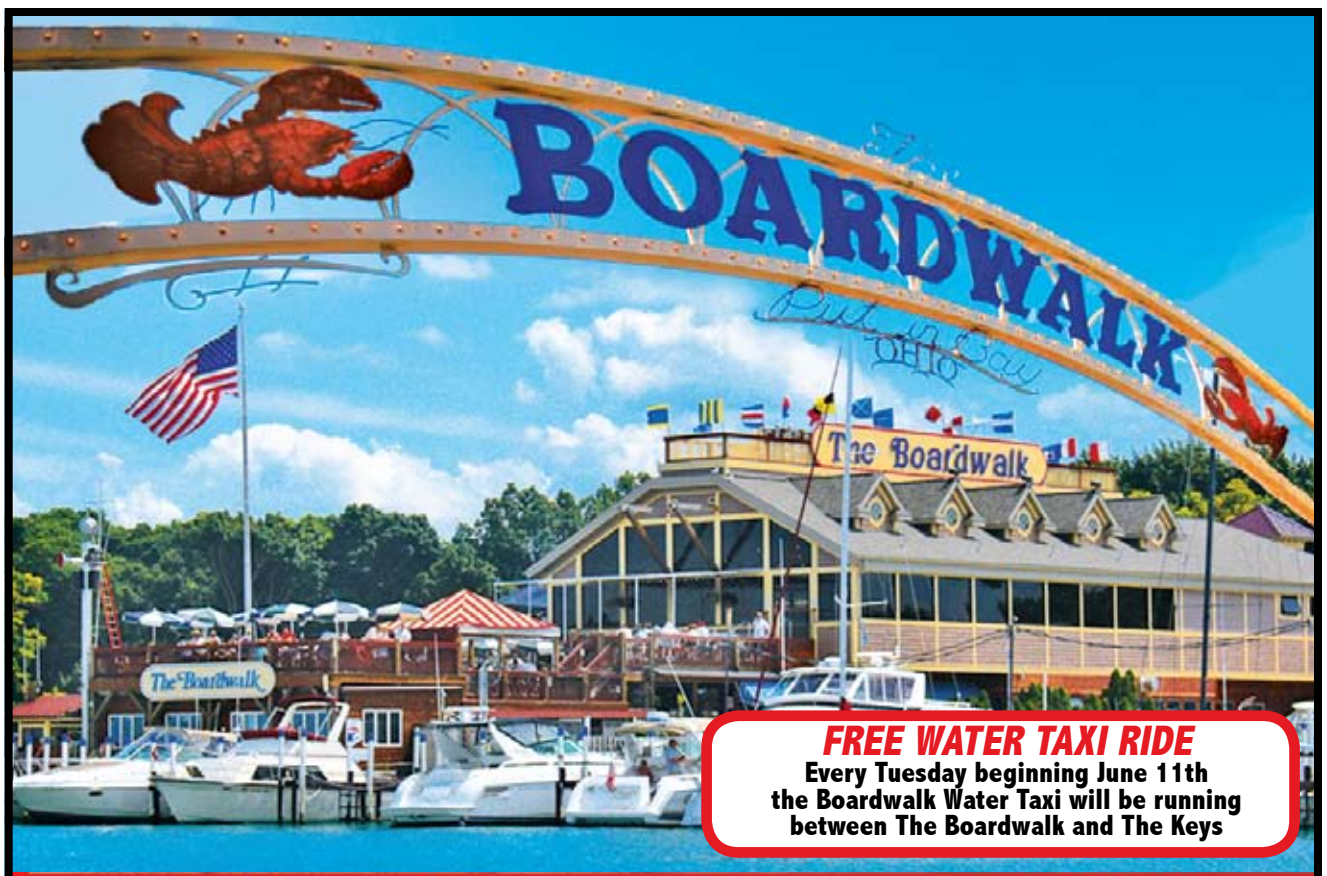

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LEFT: Gay Pippert-Ladd directs Put-in-Bay's older elementary students during the spring concert at the PIB School gym one evening in May. The students did an excellent job to the delight of friends, family and parents who were watching.

Social Media Training with thunder::tech

A one-time opportunity to train island staff on Social Media will take place at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Thursday, June 6th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a critical opportunity to learn how to best promote your business and the Island. The public relations firm that is presenting the program, thunder::tech, is the company that is working with the Sage Island Task Force to help solve some of the problems associated with some of the big weekends that have been experienced in recent years on Put-in-Bay.

The program will be directed at business owners or to whomever is in-charge of the Social Media for their business.

Training Day is a day that will center on overall best practices to help both you/your business thrive. Best practices will come in the form of social media training, preparation for interacting with the media, in-person executions with customers/island visitors as well as overall language/voice for handling frequently asked questions. The purpose of Training Day is to unite the island and establish the message of: "One Island, One Voice." Attendees will be given handouts and takeaways during the day that they will be able to bring back to their own teams and keep for future use. Personalized mini social media audits will also be created for those who RSVPed before the deadline at the end of May. These audits will come from thunder::tech's social media team in regards to how you/your business is doing and what you can do to help your profiles thrive even more.

The event is being sponsored by the Safe Island Task Force and the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce. There is no cost for this program.

ABOVE: The Bell Choir from St. Paul's completed their year by performing for PIB's American Legion Post 542 at the Legion's May meeting in the church Undercroft. The bell choir is directed by C.C. Wisnewski (far right). The bell ringers included Sue Duff in yellow blouse, Cody Kowalski #23, Olivia Christensen and Sue Amrime. Lizzy Many is not in the photo. Legion members (all in white, left to right) Post Commander Ed Hubner, Past Commander Tom Cooper, Bill "He Shows Up Everywhere" Boag, and Adjunct Bernie Meyers were some of the 18 Legionaries who enjoyed the bells and a meal made in the fantastic new kitchen at St. Paul's.

8th Grade D.C. Trip

By McKenna Stacy

Every year, the school takes the 8th grade class on a trip to Washington D.C. This year, I got to go because I was in 8th grade. The trip was from April 29th to May 3rd. We went with Seneca East and we took two buses. The island students left Monday on a 6 p.m. boat. We went to the hotel for the night and then we got up at 4 a.m. to drive to Seneca East. After we got there, we loaded on the buses. We drove to Gettysburg the first day and watched a short movie about the Battle of Gettysburg and we also got to see the cyclorama (the giant painting of the battle). Then we drove to Maryland to the hotel for the night. The next day we drove into D.C. and spent the whole day walking and learning about the historical sites. We saw the White House, got to hear a survivor of the Holocaust speak, and a few of the memorials. By the time we got back on the bus for the day it was 10 p.m. The next day we only did a few things. We saw the House of Representatives and went to Ford Theater, Arlington National Cemetery, along with a few other things. When we went to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, it started to rain. Right after that we went to the buses. We left D.C. around 5 p.m. and we drove to Medieval Times. We ate there and watched people joust. After we left, we rode on the buses for the night. I could hardly sleep the whole night. I maybe got an hour of sleep. Every time we had a bathroom break they woke the whole bus up and turned the lights on, so when I got home I was so tired. The trip was so fun though. We got to meet new kids and learn so many things!

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ABOVE: Put-in-Bay Police Chief Steve Riddle discussing the Safe Island Task Force with the PIB Property Owners Association members at their May meeting at the Town Hall.

Golf cart fee case goes to Ohio Supreme Court

Ohio's highest court has agreed to hear a case that will decide if a municipality can place an additional tax on vehicles driving on its roads. Specifically, the Village of Put-in-Bay charges businesses that rent golf carts a $50 fee per cart to rent them out. The money goes into the street repair fund.

The original suit was brought by Mark Mathys, the owner of Delaware Carts and Islander Inn owner Tim Niese. They claimed the Village Ordinance requiring owners of vehicles used for transportation of property, for hire and for use within the Village is unconstitutional.

Under the law, once the fee was paid, a sticker needed to be displayed on each vehicle to be driven on the Village's streets and roads. People who didn't pay the fee could be charged with a fourth-degree misdemeanor punishable by 30 days in jail and/or a $250 fine. The law does not apply to privately owned carts in the Village.

Some years back, a similar lawsuit was brought before the court, and the Village prevailed. This latest case was won by the plaintiffs, and then reversed in the appeals court. Now the issue is going before the Ohio Supreme Court. It is not known exactly how long it will take for the judges to make a ruling, but some say it could be up a couple of years.

The decision is important for those who rent golf carts in the Village. Anyone who looks around at the number of carts for rent, has to realize it means big dollars to both parties involved in the lawsuit.

Museum raising funds for workshop/storage building

The Lake Erie Islands wants to thank Julene Market for donating $4,000 to help kick off the funding for a workshop and storage building.

Every year, the museum is involved in the auction fundraiser in August and the Wine Festival in October. Volunteers collect numerous items which are sold at both events, plus they put together the baskets and prepare the items that are auctioned off. There's no place to store everything and do all the work, so a small building is needed.

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Safe Island Task Force - Report to the Community

On Tuesday, May 14th, members of the Safe Island Task Force met with community members at the Senior Center to give a progress report on what they've learned and what they are doing to solve the problems associated with big weekends. The group was originally formed last summer after the infamous weekend in July (CIJ) spurred community leaders, business owners and residents to do something to combat the misbehaving crowds, the bad publicity generated about the island and the loss of business during what should be one of the peak weekends of each season.

The ultimate goal of the group was to make a visit to Put-in-Bay safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

The Task Force's spokesman, island business owner and former Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce president Brad Ohlemacher, gave the audience a little background on how the group got started and how the 22 members started four committees to address legal, promotion, transportation and public safety issues.

Members of the Safe Island Task Force are Brad Ohlemacher, Mayor Jessica Dress, Eric Booker from the Boardwalk, Billy and Julene Market from Miller Boat Line, Todd Blumensaadt from the Jet Express, Peter Huston from the Chamber of Commerce, Aaron Walker and Mike Bell from Toledo, Kim Morrisson from Frosty Bar, Marc Wright from The Forge, Dee Dee Duggan from Island Bike and Cart Rental, Christie Ontko from Freshwater Retreat, Patrick Myers, a man of multiple talents, Lake Erie Shores Marketing Director Bryan Edwards, Joey Wolf from the Anchor Inn, Chris Cooper from Island Hardware, Robbie Morrow from the Crew's Nest and Put-in-Bay Winery, Tina Rogers from the Chamber of Commerce, PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle and Trey Sheehan from Oak Point.

The group's original focus on one bad weekend has changed in the last few months to coming up with policies and procedures to deal with any big weekend.

Another point that was made is there are no longer any island businesses promoting the unspeakable weekend. Having mixed messaging about the weekend the past few years has been a problem and this a big step in the right direction. With that said, members agreed that even with all their hard work, no one knows what to expect this coming last weekend in July.

Coming up with plans to solve the growing pains of success meant the committees had to do their homework on many topics. Early on, there were multiple solutions put forth by every island John, Dick and Harry, but it has basically come down to the fact that there is no simple solution to the problem. There's no easy fix, no magic bullet!

There have been an estimated 360 hours of meetings put in by Task Force members in the last ten months. They discussed the issues involved, the pros and cons of various solutions and still know there's a lot of work to be done.

Fortunately, they had some input from Mike Bell, the mayor of Toledo from 2010 to 2014, and retired Highway Patrol Officer Aaron Walker, who both volunteered to join the board. Island visitors for many years, the two black men added a perspective to the conversation that the all-white board welcomed with open arms. Mike, a visitor to the island for 30 years, told those gathered, "It's not about what you look like, it's about behavior. The task force came at it with diverse eyes so there would not be any blind spots. There were behaviors happening years before that you weren't paying attention to."

Mike and Peter Huston actually met with one of the tour bus operators from Detroit. Peter said he learned a lot from that meeting. Mike and Aaron's experience dealing with all types of people and situations over the years has proven to be invaluable.

Eric Booker told how his group met with attorneys to discuss options under the law, but after much discussion, solving the problem by legal remedies would prove difficult and expensive, not be a practical reality, plus would be bad for Put-in-Bay. Eric said, "We're not going to sue our way out."

Patrick Myers talked about the signage which will let all visitors to PIB know what is expected and what the rules are. Too many people come to the island and think it is some kind of free for all. Some even think the island is a different country where anything goes. The signs are a start in getting information to our visitors.

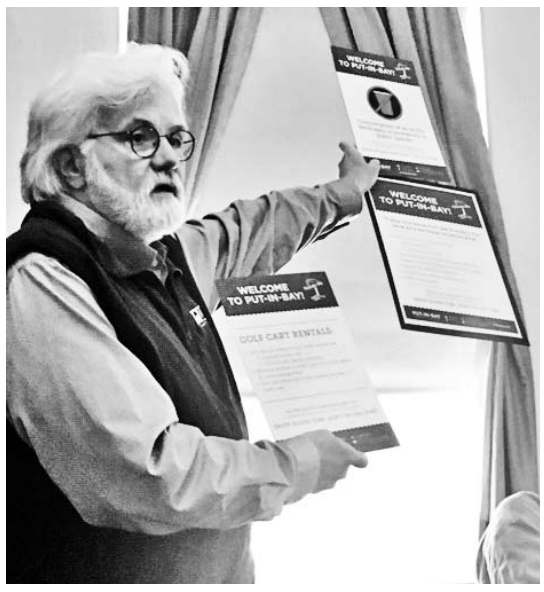
Billy Market talked about the numerous issues involved with the ferry services dealing with the public. He told how the ferry lines are no longer offering group discounts on weekends and staggering the arrival of busses. Unfortunately, many bus owners don't communicate with the ferry lines and simply show up unannounced. For example, last year on CIJ weekend the boat line knew of 14 busses, but 38 showed up. His committee is making an effort to establish communications with all tour bus operators and find someway to pass along our behavior expectations before people even get to the island. Todd Blumensaadt from the Jet Express has cut way back on the really late night runs hoping this will help.

Chief Riddle talked about the issues involved with bringing in law enforcement from the mainland, the type of training and equipment his officers are getting to handle crowds, plus his efforts to clamp down on open containers and reckless golf cart operation. He also talked about his plans for addressing the traffic bottlenecks the island experiences on busy weekends.

Representatives from thunder::tech, the public relations the Task Force hired from the $50,000 raised from the island community, gave presentations during the meeting, They felt that letting visitors know what is allowed and not allowed on the island is important. They showed off the signage, plus talked about an ad campaign with new messaging. The firm also monitors social media to give the Task Force a heads up about what to expect if something pops up about the island that needs to be addressed.

One of the big messages from the Task Force was do not share bad news about Put-in-Bay on social media. It spreads like wildfire and is detrimental to getting the positive news and publicity out.

With all this in mind, let's hope that we can spread the word and make this coming summer safe and enjoyable for every island visitor.



ABOVE: Peter Huston from the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce showing off some of the new SITF signs at the Put-in-Bay Property Owners Association meeting at the Town Hall.

ABOVE: Safe Island Task Force member Patrick Myers discussed the informational signage that will be placed where visitors can read them while waiting for a ferry to Put-in-Bay.

ABOVE: Brad Ohlemacher (left) from the Bird's Nest Resort and Banyan Cove II is seen here addressing the crowd gathered at the Senior Center to hear the most updated Safe Island Task Force information. Mayor Jessica Dress and Eric Booker are seated at the right.

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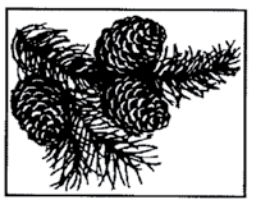

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RIGHT: Here is a group photo of many of the people who attended Alice Boag's Surprise 70th Birthday Party on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend at Steve and Denise Snyder's home on the West Shore. This was late in the party and many guests had already left. Notice the photo of Alice taped to the front door on the right!

Vice Commander...Ahoy!

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

Paul Bolden

MARINE TRADES APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WILL BENEFIT PIB

On May 9th I was part of an Active Duty and Auxiliary Coast Guard contingency at the Marine Trades Apprenticeship program launch held at Lakefront Marina in Port Clinton. Lt. Governor Jon Husted (an avid fisherman himself) outlined the program. There is a huge need for new operators, mechanics, welders and yardmen to fill marine jobs left by longtime skilled tradesmen who are nearing retirement.

Marinas all along the North Coast are feeling the squeeze. Put-in-Bay residents who are mariners will certainly benefit by the increase in skilled labor that this program will deliver to our area. Myself along with others on my dock have struggled over the years to find qualified marine mechanics. The shortage of mechanics in our area have left the few that we have over worked and overwhelmed.

HOW TO PASS A VESSEL INSPECTION (VSC) PART 2 OF 3

Continuing from where we left off last month. Part 2 of this 3 part annual series will assist PIB residents in understanding and passing a vessel inspection (VSC). Please remember that Vessel Safety Checks performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary ARE NOT a law enforcement action and you WILL NOT be cited if your vessel should happen to fail. Rather, these courtesy checks give you an opportunity to correct any issues or violations in advance of being stopped and perhaps fined by the Coast Guard while you are underway.

1) Pollution Placard. Lake Erie as well as all Great Lakes are federally controlled waters and boaters are subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.. If your vessel is 26' and over, you are required to have a Discharge of Oil Placard affixed in a conspicuous place in the machinery or bilge pump area of your vessel. The discharge of oil or oily waste into any navigable waters of the U.S. are strictly prohibited by law.

2) Marpol Trash Placard. Let's make this one simple! Don't throw any waste overboard okay! Vessels 26' or greater are required to have a Trash Placard on display. Usual places to affix the placard are in the galley or head, etc. Vessels 40' and over must additionally have a written trash disposal plan onboard.

3) Marine Sanitation Devices. On Lake Erie you are prohibited from discharging waste into the water. If your vessel has a porta potty you are okay in that you will remove the unit for emptying once ashore or at a pump out station. If you have a flush toilet that empties into a holding tank that is a closed system and can not be discharged overboard you are okay as well.

Here's where it gets a little tricky. If your vessel's head has or has had the capability of discharging waste overboard, that feature must be disabled. This is too complicated to fully discuss in this article. I would strongly advise that you contact the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and have a vessel examiner do an inspection to assure that you are in compliance with federal law. Islanders can have this inspection performed free of charge. Call (419) 379-9000.

ABOVE: Vice Commander Paul Bolden and Lt. Governor Jon Husted in Port Clinton.

4) Navigation Rules. Boats 39.4' and over must have a current copy of the navigation rules on board.

5) State Requirements. Pick up a copy of "Ohio Boat Operators Guide." Contact the USCG Auxiliary or the Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

6) Overall Vessel Condition. Your vessel must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate. The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing. If installed, self-circling or kill switch mechanisms must be in proper working order. Portable fuel tanks (normally 7-gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated. System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

PIB RESIDENTS CAN CALL ME FOR FREE SAFETY CHECK

I am available to personally inspect your vessel free of charge. Now is the time to do it since the boating season is upon us. The best way to reach me is via email: paulbolden.uscgaux@gmail.com. You can also call me at (419) 379-9000 stating your name, your phone number, that you're at Put-in-Bay and would like to have a Vessel Safety Check.

You can also get a free vessel safety check administered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary by calling (419) 379-9000.

NEXT MONTH

Next month, we will wrap up the series with a discussion of additional equipment and considerations.

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

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

AmeriCorps intern for 2019

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, and Put-in-Bay Township Park District are pleased to announce that Emma Young will be their AmeriCorps intern for 2019. Emma will spend 30 hours per week with our island projects starting June 3rd. She will be holding a Nature Scavenger Hunt on June 28th at the Massie Cliffside Preserve at 11 a.m. We are grateful to John and Paula Ladd, Padraic Ladd, Julene Market, Bruce Miles, Dave and Barb Nostrant, Tim and Jane O'Brien, Fran Poe and Janice Williams for funding the position and to the Jet Express for assistance with transportation.

ABOVE" AmeriCorps Intern Emma Young.

Emma writes about herself, "Greetings! My name is Emma Young and I am from Norwalk, Ohio. I have just finished my sophomore year at Capital University and I am majoring in Biology and minoring in Environmental Science. Last summer, I completed an internship at Back to the Wild, a wildlife rehabilitation and nature education center, located in Castalia, Ohio. During my internship, I was able to learn a lot of new and exciting things that has fueled my passion for conservation. I have also been allowed the opportunity to do research on gray foxes with my advisor at Capital University. I am very excited and grateful to have received this Environmental Stewards Intern position, as I hope to gain further experience in the field of conservation."

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ABOVE: Here is something of interest. Did you know that this huge reclining sectional sofa can be purchased on the popular Wayfair funiture website for only $1,469.99? What's really interesting is that the model is called the "Kelleys Island Classic Reclining Sectional." We need a new sofa, I wonder if they'd ship one to Put-in-Bay or if these can only be bought by people who have homes on Kelleys Island.

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Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

Leslie Korenko

April went out with an unhurried sigh as May rapidly turned into a whirlwind of activity. The rest of the restaurants opened up on May 1. Saturday May 18 – was free museum day at the KI History Museum on Division St. with over 120 people stopping by. It was also SAFETY SERVICES DAY and the Fire Dept. EMS, Police, Coast Guard and Life Flight all appeared at the Casino parking lot so people could meet and greet those who serve and protect this community. The Police Dept. also had a cookout which had a close call with the winds from the chopper's blades. High water is everywhere and several docks are regularly under water.

MISCELLANEOUS

The SCHOOL WEBSITE is filling out nicely and provides lots more information than the old one. The new pavilions at the West Bay Inn are finished. The VFW will celebrate MEMORIAL DAY on Thursday May 30 (which is the official day) and NOT on the Monday holiday. May is BIRD MONTH on the Island with many birders making the trip. We met for our first KIAC pot luck. Grossbeaks, loads of humming birds and orioles, indigo buntings, finches are around. Tom Bartlett reported that on May 19 he banded 237 birds (35 species). The Bird Kelleys Island Facebook page keeps us up to date on his activities and there is a great photo of a yellow billed Cookoo and a black billed cuckoo there. We bid farewell to Ericka who was the manager last winter. DOG WALKS are starting up again, Island dogs should being their people to the school at 1:00 sharp – then move to a comfortable walking spot. Have you heard those mysterious booms on the west side? The West Bay Inn now has a cannon to celebrate sunsets. Ron Ehrbar has officially announced his candidacy for Mayor.

REFERENDUM FILED

Ordinance 2019-O-4 combining the duties of the clerk/treasurer into an appointed office known as the village Fiscal Officer in the Village is being challenged. A copy of the referendum can be viewed in the Village office.

COUNCIL NOTES

This was a rather fast moving meeting but not without some surprises. There is a new Mayor's Court Clerk – Rosalyn Ahner, and Council hired this year's part-time police officers and established a "use of public ways by service providers" policy. They will be putting two levies on the fall ballot: Renewal 1.00 mill for fire protection services and 3.00 mills renewal for streets, roads and bridges. Bids are coming in on the AIRPORT DRAINAGE project. With this high water, FLOOD CONTROL on E. Lakeshore, east of the marina, is a priority. The PARK BOARD announced that two signs for Village parks have been donated and should be installed soon. Cost saving measures continue with the cancellation of two cell phone contracts which were determined to be an unnecessary expense. Actually, one was not even used. Paperwork is moving forward for grants and permissions to install an official HELIPORT at the airport. At a special meeting on April 27, Council officially accepted the resignation of Councilperson Mike Feyedelem and appointed Russ Maust to Mike's remaining term.

SAFETY SERVICES NEWS

The POLICE DEPT. received 164 telephone calls, and issued five warnings for speeding and grass on the roadway. They will be applying for a grant for bullet proof vests and are looking at purchasing AED equipment for one of the police cruisers as they are usually on the scene first. The FIRE DEPT. has received their multi-gas detector. There are problems with the Dwelle House (police housing) septic system that will have to be dealt with. On Sunday, May 19, our SAFETY SERVICES held an ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING event at the school. This was a realistic session and after receiving the report, areas were cleared, perimeters secured and injuries and deaths were dealt with as the shooter was identified and secured. Several Islanders participated as bystanders and victims. The house burning exercise was changed in scope. Permission was not granted to burn the house, however, several different types of fires were set inside the home in various locations and firefighters were sent in to deal with the scaled down blazes.

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ABOVE: PIB Mayor Jessica Dress (left) and paramedic Jose Modic (right) were at the EMS Open House on May 5th demonstrating how the power-assist gurney helps get patients safely in the EMS ambulance. Dan Skoufos from Put-in-Bay Rd. is seen here pretending to be the patient. There was nothing wrong with Dan that couldn't be fixed by enjoying one of the great tacos served at the event.

New faces at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Ms. Renee Fultz, Director, and Ms. Aerin Doughty, Manager, are the new faces of the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. They are off to a great start, working with school groups, Roads Scholar, and getting the center ready for a great new season!

When Allison Zura Wright had to withdraw as director, Renee took over and with her qualifications we believe we have found a great leader for our center. She has a M.A. in Biology from Miami University and an M.A. in Psychology from University of Indianapolis. She has work experience at the Wild Hearts Zoological Park in Lewisburg, OH, instructing on sustainable living in Panama, as well as working at our Nature Center and camp programs in past years.

Aerin Doughty has graduated with an A.S. in Wildlife Management from Hocking College, and will be furthering her education this autumn at West Virginia University. She has work experience with Lorain County Metroparks, Tree Campus USA, and doing bat research in North Carolina.

We welcome both of these women who are bringing fresh ideas and energy to our center based on their education and work experience.

Another great $-making idea!

With all the high water we've had and are expecting, it makes sense that someone should rent rubber boots and waders on the island this summer. They could keep people's feet dry as they get on and off their boats and ferries, visit the Monument, go to Burgundy Bay or trying to get to the east ends of both Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass. Big bucks to be made!

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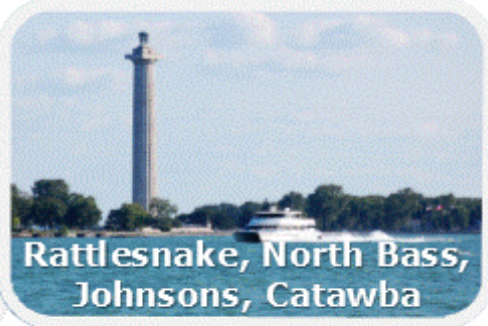

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Great idea of the Month

Our great idea of the month will help residents on East Point when the high water comes and the road floods. How about some enterprising young person providing a kayak or jet ski service across the Monument? Residents could park their car on the dry part of the Monument lawn, take a kayak or jet ski to the main part of the island for a minimal price, take a taxi to wherever they want to go, then do the same thing only in reverse to get back to their car and go home.

Who's with us? Great idea or not?

Are you interested in buying, selling or investing in real estate on Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Kelleys Island or any of the surrounding areas? Give me a call, I've got you covered!

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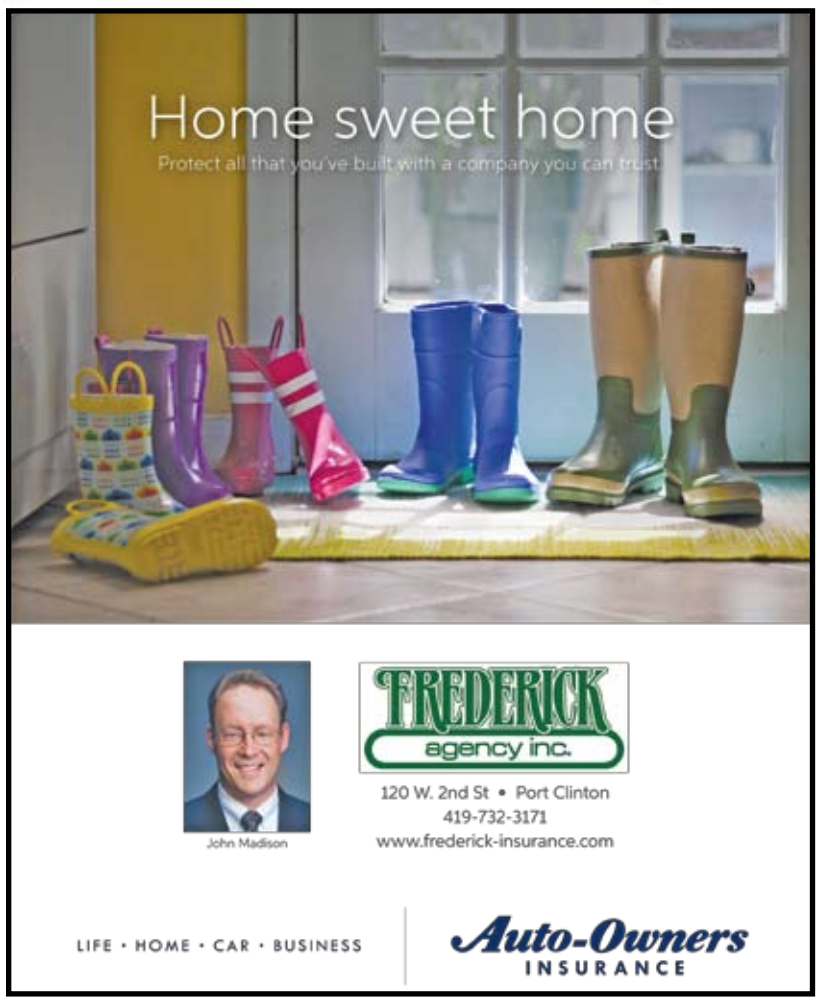

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Sacred Ground

On Tuesday, June 11th, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's, we are offering an opportunity to hear an introductory webinar presentation called Sacred Ground – part of a series developed by the Episcopal Church offering an opportunity for congregations and communities to speak with one another about diversity, race and racism. This is a film-based dialogue series on race and faith. The June 11th webinar will be hosted by Katrina Browne, who is married to a descendant of O H Perry. The program explores documentary films, videos, and readings, and considers some of the major chapters of the United States of America's history of race and racism. It invites participants to weave in the threads of personal and family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. On June 11th Katrina Browne will share the "why and how" of the Sacred Ground program. There will also be time for questions. Registration is not required to attend at St. Paul's but would help is set up the room. Please contact the Rev. Mary L. Staley at 419-285-5981 or clergy.stpaulspib@frontier.com. All are welcome to join in this conversation. St. Paul's vestry supports the work of the Safe Island Task Force.

Stillpoint Worship

Do you work on Sunday morning? Looking for a quiet spot in the busy week? St. Paul's offers a worship service in the spirit of Taizé at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The service lasts about 40 minutes leaving us time to talk afterwards. This service is a quiet and peaceful way to transition from the week into the weekend. The community of Taizé France is an ecumenical community often attended by people of many different nationalities. We've already included prayers and Taizé chants in other languages and had four nationalities present at one service.

Employee Welcome Fair & Soup Supper - June 4 & 5

The 3rd Annual Employee Welcome Fair & Soup Supper is from 6 to 7 p.m. on June 4th & 5th, and all island employees are invited to this event. There will be information about some of the services available at PIB and an opportunity for employees to win prizes such as a Miller Boat Pass. Call St. Paul's to volunteer to assist, donate soup or set up.

Founder's Day

Founder's Day is June 15th. Look for St. Paul's table at Founder's Day with our traditional Strawberry Shorecake.

Vacation Bible Camp 2019

To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You! Mornings July 29 – Aug 2. Look for a mailing with details or call one of the island congregations for information or to volunteer. To help create our Mars landscape during the summer, call St. Paul's at 419-285-5981.

Blessing of the Badges

Mo Mary of St. Paul's is the chaplain to the Put-in-Bay Police Department. On May21st, there was a "Blessing of the Badges" at the police department as new officers gathered for their orientation. Earlier in the month the island clergy participated in the "Blessing of the Fleet."

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir completed their year by performing for American Legion Post 542 at the Legion's May meeting. The bell choir is directed by C.C. Wisnewski. The participants included Cody Kowalski, Olivia Christensen, Lizzy Many, Sue Ferguson and Sue Duff. Post Commander Ed Hubner, Past Commander, Tom Cooper, Adjunct, Bernie Meyers and Bill Boag were some of the 18 Legionaries who enjoyed the bells and a meal made in our fantastic kitchen at St. Paul's.

Bible Explorers

Tuesday May 14th was be our last spring gathering and marks the beginning of their summer break. We will resume after school starts in the fall. On May 7th the current Bible Explorers posed with the evergreen trees planted about 5 years ago. Then this year's group planted two new trees in our "forest" and some flower seeds. The trees remind us of how our youth are growing in faith and stature each year. The kids are holding a "Flat Jesus" which will go with them this summer as a reminder that Jesus is always with us.

Bishop William's Visit to St. Paul's

It was a chilly and blustery day but Bishop Williams and his wife Lynette braved the waves and the water on the docks to visit St. Paul's. We all enjoyed a wonderful pot-luck afterwards. Kate Hubner and Eli Heineman assisted by carrying the cross and the Gospel.

RIGHT: The wheels on the bus went round and round for these seniors from the Put-in-Bay Senior Center who went to a Mudhens game in Toledo in May. By rows going back (left to right) on the left are Marylou Ramsbottom, Mother Mary Staley, Don and Rosi Stephens, Dianne and Bob Smith and Al and Maisie Ruchala. On the right side going back are Dave and Linda Frederick, Val Chornyak and Sara Toole, Jean Hilt and Gail McCracken and Chris Joyce.

Senior Center News

Let the summer fun begin … all the island businesses are now open! We're enjoying the warm sunshine and blue, albeit high, waters here on Put-in-Bay! We've seen a definite increase in participation during our weekly activities with all the summer residents back on the island.

May was packed with a variety of extra events and activities: On May 1st, a fun group of our seniors attended the Ottawa County "Spring Senior Day" at Camp Perry. We were thrilled to have Sarah Toole nominated and awarded the 2019 "Senior Hall of Fame" award. Sarah possesses an abundance of positive energy and is a role model for seniors on how to live their lives to the fullest! We also traveled to Toledo to cheer on the Mud Hens and finally had a wonderful time celebrating Annie Parker's 90th birthday!!!

Our special programs for June include: On Wednesday, June 12th, at10 a.m., the Ottawa County Prosecutors Office will be here to discuss the opioid epidemic and educate us on drug safety. On Monday, June 17th, at 10 a.m., our own David Holscott will do a "Magic & Music" hour: he will teach us tricks to amaze our friends, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. On Wednesday, June 19th, at 10 a.m., Stein Hospice will be here to teach us some Relaxation Techniques. And finally, on Tuesday., May 25th, at 2 p.m., Gene Zajac, in conjunction with the PIB Library, will do a program on Moon Exploration here at the Senior Center.

On Friday, June 14th, during our Monthly Meeting, we will be holding elections for our Senior Center Advisory Board Officers and everyone's participation is appreciated.

Trivia Nights will begin again in June on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Men's Cards will resume on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Mah Jongg will be played at 7 p.m. during the summer months. Check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our website: www.PIBseniorcenter.org for any last-minute events!

Don't forget staying active is a key part of enjoying your retirement and our Senior Center is doing its part to help! We are always looking for new people to participate in our activities. Remember this isn't just for "old people" … we have such an active and fun group of "un-seniors." Our regular weekly activities include aerobic dance/walking, strength training, coffee socials, Mah Jongg, yoga, bridge and duplicate bridge, men's cards, trivia night, Senior Lunches at the Reel Bar and many other special events and activities.

Please note a couple of changes to our Senior Lunches: They are now being held at the Reel Bar every Tuesday at 12 p.m. Please make your reservation by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419)285-5501. The cut off time for reservations is 12 p.m. Monday for Tuesday's lunch. It is important that we let the Reel Bar's kitchen know the lunch count by 12 p.m on Monday so they can plan accordingly for these delicious and fun Senior Lunches!

Your Health Matters: the EMS is here to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. The "60+ Clinic" is a free program for those 60 and older. The date for June is Thursday the 27th, so if you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful free program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

The "season" is upon us, so here's wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. Take time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends!

BINGO!

The 2019 BINGO season will begin Wednesday, JUNE 12th at 8PM!!! Please join us for a fun evening with your friends and family at the Town Hall. All are welcome! (Age 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult). BINGO takes place every Wednesday through mid-August. $5.00 a card and the last game is a 50/50 at $1.00 a card. Please help us help Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church and win some money for yourself!!! See you at BINGO!

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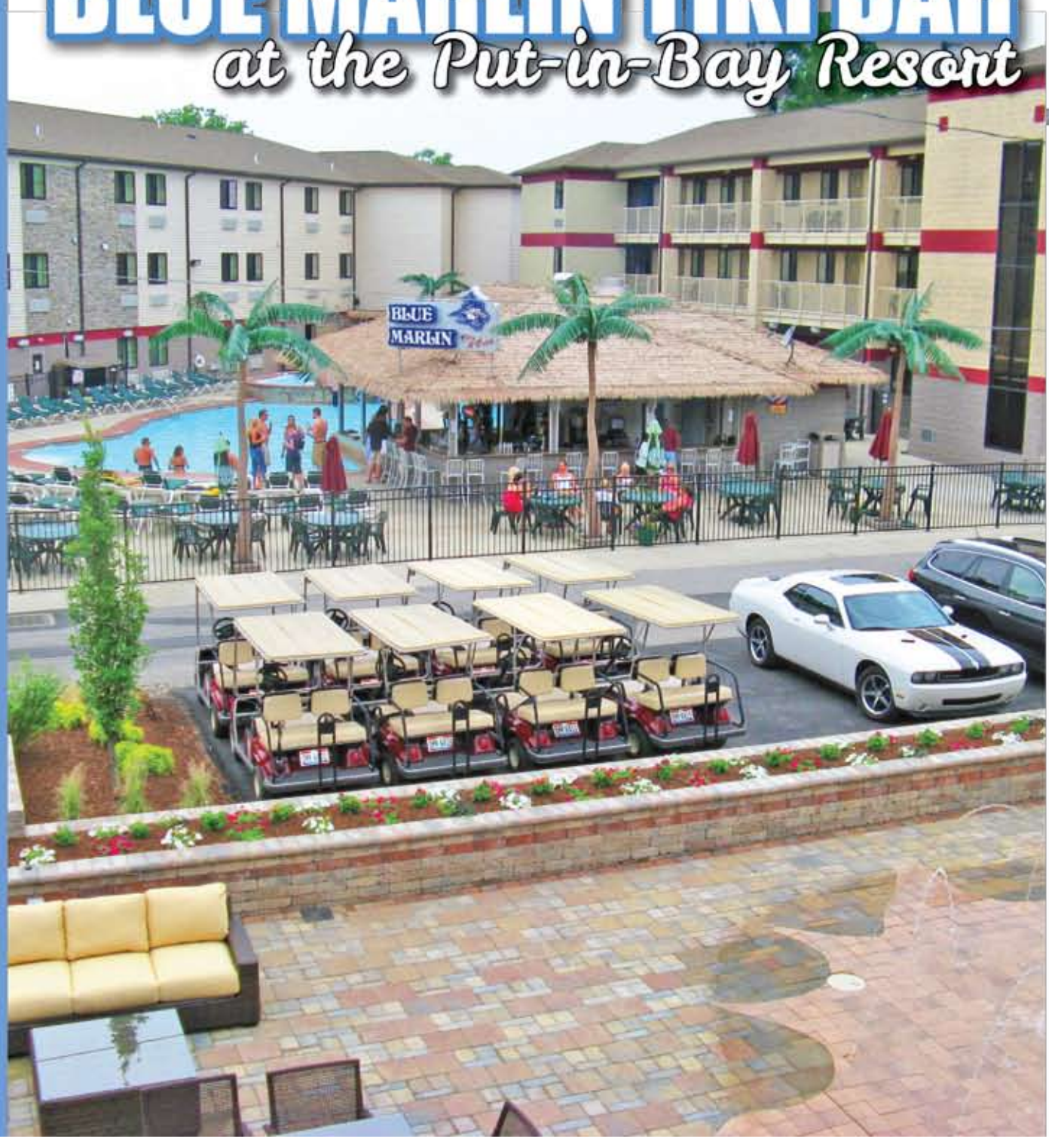
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