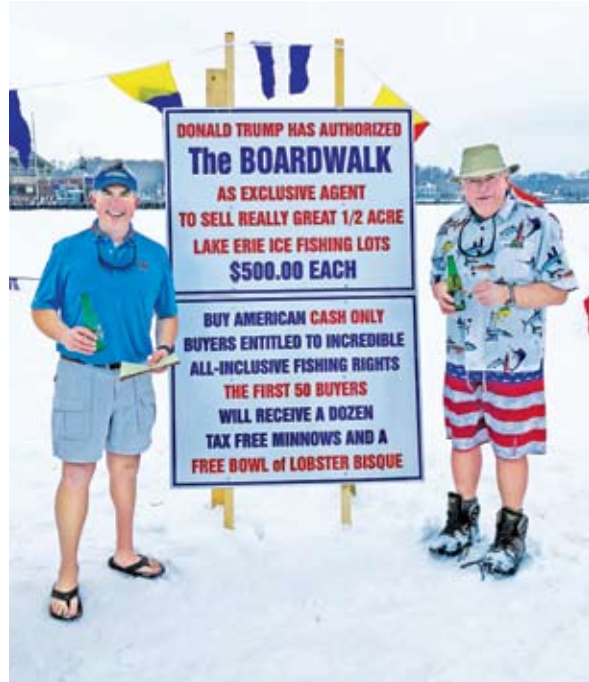


BREAKING NEWS FROM THE LAKE ERIE ISLANDS

In the News....



ABOVE: Eric Booker (left) and Marv Booker (right) were on the ice in the Bay in February promoting the sale of half-acre Lake Erie ice fishing lots. At only \$500 each, they were a bargain at the time, but now that the ice is gone, the market thawed and collapsed. Reportedly, there were no buyers, but had the two not waited until mid-February and started selling lots earlier this winter, they might have made a killing. Maybe their lots will be featured on a future HGTV show.

Island Talent Show scheduled for March 16th

The annual Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee-sponsored Talent Show will take place in March as usual, so start rehearsing now if you have something you can do on stage which will showcase your special talent.

The show will take place on Friday, March 16th at 7 p.m. at the school gym. There will be cash prizes! Everyone of all ages with all talents is welcome.

Contact Donna Steinbach at (434) 906-2777 for more info and/or pre-registration. Donna's email is dmsteinbach@gmail.com. You can also sign up the night of the show.

PIB Party in Akron Mar. 24th

The Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers are excited to announce they will be one of the recipients benefiting from the Put-in-Bay Island Party taking place at Akron's Tangier's March 24, 2018.

Entertainment starts at 1 p.m. with comedian Charlie Wiener, The Flyin' Jays, Bob Gatewood and the Reese Dailey Band! Silent Auction and 50/50 raffle will be taking place. Get your tickets now by visiting <https://www.thetangier.com/upcoming-entertainment/>.

If you are tired of winter and can't wait for ferries to start, then this island party is for you!

Spring fishing starts after great ice fishing season!



Kate Byrnes & Nancy Tanner



Theresa Finney & Courtney Blumensaadt



Maria Hristovski & Dave Frederick



ABOVE: The photos above just show a few of the great catches this winter. It was exactly the kind of ice fishing islanders dream about. The success of this winter's ice fishing is certainly proof of the ODNR's predictions for great walleye fishing this year. We suspect there will be loads of fishermen visiting the island area this spring to try their luck.

Island Headlines for March

Get ready to put your ATV away this summer

Island ATV owners will no longer be able to operate their vehicles on the island once a new ordinance is passed this spring. The new law will allow ATVs to be operated only from November 1st through April 30th. It also applies to snowmobiles. The new ordinance complies with a new Ohio Revised Code which was lobbied for by the Put-in-Bay

Township Trustees because of concern about someone renting ATVs to tourists during the summer if they were allowed to be operated year round.

ATVs have been operated on island roads for many years and some owners are not happy they won't be able to use them any more for simple day-to-day activities like going to the store or work during the busy season.

Put-in-Play Con invades Put-in-Bay this June! This first-time event promises fun for all!

Put-in-Bay, OH - Put-In-Play CON will be debuting June 8-10, 2018, on the island of Put-in-Bay, Ohio. This convention is fantasy oriented and will feature Cosplay, Anime and Gaming. It will include a large dedicated vendor and artist area, gaming events and tournaments, fun competitions, guest celebrities, demos, panels, workshops, DJ's, costume ball, private parties and amazing photo-ops all over the island.

"We're looking to continuously bring new people to Put-in-Bay and we think this is a great way to do it." – Josh Niese VP, Islander Inn

This unique event will use the Niagara Event Center as the main hub for vendors and events. Additionally, the Islander Inn and Grand Islander Hotel and T&J's Smokehouse will be used for a variety of different activities. There will also be planned trips to many of the historic island locations as well as family hot spots. The Islander Inn is partnering with the professional services of Turner Enterprise, Inc. to organize, produce and run the event.

This event will be geared towards all ages

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LEFT: A team from the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Marblehead came over to the island on Saturday, February 10th and met with Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. members to demonstrate ice rescue procedures and equipment. The group is seen here at A-Dock just east of the Boardwalk. Some of the Put-in-Bay firemen entered the icy water so a realistic demonstration could be conducted. Fortunately, they were wearing survival suits which kept them comfortable in the frigid water.

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ABOVE: Put-in-Bay High School seniors and their parents at the February 3rd final home basketball game of the season. Left to right are Dan, Mascot Tatey and Valerie Kowalski, Melinda Myers, Erin and Dane Urge, Alex, Justin Wilhelm, Jennifer and Brian Porter and Coach Greg Schuffenecker. Photo compliments of Susan Byrnes

Island Headlines continued from p. 1

but will offer specific late-night activities for people 18 and older. Put-in-Play Con is currently accepting Vendor and Artist applications and tickets for the event are on sale. The Host Hotels are the Islander Inn and the Grand Islander Hotel and discounted rooms can be reserved by calling 419-285-7829.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Bob Turner at 419-307-9627 or email at putinplaycon@gmail.com.

Trump budget slashes funds for Great Lakes

The Trump Administration's newly released budget cuts funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) from \$300 million to \$30 million.. If this rings a bell, it should – just last year, the program was zeroed out entirely, but the Ohio and other Great Lakes delegations fought successfully to restore full funding of the programs that monitors the health of the lakes and funds Great Lakes research. The proposed cuts threaten the well-being of the Great Lakes and jeopardizes the economies of all the states bordering on them. The Great Lakes are a natural resource that is more important to this area and the

nation than any one of the many infrastructure projects the administration wants to fund to the tune of \$200 billion or the multi-billion dollar border wall. The funding is a tiny fraction of the proposed military spending increases.



ABOVE: Kate Byrnes had an amazing February Saturday on Put-in-Bay. First she tied for 1st place in the Erie Islands Chocolate Fest with her chocolate pizza in the morning, then she caught a 9.5 pound walleye in the afternoon! See her photo on the front page. Way to go Kate!



ABOVE: This promotion logo for the first-ever Put-in-Play.com is a hint of the bizarre new event coming to Put-in-Bay this June. You won't want to miss it!

GLRI has helped Ohio clean up Lake Erie – and Ohioans know just how important that effort is in the ongoing battle to keep the Great Lake a healthy natural resource for residents, workers, employers, tourists and more. If you have a business here on Put-in-Bay, this is extremely important.

The fight to keep the funding at its current level is a bipartisan issue in all the Great Lakes States and includes this area's U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur (D) and Ohio Senator Rob Portman (R).

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

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(1) ISLAND, (1) GOVERNMENT

The Village of Put-in-Bay recently sent the PIB Township Trustees a letter asking if they would participate in a "One Island, One Government" This is their response: "Thanks for giving us a chance to participate in your upcoming study. Unfortunately, we don't believe that this is realistic for the township, since you are wanting to study 'one island, one government' without including the upper islands. Should this study ever include the upper islands, we would reconsider our position."

RECRUITING EMPLOYEES FOR 2018

Island employers are busy hiring for the 2018 season. If you want an island job, start going on line and checking job postings. You can also check out the ads in the Put-in-Bay Gazette. If you go on line, you will find most island businesses have a place on their web site where you can fill out an application and submit it immediately.

But there are other ways island employers look for workers. Adam Riley from Island Bike Rental and his wife, Acka who works at Pasquale's, spent the winter in Macedonia, her birth country. While there, they attended a job fair to recruit students who are interested in coming to PIB to work for the summer.

HOUSE NUMBERS AVAILABLE FOR FREE

The PIB Vol. Fire Dept. and the EMS want to make sure everyone on the island has a visible house number. With new

Commander...Ahoy!

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

ON THE WATER EMERGENCY

The Scenario

You are returning from a trip to Pelee Island when your boat suddenly loses all electrical power and propulsion. You are located about a mile north of North Bass Island. There is a moderate wind from the north at 5 - 10 knots, the air temperature is 80F water temperature is 69F, the time is 3pm. Your vessel has not sustained any visible damage and is not taking on water. You have four passengers on board. Your attempts to restart your boat have failed and you are adrift. What now?

Take Action!

1) Drop anchor to stop your boat from drifting. The northerly wind may push your vessel towards the rocks. The tip of North Bass is extremely shallow and rocky (however, you are aware of this condition because you consulted your charts before you left PIB that morning).

2) Make sure that all passengers are wearing Life Vests and that they remain calm.

3) Call the Coast Guard on CH16 (if your radio is still functioning). Clearly say Coast Guard, Coast Guard, Coast Guard, this is "Vessel Name." Give your position/location. State the nature of the distress. State the number of persons on board. If your radio is not functioning, try your cell phone. Add the Coast Guard's phone number to your contact list (419) 798-4444.

DO NOT SAY MAYDAY. THIS IS NOT A MAYDAY SITUATION as conditions are not life threatening. We will discuss mayday calls at another time.

4) Affix your orange Distress Flag to the highest point that you can do so safely. Consider igniting your orange smoke flares to help the Coast Guard and other boaters locate your position.

Other Considerations

Before you leave port: Review your charts (know your waters), like in the scenario above, GPS devices can fail. File what's called a Float Plan which lets someone ashore know when you left, where you went, and when you are returning. Also give them a description of your boat, it's name, and your O-H numbers. If you have an on-board marine radio, consider buying a handheld radio as a back-up. Consider carrying extra flares beyond the minimum required.

Conclusion

These are some (not all) of the steps that you can take towards safer boating. We will be covering more tips in future articles. Here's to a safe boating season!

people on the EMS every summer, it is important to sign up for a free house number so they can find you in an emergency. The goal is to have every island resident with a sign nearby the street. See the ad on page 6 of this issue to get yours.

PUT-IN-BAY GAZETTE ARCHIVES

The Put-in-Bay Gazette Newspaper in conjunction with Visit Put-in-Bay Ohio is now offering readers the ability to read select past articles and news stories from years past about various Put-in-Bay topics. Currently over 300 news articles have been indexed and more are added daily. Go to <http://www.visitputinbay.org/gazette-newspaper-archives/>.

ISLANDERS THINNER THIS SPRING

Girl Scout cookies were not offered for sale on the island by the Girl Scouts this year. Islanders should be considerably thinner this spring. You can contact Shaena Kowalski if you would like some.

TRAVELLING

Islanders were busy travelling in February. Dave and Kathy Holscott were on a cruise that visited French Guiana, Brazil and Argentina. Simona Michael from Ahoy B&B was in Slovakia. Among those on cruises were Terry and Lesa Jenkins and Tina and Patrick Rogers. Don and Susan Thwaite were in Orlando visiting their island neighbors Toby and Stephanie Landreth. Jake and Renee Market were in Las Vegas. Tommy and Brenda Dailey has a smokin' time in New Orleans.

CLASS FUNDRAISER

The 11th grade class at Put-in-Bay High School is selling Malley's candy for Easter! The money they raise will help pay for their senior class trip next year! Please click the link <https://malleys.com/.../camp.../put-in-bay-school-class-of-2019> to order and help support the class. Ordering on line is available until March 20th. Your order will be shipped directly to your house!



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As soon as I rolled out of bed, I dug my flip-flops out from the back of the closet, found my favorite

shorts crumpled in the back of the drawer behind an old sweatshirt, and pulled on my tattered, Sloppy Joe's

tee-shirt. I skipped down the stairs like a five-year-old, bouncing from one step to the next as I approached

the living room. Mrs. Larry turned from her usual roost, "What the ...? And why is it so hot in here?"

"I'm tired of winter, we're having a picnic! Hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, everything! And after dinner, we'll watch the sunset from the lawn chairs! Oh, and I turned the furnace up to 80- degrees to help get that summer vibe going." She could only shake her head as I went to work.

First, I turned the clocks back a few hours so sunset would be around nine, just like in June. Then it was down to the basement to find the cooler, I will need to keep the beer cold in this 80-degree heat! And then, out to the garage for the lawn chairs. I pulled the table away from the big window in the kitchen and slid the two lawn chairs in place – a perfect vantage point to view the setting sun! Next I piled ice into the cooler, along with a day's supply of beer, and slid it in place, comfortably between the lawn chairs. Admittedly, it was not as scenic as our usual view from the West Shore, but with the sub-twenty-degree temperatures outside, my make-shift picnic site by the kitchen window will be just fine.

The hot dogs thawed on the counter as I prepared the

beans for the oven – brown sugar, molasses, a little hot sauce, and plenty of bacon arranged on top. Next, I was on to the potato salad, just like mom used to make – celery, onion, mayonnaise, yellow mustard, and hard boiled eggs. It will be a summer picnic nirvana!

Now, with most of the work out of the way, I made my way to the lawn chairs. I kicked off my flip-flops, stretched out, and reached for the cooler. The sun had made its way across the sky and peeked timidly through the big kitchen window – I had picked a perfect day for a picnic – blue sky, bright sun, and just the whisper of a breeze. With the furnace roaring away, I quickly forgot about the persistent cold outside.

As the aroma of baked beans filled the kitchen, I finished mixing up the potato salad and popped it into the cooler to chill. Since my grill remained frozen in a snow drift next to the house, I will cook the hot dogs inside, tossed in a hot skillet to sizzle away and fill the house with more summer smells.

Settling back into the lawn chair, I was feeling pretty good about my picnic plan. And, as the sun tracked further across the southwestern sky, it filled the kitchen with light – I was feeling



Larry Schrader

warm and toasty as I reached into the cooler and sunk deeper into my seat.

The hours passed quickly. My summer feast turned out perfectly – nicely blackened hot dogs, topped with a healthy squirt of spicy mustard and a dollop of tart relish; a big pile of creamy potato salad; and a huge mound of beans, oozing with crispy bacon! Soon, the sun will drop quietly behind the tall trees to the west, not nearly as dramatic as its West Shore plunge into Erie, but for today, it will do.

I watched as the wispy clouds in the western sky began to reflect the blues, pinks, and reds of the setting sun. Closing my eyes, I could hear the gentle waves roll across the rocky shore; I saw the swallows and martins swoop high and low, gorging themselves on mayflies and midges; a lone heron glided toward his evening perch; and finally, a million stars exploded in the dark sky ... a perfect end to an unexpected picnic.

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First National Bank announces promotion

Bellevue, Ohio - Dean Miller, President and CEO of First National Bank announces that Tonda Zelms has been promoted to Lead CSR of the Put-in-Bay office. She will be overseeing and implementing the branches policies/procedures as well as compliance. Tonda will be instrumental in fostering new relationships as well as continuing the excellent customer experience with our existing clients.

Tonda has been with the bank for over two years as a Customer Service Representative in our Port Clinton office. She will continue to assist the surrounding Ottawa County branches as needed.

"Tonda has been helping to serve our clients at the Put-In-Bay office since joining FNB in 2016. She has excellent customer service skills that are well received by the clientele on the island. She has already developed a strong rapport with the residents and business owners at Put In Bay", said Dean Miller, President and CEO.

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ABOVE: Sonya Dress, Caitlin Bolyard, Linda Dress Gray, Jessica Dress and Laurie Miller making fastnachts for the bingo party at the Town Hall on Ash Wednesday eve. Photo by Billy Market. ABOVE RIGHT: Ella Kostura, Elora Hubner and Melody Many read their PIB Gazette at Kalahari in Sandusky while attending an Episcopal youth weekend gathering.

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Patrick Mooney
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- If you have a birthday or an anniversary you'd like to see in the birthday list, please email it to the PIB Gazette at pibgazette@frontier.com

Nature Camp 2018

Join us for our 15th 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 2018 Nature Camp Theme for Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay is "Wet & Wild Lake Erie". Nature Campers will explore the science of Lake Erie through investigation and observation. We will dip for micro and macro invertebrates, explore for predatory animals that depend on water as a food source, and discover how all creatures are connected through water- including us! The older campers will go kayaking and camp out one night. Environmental Adventure Camp I will camp out on Middle Bass or South Bass Island, and Environmental Adventure Camp II will camp out on North Bass Island.

Contact Jackie Taylor for questions: 419.279.3199 or jaytay24@gmail.com

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND NATURE CAMP TIME & DATES

- Intro to Nature Camp** (4yrs.) - June 25th-27th
9- 9:45 a.m. \$25
- My 1st Nature Camp** (5-6yrs.) June 25th-27th
10:30-11:30AM \$25
- Nature Camp** (7-8yrs.) June 25th-28th
12:30-2PM \$25
- Environmental Adventure Camp I** (9-10yrs.) June 25th-28th
2:30-4:30PM \$35
- Environmental Adventure Camp II** (11-14yrs.) July 30th-Aug 2nd Time TBA
\$50

SOUTH BASS ISLAND NATURE CAMP TIME & DATES

- Intro to Nature Camp** (4yrs) July 16th- 18th
9-10AM \$40
- My 1st Nature Camp** (5-6yr) July 16th- 18th
10:30-12PM \$45
- My 1st Nature Camp** (5-6yrs.) July 16th- 18th
1:30-3PM \$45
- Nature Camp** (7-8yrs.) July 23rd- 26th
9-10:30AM \$60
- Nature Camp** (7-8yrs.) July 23rd- 26th
11-12:30PM \$60
- Environmental Adventure Camp I** (9-10yrs.) July 23rd- 26th
1:30-3:30PM \$100
- Environmental Adventure Camp II** (11-14yrs.) July 30- Aug.2
10AM-12PM \$110

Village to challenge ruling

The Ottawa County Court of Common Pleas Court Judge Bruce Winters recently ruled that Put-in-Bay Village's rental golf cart, taxi and bus fee "is for similar purpose that is already imposed by the state and thus would be improper and impermissible."

Mark Mathys, who owns Delaware Carts, challenged the ordinance in 2015 after he was issued a citation for not paying the fees. His lawyer, Andrew Mayle, argued, among other things, that the village could not assess a fee on something the state already licenses. Otherwise, municipalities all over Ohio could charge high license fees for the right to use their streets.

The Village takes in about \$30,000 per year in such fees. The fees were used to street repair and maintenance.

In a similar case from several years ago, a judge ruled in the Village's favor, so the Village Council voted to appeal the decision.

Mr. Mayle said business owners are now considering civil action to recoup fees they paid the village. This could be a considerable amount the Village would have to repay if it loses.



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LEFT: Jim and Maria Wehr-heim from Fox's Den, Kris and Barb Hodgson from East Point, Gary Milson, and Angie and Brad Ohlemacher from the West Shore read their Gazette in Fort Myers

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ABOVE: Bill (left) and Gail (right) McCracken from Victory Woods and Jack and Kathi Spayde (center) from Fox's Den read the Gazette at Middle Ground, Treasure Island, FL.

Island Diary Feb. 2018

Thurs., Feb. 1st - Karen Wilhelm is substituting for her husband Mark processing freight at the PIB Airport terminal. Shawn Dages hauls in a huge walleye worthy of a spot over any mantel.

Fri., Feb. 2nd - St Paul's youth join the youth from across the Diocese at the annual Winter Convocation at Kahlari.

Sat., Feb. 3rd - The Put-in-Bay Panthers enjoyed a scrimmage against Put-in-Bay Alumni in the afternoon! Doug Wilhelm checks in with the Catawba Island Volunteer Fire Department for some ice training with different departments from Ottawa County. The U.S. Coast Guard is demonstrating the use of their ice rescue equipment.

Sun., Feb. 4th - Conor and Ally Urge Blumensaadt (PIBHS Class of 2011) are on their honeymoon at Serengeti National Park in Africa.

Mon., Feb. 5th - Cold temperature, blue sky and fresh snow make for a great day for some folks to ride ATVs over from Middle Bass to PIB. There's lots of open water between the Lime Kiln and Catawba Island.

Tues., Feb. 6th - It's the second morning with fresh snow. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy has a program about birds in the evening at the Town Hall called "Who's At Your Feeder? Those who attended learned a bit about how to identify common birds that visit or stay on the island in winter and grace their bird feeders.

Wed., Feb. 7th - Islanders wake to more snow in the morning. Ray Fogg is at Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West doing a special jam session show with Pat Shepard, Bob Gatewood and Pete Jarvis.

Thurs., Feb. 8th - Patty Bauer catches a fish while sharing a shanty with Robin Glauser off Middle Bass. Bob Gatewood is on stage at Sloppy Joe's in Key West in the afternoon as part of the 14th Annual Put-in-Bay Music Fest

Fri., Feb. 9th - It's a great day for snow shovels, riding snow removers and snow plows. There's about 4 inches of new snow. PIB School is closed for the day.

Sat., Feb. 10th - The selection of chocolate goodies at the Chocolate Fest at the Erie Islands Library at the school is awesome. There are chocolate-covered popcorn, pop-in-your mouth chocolate balls, butterfinger cookie bars, peanutty chocolate bars, salted caramel & chocolate hazelnut popcorn, peanut butter cookie dough brownies with M&Ms on top, nutty chocomallow bites, bite-sized Reese's pieces, chocolate pizza and more. J.F. Walleyes is open for business on Middle Bass. Ice travelers are glad for a place to stop and take a break.

Sun., Feb. 11th - Icy rain pelts the island. A car slides off the Catawba Ave. hill in front of the Goat and hits a phone pole.

Mon., Feb. 12th - Billy Market is busy with his drone taking a video of downtown Put-in-Bay. Eli Heineman enjoys his first snowmobile ride. Linda and Rudy Rence host the Wine Club at their home on the lower West Shore.

Tues., Feb. 13th - The season-ending basketball game for the Put-in-Bay Panthers is against the Rockets of Oak Harbor. It's the last game for seniors Justin Wilhelm, Erin Urge and Taty Kowalski.

Wed., Feb. 14th - At



ABOVE: Trenton Avenue residents Linda and Joe Shull read their PIB Gazette with Diane Nemec from Mitchell Rd. while enjoying hoagies at Sliders Hoagies in Naples FL.

the Village Council meeting Police Chief Steve Riddle discussed issues involving getting a K-9 for the police department. Jake and Emily Dunfee airboat over from the mainland to enjoy Valentine's dinner at Tipper's. Over on Kelleys Island there's a party on the ice off the State Park. The PIB School French Class is entertaining at the Senior Center. A Valentine's crafts program takes place at the library. It includes planting bulbs for some late winter blooms

Thurs., Feb. 15th - The foggy morning and rising temperatures with the possibility of rain are on the minds of ice fishermen who are moving their shanties closer to the island. Christie Ontko who flew back to Ohio from Hawaii for a couple of weeks is substituting at PIB School. Paula and Kira Hubner take a nature walk at the tip of East Point. Luckily, they didn't get lost in the fog.

Fri., Feb. 16th - The Science Fair and Pinewood Derby take place at the school gym. Some of the kids who had projects are out sick. Both events are open to the public. Jake Dunfee hauls an ATV from Catawba to Put-in-Bay in the morning on his airboat. Sign in for the Jer-Bear and Kurt Ice Fishing Tournament takes place at Topsy Turvey's.

Sat., Feb. 17th - Bill Boag and Danny Drake are at the Getaway Inn for a little winter fun. Cathy van Liere spots a small boat out by Starve Island. With the ice still good enough to fish on, the Jer-Bear and Kurt Fishing Tournament is a great success.

Sun., Feb. 18th - For those who attend the Pancake Breakfast at the fire station, you can get house numbers for your island home that will help police and EMS personnel find your home in an emergency. There is lots of activity on the ice off the West Shore! ATVs, several dozen ice shanties, lots of bucket fishermen and an airboat make the last big day of ice fishing. There's a Taekwondo class at the Town Hall. Did you catch the HGTV show with island Realtor Rudy Cooks showing island properties?

Mon., Feb. 19th - The PIB Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meeting at the Town Hall. The temperature is in the 40s and high 50s, a signal the end of ice fishing is nearing.

Tues., Feb. 20th - The ice is snow free and wet on top. On Feb. 20th in 2015, Bob Bahney recorded a minus 8 low temperature on PIB. Today the high hits 64 degrees. It's Stone Lab Night at the Land-Grant Brewing Taproom in Columbus where those in attendance learn about the summer classes and research being done on Gibraltar Island this year. There's a sports award ceremony at Put-in-Bay School.

Wed., Feb. 21st - The Put-in-Bay Arts council holds auditions at the Town Hall theater for its next play. Taty Kowalski will be directing with assistance from Katherine Woischke. Michael McCann, Terry Jenkins and Patrick Green are out fishing from airboat. They also help to bring in a shanty that was stranded on the ice.

Thurs., Feb. 22nd - Put-in-Bay Police Chief Steve Riddle is on the mainland giving testimony in the Keith Blumensaadt trial. Keith was arrested early last summer after a standoff with the Put-in-Bay police. There's a lot of open water between Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay and on the east side of South Bass.

Fri., Feb. 23rd - PIB School was supposed to let out at noon, but school was cancelled for the day. Winter Break begins with classes scheduled to resume on Monday, March 5th. Islanders attempting to get off the island are stranded due to fog. Jake Dunfee from Marblehead offers boat transportation off island so people can get their flights to their vacation destinations. There is still floating ice in the lake. The fog lifts in the afternoon and flights resume.

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ABOVE: Max Schneider, Cecelia Glauser, Griffing Air Services pilot Kara Clifford and Lucy Schneider have shared hundreds of flights together between Middle Bass and Put-in-Bay. Their school bus has wings. The kids always say thank you to the pilot for a safe landing! Kara said her Put-in-Bay High School passengers are the best copilots a flyer could hope for! - Photo by Gordy Barr

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AmeriCorps Intern for the Island

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center will be sharing an AmeriCorps intern for the summer to assist with our land preservation and educational programs. The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory (Stone Lab) is providing housing. We have had great experiences with our interns providing new energy and ideas to our programs in the summer when we are all the busiest. It is not without cost however so we are looking for donations toward this expense. If you are interested in donating, contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087, leiconservancy@gmail.com, or sending a check to LEIC, P.O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 with AmeriCorps on the memo line. You may also use our PayPal at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org but designate for the AmeriCorps intern program. We have had wonderful interns- Colleen O'Brien, Leah Bilski, Carmen Levand, Jackie Taylor, Chloe Nostrant, Jenna Prahst, and Samantha Newhouse - and wish to continue this program!

Island Diary

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Sat., Feb. 24th - The ice is disappearing quickly now, but is not quite all gone.

Sun., Feb. 25th - Those islanders who aren't away on Winter Break wake to open water in the Bay!

Mon., Feb. 26th - Lisa Brohl is in the vineyard next to her house on Mitchell Rd. trimming grapes. Bob Glauser is first to put his boat in for the season.

Tues., Feb. 27th - Clear sky and mild temperatures make for a beautiful winter day on the Bay. After a busy winter ice fishing, Shawn and Loren Dages are in Ft. Myers, Florida, where Shawn catches his first snook.

Wed., Feb. 28th - Miller Boat Line posts it will be running its first ferry of the season on Saturday, March 3rd.

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Island Girl: "There's No Place Like Home" By Christine L. Ontko

All within 24 hours, I was basking in the Maui sunshine and then, in what seemed like an instant, a cold and snowy Cleveland Airport surrounded me. Good friend Anne pulled up in her warmed car just as I stepped outside the doors near baggage claim. Perfect timing.

I was bundled up as much as possible, having wrapped my multi-colored scarf around my head, ears and neck. The jacket I wear at the Upcountry Farmer's Market on Maui was tied as tightly as I could get it. My feet were covered with the one pair of wool socks I held onto and took to Maui – just in case – and kept me warm inside my Birkenstocks. Clearly I wasn't prepared for winter weather in Ohio. However, I knew once I arrived back on my Put-in-Bay island home, I could dive into the stored winter gear and all would be well.

In life, things don't always go as planned, and this was one of those unforeseen times. I was coming home to Put-in-Bay months before my scheduled time, with no return flight.

laughter and a bit of warming whiskey. Memories and talk of our middle-aged lives...nobody understands you like a childhood friend. They're not on Maui.

Daughter Anna, who has lovingly cared for our cats while I've been in Hawaii, "allowed" me one of our two kitties to snuggle with while home. Boy, how I miss my pets when I'm away. Honestly, it's the hardest thing when away, the missing of every person and every pet, including my chickens. Yes, I miss my chickens when away. Not only do I miss live things, I miss our large space. The Maui condo is only about 550 sq. ft. My big Put-in-Bay bathtub allowed me a soak in it, complete with lavender bath salts. Oh how I'd missed that tub!! I'd never dare to take a hot soak in my Maui bathtub. Too darn hot.


Bingo with mom. Appointments with dad. Subbing at the school, hugging all the young children again, and looking up at my former students, who now tower over me. Having breakfast and lunch with old pals. Helpful, handy friends. A Thanksgiving-like meal with my daughters. Hugs at the Grocery Store and Post Office. I was still able to feel aloha, even though I was in Lake Erie and not in middle of the Pacific Ocean.

My Maui friends keep asking if I'm ever coming back. Like Put-in-Bay, people come and go all the time on the islands. It's not for everyone, and I know all too well the feeling of "losing" people to the mainland. In this case, my Maui friends were concerned I'd be lost to my home island. Maui won't lose me and neither will Put-in-Bay. When you're reading this article, I'll be back on the warm, sandy beach on my other island. Peace out, Put-in-Bay. Thanks for loving me so much.




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I had my days set before me, with lots of soap making for the new season at my shop, redesigning my web site, appointments, and business stuff. I'd call this time my "Island Winter Retreat."

I hopped on Dustin's plane and when I spotted the Monument from afar, a warm feeling filled me up inside. We landed smoothly and my little Smart Car awaited me, thanks to the help of friends and daughter, Meredith. It started right away and I thanked my little car. Thanks to neighbor Joe, I arrived to a warmed home, and he hand-delivered fresh eggs from my backyard hens. I walked into the house and it smelled so warming, like home. I felt as if I'd never left. Searching every corner for signs of any damage, I felt relief when there was none. Everything was perfect, just perfect!

During my long flight over the Pacific, in times of restless attempts at sleep, I dreamt of a warm fire in my island fireplace. But, when I arrived home to reality, there were only five logs sitting on the front porch. With snow covering everything, my chances of finding and chopping any firewood were pretty slim. A quick post on Facebook got me some firewood from friendly islander Rob LaPlante – delivered to my front porch. What service! No firewood necessary in Lahaina, Hawaii, where temperatures average about 75 degrees.

Tyrus Burgess, an old high school friend, was visiting from Brooklyn, NY, for a quick family visit. What an unexpected coincidence! It was great spending an evening with him, filled with



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Put-in-Bay School News

by Steve Poe,
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The 2017-18 Panther Basketball was another successful season. For the first time in six years, there was a girls' basketball team. Lauren Peter led the girls' team to a 4-1 record. The boys finished with a 7-6 record. They were lead by Blake and Jack Booker, scoring 27ppg and 13ppg, respectively. Playing their last season of Panther basketball was Justin Wilhelm and Erin Urge. Other high school team members included Max Schneider, Talii Steidl, Joe Byrnes, Hannah Lentz, Cecilia Glauser, Nora Ladd, Lucille Schneider, Alex Knauer, and Elena Schroeder. Great job Panthers.

The junior high school basketball team struggled this year as they competed against strong teams. The team finished with an 0-5 record but made improvements that will yield results next year. The team members were Kate Byrnes, Max Hristovski, Jacob King, Lillian Frederick, Macy Ladd, Alice Lentz, Melody Many, Charleigh Smith, McKenna Stacy and Doug Steidl.

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Last Days of Winter By Woody Widmar

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With ice so thick
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And piles and piles of snow

Snowmobiles fired up
Four wheelin' across the ice
Island hopping 'tween
Middle Bass
Donuts with my golf cart
once or twice

Ice boats sailing on the lake
They played hockey too
Winter fun from sun to sun
There was so much to do

Heading out to their
shanties
Some mornings it was misty
Cut a hole and grab
your pole
And whisper "Here
fishy fishy"

Pool tournaments, darts
and euchre
Will be coming to an end
The ice will blow out
of the harbor
The boats will start again

The snow has given
in to rain
The ice will melt away
Spring is 'round the corner
A new season on the way

I've enjoyed the last
days of winter
Now I anticipate
Another fun-filled summer
And standing behind
home plate !!

Happy Birthday, Mallory



ABOVE LEFT: Put-in-Bay Spelling B winners, Emil Michael (Grade 6), April Baca-Regalado (Grade 6), and McKenna Stacy (Grade 7). ABOVE CENTER LEFT: Science Olympiad Newton Award winner Max Schneider; ABOVE CENTER RIGHT: Science and engineering project winners (left to right) Elena Schroeder, Tatyana Kowalski, Alexandra Knauer and Gwenavere Market; and ABOVE RIGHT: Justin Wilhelm after winning first place at the Pinewood Derby.

ing to the game was a great way for those who could not attend the game to cheer on the Panthers.

Our team is looking forward to big things next basketball season. The first ever "Great Lakes Island Basketball Tournament" will crown an island hardwood champion!

This tournament will feature teams from four islands: Beaver Island, Mackinac Island,

Washington Island (WI), and Put-in-Bay. The tournament will be played at Beaver Island the first weekend of December. Pay attention to the Gazette for information. GO

PANTHERS AND GET YOUR GROWL ON!

Congratulations to Mrs. Kowalski, our high school science teacher. Missi was the recipient of a \$1,000 Maitland P. Simmons Award to attend and present at the annual National Conference on Science Education in Atlanta. Great job, Mrs. K!

Speaking of Mrs. K., on February 16 our school held the annual Science Olympiad.

Science Olympiad was another smashing success this year. Students in grades K-12 participated in a wide variety of science-themed activities throughout the day.

High school students collaborated with elementary students in fun chemistry and engineering activities. Students in grades 6-12 competed in both individual and team events including bridge crusher, engineering design challenge, brains vs. brawn and numerous other activities earning them points towards the prestigious Newton Cup. This year, junior Max Schneider earned this award. Max also set a new school record in the bridge crusher event by holding an overall mass of 320 pounds!

Our tiny island is blessed to have a wide variety of experts in the fields of Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics who have been willing to act as judges for the science and engineering fair again this year. The panel of judges remarked that it was a difficult decision to determine place-winning projects this year, as there were so many excellent projects. After over an hour of deliberation, judges settled on ninth grader Elena Schroeder's project about the effectiveness of acne medications on bacterial growth as the first place winner. Additionally, senior Tatyana Kowalski received second place, sophomore Alexandra Knauer received

third place, and senior Gwenavere Market received honorable mention. Students receiving an overall "superior" rating from the team of judges will move on to compete against the best projects in eleven counties at the District Science Fair held at University of Toledo on March 10. Good luck to all those students who will be moving forward!

The class of 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian are Tatyana Kowalski and Erin Urge, respectively. Taty is the daughter of Dan and Valerie Kowalski. She plans to attend Wright State University in the fall to major in theatre design and technology Erin is the daughter of Melinda Myers and Dane Urge. Her plans are to attend Miami University and major in education. Both these girls will deliver a speech at graduation on June 1, along with the commencement keynote speaker, 1995 PIB graduate Ty Winchester. Congratulations Taty and Erin!

This year's senior class will be leaving on their senior class trip to Hawaii on March 28. Taty, Erin, Gwena Market, and Justin Wilhelm have raised money for this trip since the seventh grade. They plan to visit Pearl Harbor, an authentic

Luau, the Dole Plantation, and many other educational sights. They may even find time to learn how to surf! Have fun seniors!

Congratulations to Emil Michael (Grade 6), April Baca-Regalado (Grade 6), and McKenna Stacy (Grade 7) for winning the Put-in-Bay Spelling Bee and qualifying for the Ottawa County Spelling Bee on February 6. These three students competed against thirty-two

(32) students from six other schools in Ottawa County. Emil made it through four rounds and finished the highest in seventh place. Good job Put-in-Bay students!

Come see more talented students at the annual Put-in-Bay Talent Show on Friday, March 16 at 7:00pm. This is always a fun event showcasing our students' many talents from music performances to stand-up comedy.

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Spring Schedules

March 22 thru March 29

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11:00 am	Daily	11:30 am
1:30 pm	Daily	2:00 pm
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March 30 thru April 26

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8:00 am	Daily	8:30 am
9:00 am	Daily	9:30 am
10:00 am	Daily	10:30 am
11:00 am	Daily	11:30 am
12:00 noon	Daily	12:30 pm
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2:00 pm	Daily	2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Daily	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Daily	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	Daily	5:30 pm
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Moxie Spatafore



Cal Scott Jackson

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Autumn Niese



Frankie Lauria V



Bob Ramsbottom

Milestones

BIRTHS

Winnie Watrous

Congratulations to Rob and Katherine Fox Watrous on the birth of a 7 lbs. 8 oz., 20.5" daughter, Winnifred "Winnie" Elinor, on Feb. 5th, in Florida. Island grandparents are Ken and Carol Fox who operate Fox's Den.

Moxie Louise Spatafore

Duff and Katrina Spatafore are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Moxie Louise. She was born on January 29, 2018, in Cleveland. She was 6.15lbs and 19 inches. Moxie has dark hair like her mom, is spunky like her sister and loves naps and eating like her dad.

Cal Scott Jackson

Congratulations to Scott and Caroline Jackson on the birth of a 8 lbs 6 oz son, Cal Scott Jackson, at Firelands Hospital in Sandusky on January 29th. Scott and Caroline

own the Goat and Caroline is a 2004 graduate of Put-in-Bay High School. Maternal grandparents are Jeff and Kendra Koehler of Put-in-Bay. Paternal grandparents are Norm and Joann Jackson of Massillon, OH. Great grandmother is former Lakeview Allotment cottage owner Sybil Larcey from Catawba Island.

Autumn Phillips Niese

Tim and Sonya Niese (PIBHS Class of 2001) are happy to announce the birth of their 6 lbs 8 oz daughter, Autumn Phillips, on Feb. 7th in Sandusky. Maternal grandparents are Matt and Laurie Miller of Put-in-Bay. Maternal great-grandmother is Sonya Dress. Paternal grandfather is Tim Niese. Autumn joins her big brother, Silas, in the Niese home.

Frankie Lauria V

Congratulations to Frankie and Lindsay Pierce Lauria (PIBHS Class of 2005) on the birth of a 8 lbs. 8 oz., 19.5 inch long son, Frankie V, on February 22nd. Island grandparents are Burns and Teri Pierce. Great-grandmother is Joy Urge.

and Mark D. Ahner; eight grandchildren, Daniel R. Ahner, Michael L. Ahner, Janie K. Ahner, David Ahner, Lee D. Ahner, Max T. Ahner, Vaughn Varma and Tristan Varma; and three great-grandchildren, Arianna Ahner Timmy Ahner and Liam Ahner. He was proceeded in death by his wife, Dona Jean (Harpst) Ahner; his son, Timothy Lee Ahner; his mother, Agnes (Stephens) Ahner, father, Leo G. Ahner; siblings, Richard (Dick) Ahner, Nancy (Ahner) Curtin, Janice (Ahner) Bertsch, Tom Ahner. Dan was a veteran of the Korean War and served our country in the Intelligence Branch of the Army. Stationed in Germany, he received and transmitted Morse code. After serving, Dan worked his way through the Sheet Metal Workers Trade Union and worked with his dad and his brothers. In 1963, he started Ahner Sheet Metal and was a sheet metal contractor until 1984. In 1989, he purchased and developed what is now known as Caddy Shack Square property located on Kelleys Island. He was involved in other developments and properties throughout his life. He loved Kelleys Island and donated to the local community, such as the K.I. EMT'S, The K.I. Police Department, the chamber and other local events. Danny also had a home at Put-in-Bay where he loved to come and ice fish during the winter and also had many friends. He was always willing and wanting to help people. He loved spending time with friends and family and enjoyed boating, fishing, ice fishing during the winters and traveling. Per Dan's wishes, his body was donated to the University of Toledo's Medical Center for Science. That is him still giving. There will be no funeral arrangements. There will be a celebration of his life on Kelleys Island, to be determined at a later date. All those who knew and loved him will be invited. Donations can be made to Stein Hospice, American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or favorite charity. He will be missed by all who knew him but we are all better for knowing him.

Danny Ahner

Robert Jehu Ramsbottom, 94, of Put-in-Bay, son of the late Harry Jehu and Mabel Kramer Ramsbottom, died peacefully at home on Friday, January 26th. Born in Struthers, Ohio, he attended Struthers High School, where he earned letters in tennis and golf, sports he pursued into his 80's. Bob attended Youngstown College and studied law at the University of Cincinnati Law School. During World War II, he served as cryptographer in the AACS (Army Air Force Communications Systems) in the Assum Valley at the hump of the Himalayas, providing liaison between the newly introduced B29s and the ground forces in China, Burma and India (CBI). He later served with the 14th Air Force in China at an advanced airfield where Japanese envoys signed a peace treaty ending the conflict in China. Bob's proudest achievement while in the service was playing bridge with General Curtis LeMay, head of the 20th Air Force. Bob worked for the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company for over 30 years. During that time, he was transferred to seven different offices in as many towns. When he and Marylou moved to Put-in-Bay after retirement, he told everyone it was the best move of all. Bob was active in the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the All-Bobs Matter Club, and served as Adjutant for the American Legion Post 5642 for over 10 years. He is survived by his wife Marylou (Parker) and sons Robert Jeffrey and Richard Jason; also a brother, Bradley and sister, Shirley Jean of Struthers, OH. Brothers Ted (Massillon) and Harry (Butler, PA) preceded him in death. Memorial services will be held at St. Paul's, with private interment at Maple Leaf Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Stein Hospice, The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society or St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Patricia Gogolin

Patricia McCarthy Savage Gogolin, 89, the mother of Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum curator Dan Savage, spent her last day laughing and joking with friends and family, being visited by a pair of comfort dogs, making rude gestures to doctors, indulging in her favorite Handel's coffee ice cream, and sharing a glass of wine with her daughter and a family friend. Born in Indianapolis, IN to Irene (Hub) and James McCarthy in October 1928, she moved as an infant with her family to Toledo. As a child, her family would rent at Put-in-Bay. Later, she and her family would boat to the island. She donated loads of stuff to the Resale Shop at the museum. Pat, as she was known to anyone wishing to avoid a "glare capable of burning a hole through your soul," graduated from St. Ursula Academy in 1946 and went on to attend Mary Manse College and Toledo University as it was then known. There she earned a bachelor's Degree in art education and later went on to teach art classes at the University. Continuing her work as an educator, she was involved in the launch of the area's initial Head Start program, starting as a lead teacher with the organization in 1968. Even after leaving a formal education setting, she continued teaching friends and family proper grammar and the correct use of adjectives in sentences. Each day, time was spent completing New York Times crossword puzzles, always in red ink, and Pat was more than happy to take on challengers in occasional games of Scrabble which ultimately ended with the complete and total humiliation of the challengers. A lifelong, "dyed in the wool" Democrat, she worked for many years as a legislative aide for Congressman Thomas "Lud" Ashley who she remained friends with until his death in 2010. Pat was a self-proclaimed political junky known to telephone unexpectedly, exclaim "Are you watching C-SPAN right now?" - a question most people found impossible to honestly answer - and then launch into a rant regarding the ongoing absurdity in Washington. Possessing a sharp tongue and quick wit, she would sum up the offending member of Congress' numerous shortcomings and then end the call just as abruptly and without ceremony. Throughout her life, Pat worked as a tailor and seamstress and her home was filled with scores of quilts that she created by hand. An accomplished artist herself, she also collected paintings, antiques and ex-

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OBITUARIES

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Danny Ahner

Daniel "Danny" David Ahner, age 87, passed away Jan. 27, 2018, at Parkvue Assisted Living in Sandusky. He was born June 12, 1930, to Leo G. and Agnes (Stephens) Ahner. He is survived by his three children, Patricia J. Ahner, Karen S. Ahner



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I want to thank all of our wonderful island friends for the love and care you have shown Bob, Rich and I during our illness and after Bob's death. Your offers of equipment, services and food touched our hearts and reinforced our belief in the heartfelt compassion of this community. Bob had often said that, of all the moves we had made over our working careers, this was by far the best. Bob loved being here (but not in the garage so much), and thanks to you people, he was able to stay here until he died. People talk about how it takes a village; it takes an island called Put-in-Bay. From the heart, Marylou

to telephone unexpectedly, exclaim "Are you watching C-SPAN right now?" - a question most people found impossible to honestly answer - and then launch into a rant regarding the ongoing absurdity in Washington. Possessing a sharp tongue and quick wit, she would sum up the offending member of Congress' numerous shortcomings and then end the call just as abruptly and without ceremony. Throughout her life, Pat worked as a tailor and seamstress and her home was filled with scores of quilts that she created by hand. An accomplished artist herself, she also collected paintings, antiques and ex-

Milestones

amples of early Americana. She loved Christmas and was known for her extremely tall trees that often needed to be secured for stability to the vaulted ceiling of her home. Each of the decorations for the tree, collected over decades, had a story or history and a specific place on the tree. Those that were inadvertently hung incorrectly needed to be immediately moved to the proper location. Pat married James Edward Savage in 1956 and their family flourished. Out of necessity, she learned to cook for an army, always welcoming the children's friends, and later their spouses and children, to join her at meals. If the gatherings weren't already large enough, Pat kept a beloved Irish Setter at her side throughout her life. Equally considered as much her children as her human family, it is estimated that she may have had more than one hundred of the red-haired dogs ending with her final companion Maime. As her final day drew to a close, she said to the staff at the Ebeid Hospice Residence, "Don't you take my wine!" and Pat ended her wonderful day with two of her children

St. Paul's Youth Activities

The first weekend of January the teens (and almost teens) from St. Paul's joined 20 other teens at Kalahari for a Weekend themed "Becoming Beloved Community. There were also activities and workshops for the 200+ adults who attended. The youth spent some quality time at the Water park in addition to planning for a youth pilgrimage that will

by her side and went on to join her beloved husband James, oldest son James Jr., youngest daughter Katherine and her six siblings. Pat is survived by children Daniel, Timothy, Anne, Sarah, Elizabeth, Elton Jr., Alice, Charles, Carl, favorite sons and daughters-in-law and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and life-long, best friend Wayne Siddens. She was preceded in death by brothers James, Robert, Gerald and Timothy, and sisters Joan Glauser (Island Bob Glauser's mother) and Judith Werner. Contributions may be made to the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society (www.leihs.org). Condolences may be share with the family at walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Bob Schmidt Funeral Services

Mother of Sorrows • Sat., May 19th - 1 p.m.
followed by burial at Maple Leaf & Reception at PIBYC

happen later in 2018. The next area youth group meeting will be March 18th. Interested youth should contact Mo. Mary at St. Paul's for details.

The Bible Explorers continue to meet at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. Our current theme is the "Rolling River Rampa-ge." We are enjoying a series of videos about a rafting adventure as we explore scripture. Our them verse is God's promise: "When you pass through the waters I will be with you." In addition to our Bible Explorers we are developing a bell choir for youth (and adults are welcome too). We practice Thursdays during the lunch hour. Lunch is provided before we begin our practice. We hope to offer our first performance in March.

The PIB congregations work together to plan a Vacation Bible Camp each summer. This year's theme is "Hero Central" Stay tuned for more information.

March 2018 PIB Garden Club

Spring is just around the corner, so Gardeners, prepare your spades! It's almost time to dig in again!

The Garden Club Board has been busy preparing another wonderful summer of activities and programs for you. Please check putinbaygardenclub.com to see the complete calendar of events. Be sure to mark your calendar now for July 25th, when we will once again host a Home and Garden Tour on the island. The tour will feature seven great properties and will be followed by lunch at the Crews Nest Pavilion. Tickets will be available for sale after June 1st.

We hope you will join us May 15th and 16th to help plant the lamppost baskets in DeRivera Park.

Your reward will be a free breakfast and wonderful camaraderie! You should also check out the newest De Rivera Park Garden which was planted this fall adjacent to Will's playground.

The first Garden Club program of the year will be held Thursday, May 24th, at 5 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will discuss the biology and habits of those pesky rabbits, skunks, chipmunks and deer on the island, and teach us how to prevent them from eating our plants and damaging our landscapes. We look forward to seeing you soon!

LEIC Native Tree & Plant Sale

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) is now taking orders for native trees and plants for the islands. We are using Riverside Native Trees and Natives in Harmony for our native tree and plant sale. Buying and planting native trees and shrubs is a great way to provide quality habitat for the birds, butterflies, moths and other wildlife on the islands. We are promoting the planting of native trees and shrubs because our native animals are adapted to feeding on these plants and using them for shelter. By planting native species you are making your land more attractive to birds, bees, butterflies, moths and a host of other desirable species. This fundraiser will be used to support the LEIC land preservation and restoration programs!

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Native trees and shrubs are for sale in 3 gallon or 20 gallon sizes. The varieties available are Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Red Oak, Sycamore, Hackberry, Black Cherry, and Silver Maple. Shrubs offered are Silky Dogwood, Hoptree, Bladdernut, Prairie and Swamp Rose, Buttonbush, and Common Elderberry. All these trees and shrubs are native to the islands and will thrive in this environment. They have been grown from Ohio seed stock by Riverside Native Trees in Delaware, Ohio.

PLANTS

LEIC is also selling over 30 varieties of native perennial plants and flowers from Natives in Harmony from Marengo, Ohio. This year she will offer at least one wildflower that have been raised from South Bass Island seeds-hairy beard-tongue! An order form is available at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org or by calling Lisa at 419-366-2087. Beautify your yard and support the Conservancy!

Orders may be placed until May 1 and we will arrange a pick up on the island. For those on Middle Bass who wish to order, a pick up on Middle Bass will be set up as well. If you need additional order forms or have any questions, please contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087.

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Web site www.pibtownship.com

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Island Calendar March 2018

BIRTHDAY OF THE MONTH TODD BLUMENSAADT MARCH 12TH

Schedule Subject to Change

TH = Town Hall

Sr Cen = Senior Center

MBI = Middle Bass

TwpH = Township Hall

MOS - Mother of Sorrows

MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 5
- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Sr Cen
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Weds - 9:30a - 3:30p
- ☐ Library Events • See Article on page 14
- ☐ Community Technology Help Sessions • Mar 7 - 3:15 to 4:30p • School Computer Lab (Rm 109)
- ☐ Talent Show • Mar 16 - 7p • School Gym
- ☐ St Patrick's Day at the Bay • Mar 17
- ☐ Put-in-Bay St Patrick's Day • Mar 24 - 1 to 6p • The Tangier in Akron, OH

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning • No Meeting
- ☐ PIB Rec Committee • Mar 5 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • Mar 5 - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ PIB Village Council Workshop • Mar 7 - 9 am • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • Mar 7 - 11 am • TH
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Com • Mar 13 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Mar 13 - 10a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Mar 13 - 10a • Twp Hal
- ☐ LEI Conservancy Mtg • Mar 13 - 7p • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Council • Mar 14 - 9 am • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • Mar 14 - 12:10p • School
- ☐ Legion • Mar 15 - 11:45a • Sr Cen
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce • Mar 19 - 1p • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Mar 20 - 7p • Twp Hall

MARCH CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ☐ PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a
- ☐ Adoration and Stations • Mar 2 - 5:30p
- ☐ 3rd Sunday of Lent Mass • Mar 4 - 10:30a
- ☐ NO ADORATION OR STATIONS • Mar 9
- ☐ 4th Sunday of Lent Mass • Mar 11 - 10:30a
- ☐ Friday Adoration and Stations March 16 at 5:30p
- ☐ 5th Sunday of Lent Mass • Mar 18 - 10:30a
- ☐ Adoration and Stations • Mar 23 - 5:30p
- ☐ Palm Sunday Mass • Mar 25 - 10:30a
- ☐ Holy Thursday • Mar 29 - 2:30p
- ☐ & Confession and Services • 3:30p
- ☐ Good Friday Services • Mar 30 - 7p

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ☐ Holy Communion • Sunday 10:30a
- ☐ Maundy Thursday Service • Mar 29 - 7p
- ☐ Gethsemane Watch • March 29 - 9-10:30p
- ☐ Good Friday Service • Mar 30 - 7a
- ☐ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross • Mar 30 - Noon • Labyrinth (weather permitting)
- ☐ Holy Saturday/Easter Eve – Kindling the new fire at the Labyrinth • Mar 31 - 8:45p
- ☐ Holy Saturday /Easter Eve 1st Service of Easter • Mar 31 - 9p
- ☐ Easter Sunrise Service • Apr 1 - 6:45a • Monument
- ☐ Easter Celebration Service • Apr 1 - 10:30a

St. John @ the Bay

- ☐ Services • Sunday • Mar 18 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- ☐ Whiskey Light Ceremony • Apr 15 • Round House
- ☐ 13th Annual Pajama Party • Apr 21 • Mr Ed's
- ☐ Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 27
- ☐ Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers Draft Day Walk/Run 5k • Apr 28 - 10:15a • Downtown PIB

MARCH RECYCLING HOURS

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

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For a copy of the bid proposal, requests should be directed to Marty Harayda, Project Coordinator at 419-656-1226 or mdharajda@yahoo.com.
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The North Bass Island Board of Education held its Organizational Meeting on January 14, 2018. Regular meetings shall be the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10 AM at the school.
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March Happenings at the Erie Islands Library

Erie Islands Library is truly excited to be hosting some outstanding programs in March! There will be something for all ages to enjoy.

Chili/Soup Cook-Off

Join us Saturday, March 10th for the first Chili/Soup Cook-Off hosted by the library. Patrons are invited to cook up their favorite chili or soup. Enter the contest to see if your entry will be voted the best. Entrants are asked to bring their entry to the library at 10 am. Judging will start at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m. A warm tasty cup of soup sure sounds wonderful to combat the cold days!

Tuesdays for Tweens

Tuesdays for Tweens will be featuring two programs this month on the first and third Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. On March 6th, the Hot Wheels tracks will be available for children to build an ingenious track to race Hot Wheels cars. We supply the tracks and cars; kids come for fellowship and fun! Bingo for Books will be held on March 20th. Bingo is the game at the library where everyone goes home a winner.

Leather Workshop

Adults and teens (grades 6 and up) will be pleased to know the Leather Workshop on Tuesday, March 13th at 4:30 p.m. will feature making a leather Tom Thumb coin purse. Participants will use the kits, stamps and dyes provided to design their very own coin purse. New stamp designs and dyes! There are only ten kits available so be sure to sign up online today at www.idarupp.org or by stopping in at the library.

Popcorn & Movie Night

Join us for Popcorn and Movie Night on Thursday, March 15th at 5 p.m. for an entertaining family movie that will be announced two weeks before showing. Popcorn and beverages will be served to all ages.

Craft Event for Adults

Another craft event for adults and teens will be hosted by Librarian Gay Pippert on Thursday, March 22nd at 5 p.m. Are you looking for a new and unique nautical decoration for your home or to use as a gift for that special someone? Then come to the library and make a clothespin wreath. All supplies will be provided, along with decorations to make your one-of-a-kind wreath.

Bee's Painting with a Buzz

Erie Islands Library is pleased to announce that Brenda Nemecek of "Bee's Painting with a Buzz" will be presenting a night of fun for island ladies at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. A special design is being produced and will be announced as the date grows closer. All supplies will be purchased by the library. There will be no charge to participants but the class will be limited to the first 20 people. Participants may bring snacks and beverages to partake in while painting their masterpiece. Don't miss out on this fun evening! Sign up online in the comfort of your home at www.idarupp.org under the Programs heading or stop by the library today.

Other Library Services

Did you know that the library offers notary services? We also have a fax machine and copy machine to assist with your needs. Stop by to see everything we offer, from DVDs to audio books to magazines and local newspapers. If we don't have what you are looking for, we will be happy to order it from one of 237 libraries in our consortium across the state.



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Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

Not much happens in March except the new Council will meet on Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m. at historic Kelley's Hall on Division St. The weather has been a roller coaster ride. Freezing temps, warm weather, rain, snow fog, you name it. This doesn't bother us much except when it interferes with the mail. It looks like ice fishing is really over this time. All the shanties are in and have been hauled to their land-bound homes. Looking for a deal? St. Michael's Hall is for sale (Yes, you have to move it off-site). It looks like plans are underway for the building of a new hall. The Coyote population has increased and a thinning of the packs has begun. So far at least eight coyotes have been shot or trapped.

RESORT TAX

This was a very profitable year for Island businesses. The village received \$166,664 in Resort Tax proceeds which represents a whopping \$11,109,600 (that's over \$11 million dollars). This was the best year since 2005. Resort tax is charged on items that are regularly taxed (dine-in food, ferry and purchases, but not food or carry out).

ICE FISHING

By February first, the ice was gone again and for many, all hopes of a good ice fishing season. The only remnant of January's couple of days on the ice

was a row of shanties on the shore and one in Korenko Bay that got caught on a triangle of ice, which tipped and froze so that it seemed like the shanty was sinking. It looked like a construction site out there as the owner built several A-frames so he could raise the shanty and tow the it out. The owner joked that it hadn't settled in the ice but that he had added a basement.

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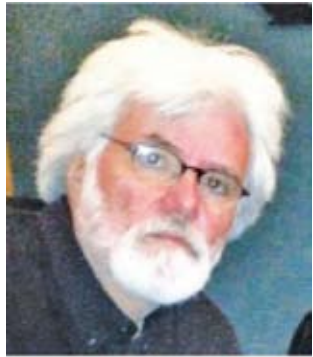
Here are the circulation stats for Kelleys Island. They are pretty amazing considering that the library is only open two hours a day: three days a week in the winter and five days a week in the summer. Total Adult Circulation-2,503; Total Children's-535; for a total circulation of 3,038 up 4% from last year. New items added: Adult Items added-616; Children's Items-58 for a total of 274. Our everlasting thanks to the library volunteers.



Leslie Korenko

PIBIO: The Island's Fake New

By Peter Huston



Peter Huston

You only have to do a simple "google" of "putinbay", "put in bay" or "put-in-bay" to find out how many interesting, sometimes useless and often crazy stories, pictures and videos there are about the island. This column is about Fake News- Island Style. Borrowing from the current buzzword about information sources for our visitors coming to the island. I think we need to look at the "Fake News" and understand that it is at the root of many of our bigger problems.

From what I have discovered from online "google" Fake News sources, we have no enforcement of laws restricting open containers for alcohol, or even smoking pot in public. You can bring your own food and drink in a cooler and party on the street while you let your 6 year old drive the golf cart. Turns out you don't really need a license to drive a golf cart either. In fact, you can drive anything here with wheels and an engine. It's on the "internet", so you have to believe me.

These compounded layers of misinformation find their way to serious news articles, business websites, facebook pages, you tube and even TV news shows. Just look on "Trip Advisor" under "Is Put-in-Bay a huge party?" to see what we have systematically done to ourselves. The world of social media has spawned a monster and we can't get it back in the cage.

It's easy to point fingers at others, but over the past ten years we have collectively marketed to and encouraged the behavior we now decry. There are digital online images that purport to represent our island and yet they directly or indirectly encourage many of the things we want to curb, like driving with a drink in hand, or allowing a child to drive (so many grand parents are guilty of this). I call it the "Disneyfication" of Put-in-Bay. We are in many ways an amusement park experience to visitors.

In fact, stories about driving without a valid license here made their way to the regional and national news last year. We get calls from people asking if they need a license for their teenager to ride a moped or can they bring an ATV to drive on the island. Some how we have gotten a reputation for being outside the laws of Ohio. While being an islander requires a lot of independence, our independent vision of how things should be done has become accepted and imitated.

If you're internet savvy I challenge you to take a look at what's out there and who promotes this type of Fake News. Try a simple "google" query like "putinbayferry", "putinbayparty" or "Put-in-Bay Christmas In July" and you find pages and images that provide an insightful look at what potential visitors see about us. Incomplete information like this misleads visitors interested in coming to the island and it is being promoted daily.

If you live here, you're probably making a living or enjoying in some way the island life style that has been built on the tourism business over the past 40 years. If you want people visiting to get the "right idea" about coming here, we all need to promote and share through social media and word of mouth the images and stories we want to promote about the island. Let's demonstrate to them the rules of the road, the behavior you want emulated, the lifestyle you like to see.

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Karl and Penny Schmidlin (below) generously hosted a Super Bowl party at their home on Middle Bass Island's East Point. Among the guests were Carrie Schneider and her daughter-in-law Katie Schneider (right).

Senior Center News for March

Welcome to March! Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time arrives on March 11th and the first day of Spring on the 20th!

During the month of February, the PIB Seniors had a great time cheering on our favorite teams during our "Snack-n-Super Bowl!" Tailgate Social. We also held our first Wii Bowling competition of the year, and finally, we were visited by Mrs. Rence and her French class for some Valentine's Day fun!

In March, we're planning to continue the Wii Bowling nights on Tues. March 13th and Tues. March 27th - both will start at 6 p.m. and hope to squeeze in a Soup & Show evening on Thursday March 8th at 6 p.m. and a Senior Social at Tipper's on Friday, March 30th! We have a bit of everything going on here at the Center! Our regular activities include: Aerobic Dance, Strength Training, Coffee Socials (with free coffee and munchies), Yoga, Aquamation, Mah Jongg and Bridge. Check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our web site: www.PIBseniorcenter.org for any extra last-minute activities in March! The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities, so please feel free to stop by and join us.

Don't forget, our Senior Lunches are held at Tipper's every Thursday at Noon. It's important to reserve your spot by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the Center at 419-285-5501 to make a reservation. We must let Tipper's kitchen know the count of those planning to attend by noon on Wednesday, so please make your reservation for these delicious and fun Senior Lunches!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. during the Coffee Social. Feel free to get yours checked, as this is a great service that they provide. If you would like to take advantage of the Senior 60+ Clinic, which is a free supplemental program to your regular physician's care, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment. This free program is provided by the Ottawa County Health Department for those 60 and over and is held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month, this makes travel easier and saves you time and money. The date for March is Thursday, the 22nd. The clinic provides basic services to people age 60 and over such as blood pressure screening, blood tests for anemia, blood sugar and cholesterol screening, weight & diet information, health and medication counseling/education at no charge. Through a comprehensive assessment, a nurse will answer any questions and provide education or referrals to private physicians if needed.

We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to The Crew's Nest for keeping the water so wonderfully warm during these cold winter months ... The Aquamation group sure appreciates it!!!

The Senior Center wishes everyone a sunny warm March as we officially welcome Spring!

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Friday, March 30	12:00 NOON	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (on the labyrinth weather permitting)
Saturday, March 31	8:45 PM	Holy Saturday /Easter Eve - Kindling the new fire at the Labyrinth
Saturday March 31	9:00 PM	Holy Saturday /Easter Eve - 1st Service of Easter
Sunday, April 1	6:45 AM	Easter Sunrise service at the Monument Meet at the south sea wall (Sunrise is 6:49 AM) A short 40 min outdoor service. Please dress warmly
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Sick of Being Sick
By McKenna Stacy

I was not in good shape for two weeks with flu like symptoms. When I went to the doctor's office they tested me for the flu and it was negative. I had to get treated for a bad cough. They had to stick a q-tip up my nose and it was not great at all. There are a lot of sicknesses spreading around the island. A little bit before and after homecoming I was sick, and then I was fine until I got this. I hate being sick because I feel like you can't get anything done. I also had to miss my first science fair because of the sickness. My throat was so sore, and I couldn't eat or else I would feel worse. I just had to stay in my room and sleep. I am just now ending the sickness and it is Monday February 19. To stay flu and sickness free we all just need to cover our coughs and wash our hands a lot. I hope that everybody stays healthy this winter! Also happy late Valentine's Day!

Editor's Note: McKenna was just one of many islanders who were down with a nasty something this winter. We hope people are all better now.