

In the News....



ABOVE: Tom Petro was this year's winner of the Kurt Rohrbacher Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament 2019 on Saturday, February 16th. He is shown here with his prize-winning catch and the trophy. It was perfect day out on the ice for the tournament.

Fastnacht Bingo Party March 5th at Town Hall

Make sure you attend the Fastnacht Bingo Party at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Fat Tuesday, March 5th at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per card for the first ten games, then \$3 per card for the next five games. The final coverall is \$1. Everyone is invited to this long-running island event. Proceeds benefit Mother of Sorrows General Fund.

Volunteers are needed to help make Fastnachts, plus at the Town Hall the evening of the Bingo game. To sign up, call Laurie Miller at (419) 341-2529.

Talent Show

March 29th at PIB Gym

Start practicing now for the 19th Annual Talent Show that will be taking place on March 29th, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay School gymnasium.

There will be cash prizes for the young and young at heart who perform their acts at the show. Talents are not limited to song, dance, comedy and instrumentals. Use your imagination and come up with your unique talents.

Pre-register by calling Donna Steinbach at (419) 285-2827. You can also register just before the show, but pre-registration is recommended so proper lightening and sound can be planned for ahead of time.

Everyone is invited to participate and everyone is invited to the show.

The Talent Show is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee.

Ice Fishing Winter 2019!



ABOVE: February was the perfect month for ice fishing and just about everyone from young to old and everyone in between was getting into the action. Upper left is Brooke Wertenbach. She had the biggest fish at the Kurt Rohrbacher Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament 2019. Her fish will be mounted for free by Jeff's Trophy Fish Mounts. Below Brooke is Beckett Dobos, and below him is his mother Bobbi Dobos. At the upper right is Audrey Socha and lower right is Bill Jellison.



Mack McCann

McCann resignation followed by plea in court

Put-in-Bay Mayor Mack McCann resigned on February 13th, about four months after being indicted by the State of Ohio for two felonies and four misdemeanors involving ethics violations and conflicts of interest. The State charged McCann with securing a waterline project for a business associate which the Put-in-Bay Village Council unanimously voted to approve.

About the same time, McCann's son, Put-in-Bay Village Councilman Bernard Michael McCann, and daughter, Melinda Myers, were both charged with ethics misdemeanors stemming from actions the State says were to their benefit. Melinda was on the Village Council at the time.

The investigation which led to the charges began in June 2017, after concerns were voiced to the county prosecutor. The guilty pleas are the result of a joint criminal investigation by the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Ohio Ethics Commission.

McCann's daughter, Melinda Myers, delivered his letter of resignation to the Village Council at their February meeting. His resignation was accepted by Council. President Pro Tempore of the Council, Jessica Dress, became mayor.

Two days after resigning, McCann, his son, Michael and daughter Melinda Myers, appeared in court in Port Clinton and plead guilty to misdemeanor conflict of interest charges. The pleas appeared to be part of a plea deal which was rumored to be being hammered out nearly two months ago. According to one report, "visiting Judge Larry Allen, of Willoughby, offered a blistering rebuke of the three McCanns following their guilty pleas, shaking his head as he spoke." Sentencing is scheduled for March 29th.

McCann wrote in his letter of resignation, "I have been wrongfully accused of felonious criminal activity to include allegations of theft in office, bribery, money laundering and having unlawful interest in a public contract. Non of these allegations are true. Not one of the allegations were supported by any cred-

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PIBIO: by Peter Huston

Winter Life on an Island

Everyone asks me what we do on the island in the winter. On a "busy" day here in January, I look out my front window at home and can identify the owner of every car that goes by. We joke that we know who they are, where they're going and when they'll be back. Most are heading to the Post Office. The post office is the social hub of the island and is just a short distance down the street from us. Because there is no home mail delivery on the island, everyone goes to the post office. It's not just for the mail but real daily social interaction too.

This winter is the first year in quite a few that "Tippers" restaurant is closed for the winter. When Tip Niese was alive, he kept the place open 7 days a week. It was his "living room" and everyone was invited. Monday was Martini night. Wednesday was Euchre. The senior center had a "luncheon" there every Thursday, and daily a dependable group kept the bartender busy serving gossip and two dollar beers.

This year we had two places sharing the island business, Reel Bar and Topsy Turvey. No one is open for lunch Monday or Tuesday. This has been quite an adjustment for some of our school kids. Our Put-in-Bay School does not have a cafeteria so everyone must go home for lunch. Many of the older kids used to go to Tippers for lunch. It was great to have a place to meet or have a meal daily. It is one of the small pleasures of island life.

Winter can be isolating for some, especially when the ferry stops running. But we manage to keep our selves entertained. Social clubs, darts, senior center aerobics and yoga, volley ball, winter workout membership at the Crews Nest and various other daytime "ice related" activities can be quite engaging.

For real entertainment our Put-in-Bay School Basketball team home games are the biggest draw for islanders in the winter. We have about 85 kids in school and the "high school" (8th-12th) is about 25 or so kids. So having a basketball team is a major part of winter activities for our island kids. Some of the young girls do double duty being on the basketball team and being cheerleaders. Everyone is involved one way or another.

The visiting teams get treated royally, being flown over, shuttled to the school, fed lunch and snacks, while providing us with a slate of Saturday of games that includes just about every kid in the school and their parents from first grade up.

A funny side note to this story is about milk. As you can imagine, when the ferry stops running fresh food, green veggies and dairy products have to be flown in. That really ups the cost of "fresh". The price for a gallon of milk is about double what you pay on the mainland.

So this fact was in an article in a major Ohio newspaper last year. The visiting team heard about it and in a gesture of good will each kid on the visiting team brought a gallon of milk to give our Put-in-Bay team as a gift. That's real life on an island.

And when we leave for the mainland, the cost per person just for the plane trip to the mainland is \$45 per person each way! So when you do the math, for a family of four to go out for a pizza would be \$360 plus the pizza! And, if you have to stay overnight, plan on hotel costs too.

A popular saying that has been floating around Put-in-Bay this year is "everyone loves being on an island until it becomes an island". Translation: this life is not for everyone, but the rewards for those that savor island in a real community living is "priceless". By the way, we did this video over the summer called, "In a sleepy little town" <https://youtu.be/g9do6-hOHbgo>. If you get a chance, please watch.

Mayor resignation

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ible evidence."

"As a result of these allegations and the ensuing investigation by the State of Ohio since at least June of 2017, Village Council has been unable to complete the project as promised to the Ohio State University over 12 years ago to supply Ohio State (*facilities located on Peach Point & Gibraltar*) with appropriate water flow for fire protection. This project is critical.

My resignation as Mayor will provide Village Council with the opportunity to address this specific project and the many other issues which confront the Village of Put-in-Bay."

He also added, "As a resident, I would be happy to serve on Council or in any other manner."

Michael McCann is still a member of council, and the misdemeanor charge does not prevent him from holding public office.

The President of Council, Jessica Dress, who has been chairing Council meetings since December. With Dress taking over as mayor, her Council seat needs to be filled. At least two Village residents have shown an interest in filling the vacated seat. The Village Council has 30 days to fill the seat, and if it doesn't, the new mayor has the option of filling or not filling the seat.

Contrary to reports which call Dress "the acting Mayor," she is the official mayor of the Village of Put-in-Bay and will continue as such until the next mayoral election.



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay's new mayor is Jessica Dress.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to write about a man most of us know and the good and many kindnesses he has done throughout the years without boasting or recognition.

As a young man he started working as a gill netter, learning trades from his father. He helped his dad along with his brother at the PIB water plant, getting hands-on experience and was taught many skills from "the jack of all trades," George Wertenbach. His parents taught him to give back and here are his many accomplishments:

- Volunteer fireman for 25 years/chief for 4 years.
- DeRivera Park Trustee for 18 years.
- Personally hired an engineering firm to design the first water/sewer treatment plant for the Village.

Convinced Mayor Dick Fox and Chief of Police Franz Schillumeit to close the Town down on a holiday weekend to eliminate the "hippies".

• Donated Island Resorts Maintenance Crew to refurbish the Town Hall, sealing and replacing windows and made the building weather proof, to prevent John Blatt from tearing it down.

- Designed and donated material to build the launching ramp downtown.
- Donated, along with Skip Duggan, property to put in a bike path.
- He donated property to the Village for easements to put in water and sewer lines.
- Installed more water and sewer lines than had been put in in 50 years.

• As Mayor: 1) Tries to solve the water suppression line problems to OSU as required by the Fire Marshall; 2) Through the years he was instrumental in transitioning the Island into a destination and becoming a leader in developing the tourist community; 3) This person has watched over and assisted in the care of several elderly people that were either his friends or past employees; 4) At his own expense he completely updated an entire home to be handicapped accessible for a person in the PIB community; and 5) He has been a mentor to young people in starting or struggling new businesses.

I wonder how far most of us have gone to assist people in need or with ideas for the good of the community.

This person is Mr. Mack McCann. With great respect I personally say, Thank you!
- Kerry (Wilhelm) Burris

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May	
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Moss on the Rock

Ray Fogg plays on Bourbon Street

If you're going to be in New Orleans on March 21st through 23rd, make plans now to catch the Ray Fogg Show on Bourbon Street at the Tropical Isle Original. Shows start at 6 p.m. night and admission is free.

Traveling

Mark and Holly Kirsch from Chapman Rd. enjoyed time in Nashville, TN, Huntsville, AL, and Perdido Key, FL in February.

Jeff and Joy Berquist from Evelyn Lane were in Bonaire and Aruba on a cruise.

Bob and Andrea Lee Gatewood celebrated their 10th wedding with a trip to Havana, Cuba.

Scott and Caroline Jackson were in the Virgin Islands checking out the new location of the soon-to-come Goat Soup and Whiskey III.

Bob and Jody Frimel from Pinky's Pond took some time to explore New Zealand. Jody is telling all her outdoorsy, nature-loving friends, if New Zealand is not on your bucket list, it needs to be!

Don and Sue Thwaite got a chance to get off the island for a little trip to Colorado.

Roving Entertainment

One of the ordinances which came before the Village Council this past month was a "Temporary Moratorium on Roving Entertainment." How do you feel about roving entertainment at Put-in-Bay? We'd like to hear from you.

Kareem Hunt and Put-in-Bay

Kareem Hunt, the controversial Kansas City Chiefs running back, has signed with the Cleveland Browns. If you're a sports fan, you probably read about the assault incident he is alleged to have had at Put-in-Bay last summer. With him now being closer to home, we wonder if we'll be seeing more of him on the island.

Water from the Mainland

Members of the Put-in-Bay Village Council have some serious reading to do. They received a feasibility study for what is the best option for providing the island with water. The report has prepared by Poggemeyer Design and discusses the various options which include getting water from the Ottawa County Regional Water Treatment Plant through a pipeline from the mainland.

PIB Senior Center News

Welcome to March! Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time arrives on March 10th 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 enjoyed a Soup & Show evening and continued our Wii Bowling competition. Finally, we were visited by Mrs. Rence and her French class for some Valentine's Day fun!

In March, we're planning a Soup & Show evening on Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m., and a Senior Social at Topsy Turvey's on Friday, March 29th! 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 & munchies), Yoga, Mah Jongg & 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 anytime.

Our Senior Lunches are being served at Topsy's every Thursday at 12 noon. Please make your reservation by noon on Wednesday either by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. It is important to let Topsy's kitchen know the lunch count by noon Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for our Senior Lunches! We are waiting to hear when Tipper's will be reopening and will let everyone know as soon as possible when and where our Senior Lunches will continue.

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 28th. 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 and 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.

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

Bird Banding

Licensed birder Tom and Paula Bartlett report that over the last 16 years of our banding, they and their helpers have banded 10,833 individuals of 114 species on the Bass Islands." A big thanks goes out to Tom and Paula for all your dedication to island bird conservation!! Their data is invaluable as the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy writes grants to protect more island habitat! Bird banding will resume in April.

Mad Dog begins 40th Season

Come celebrate Mike "Mad Dog" Adams 40th Anniversary at the Round House this summer. Plans call for a special commemorative bucket to honor him and 40 years of a great entertainment and island tradition!

Bat Conservation Program

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will host a program on Ohio Bat Conservation given by Sarah Stankavich of the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Heidi Bencin and Austin Waag, research technicians with the Ohio University at 7:30 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Friday, March 8, 2019. They will be on the island taking a look at some of our island habitats for bats that weekend.

Euchre at St. Paul's until Tipper's opens

Wednesday, February 13th, was the last week at the Reel Bar since they closed for the remainder of the winter the following weekend. Euchre will be played at St. Paul's in the Undercroft until Tipper's reopens a week or so after the ferries start running. Watch for an exact date as things begin to thaw. Woody has been cooking dinner for the group since the restaurant options have been limited.

The Time of Apollo

Discover the astronauts involved with circling and walking on the moon. Twelve astronauts walked on the lunar surface. The 50th anniversary will be happening this year. The first landing was on July 20th, 1969! Come celebrate with a presentation of this amazing feat from local solar system ambassador Gene Zajac. Program will be Thursday March 14, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. As we are a community without light pollution, our Lake Erie Islands Conservancy continues to offer programs on astronomy topics - thanks to Gene! See you there



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Stories of a Storyteller: Reminiscences of Louie Heineman

by Joe Suttman

I have had the incredibly good fortune to be a friend, foil, disciple, and fan of Louie Heineman. Our relationship developed during my 17 years on South Bass Island, and in my mind and heart, this relationship will last eternally.

Below are a few examples of Louie's humor, wisdom, and storytelling ability which have been flowing through my mind recently, bringing back that comfortable, homespun, mumbly-folksy style so typical of his delivery.

As I once announced prior to a Put-in-Bay Panther basketball game in the Jim Poulos Memorial Athletic Facility, when I noticed Louie walking into the gym: "Ladies and Gentlemen, island vintner Louie Heineman is in the house. Let's get ready to MUMBLE!"

Good News/Bad News

Louie was fond of telling good news/bad news jokes, and I often found myself the foil of his wit.

As many of us know, Louie preferred a rubber band rather than a wallet to keep his money organized. Louie went with me on three of my "Insider Tour" trips through Europe. During our first trip, before the European countries had started a common currency, I encountered Louie at breakfast one morning.

Joe: "Good morning, Louie. How are you?"

Louie: "I've got some good news and I've got some bad news."

Joe: "What's the good news, Louie?"

Louie (as he emptied his pocket of wadded up Swiss Francs, German Marks, and Austrian Schillings): "I've got all this 'Monopoly' money."

Joe (looking at all the cash piled willy-nilly on the table): "Well, what's the bad news?"

Louie (with that sly grin): "My rubber band broke."

One afternoon, Louie pulled up to the Press House Corner Market, dressed in a way that I knew he had been on the mainland. When he came in for a cold one, I asked him what he had been doing in town.

Louie: "I had to go to the doctor for a prostate exam."

Joe: "Oh no! Is everything all right?"

Louie: "Well, I've got good news and I've got bad news."

Joe (with genuine concern): "Jeez, Louie, what's the bad news?"

Louie (thrusting his forefinger into the air): "The doctor stuck his finger up my butt!"

Joe (relieved): "What's the good news, then?"

Louie (with that sly grin again): "He took it back out!"

Observations on History

Louie lived a very long and full life, during which he

was not timid to remark on things he had observed and experienced.

In early 1945, Private L.V. Heineman got his deployment orders to occupied German territory near the end of WWII. Because of his experience in the wholesale and retail wine business, the U.S. Army decided Louis would be a good supplies depot clerk, in charge of warehousing and shipping the necessities of soldier life to those who requisitioned them. He was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, which I had the privilege of visiting with him 50 years later.

Louie and I were together in Heidelberg when we found the exact warehouse depot where he had been stationed in WWII. Standing in that depot yard, Louie regaled me with some war time stories, including how he had stood guard at Patton's funeral in the castle at Heidelberg. He also confessed to having been arrested by the MPs while he was stationed there.

Joe: "What were you arrested for, Louie?"

Louie: "Unlawful discharge of my weapon. We were celebrating VJ (Victory in Japan) Day."

Joe: "Whatever came of it?"

Louie: "I got released, charges dropped."

Joe: "How'd you pull that off?"

Louie: "Well, Joe-Joe, when you're the supply clerk, you can make things happen. I bribed the MP with an internal spring bed mattress and a loaf of white bread."

Joe: "Really!?"

Louie (with a wry smile): "It was the loaf of bread that sealed the deal."

Later on that European trip, Louie had been entertaining our group with even more anecdotes about his time in the Army in Germany back in '45. I mentioned to him that he was fortunate that the war had ended just a few months after he arrived, to which Louie famously responded: "Berlin must've heard I was comin'."

On a subsequent Insider Tour trip to Europe, our group was sitting around after dinner, drinking and talking in a Gasthaus in Steyr, Austria. Louie was recounting how his brother Harry, who had been a bomber pilot during WWII, had actually bombed Steyr, which produced armaments, on his sorties out of northern Italy. At the end of his tale, Louie hoisted the last of many steins of beer he had quaffed that evening, looked at everyone with a sparkle in his eye and said: "My brother bombed this city, and tonight, I got bombed in this city!"

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

Louie was a devoted and active member of the Catholic church on the island. He was a server as a young lad, ran many parish committees, and, interestingly (given his charming pronunciation style), was for many years the caller at Bingo. He was also an usher at Sunday Mass most of his adult life, taking up the collection.

Every liturgical year, the story of Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana is the theme of the gospel reading on a particular Sunday. And every year on that Sunday, as I met up with Louie after Mass on the lawn in front of church, the following conversation would happen:

Louie: "Hey Joe-Joe, did you hear the gospel reading today, where Jesus changed water into wine?"

Joe: "Yes I did, Louie."

Louis: "I don't know what the big deal is. I do that every day!"

Every one of Louie's stories, jokes, and one-liners were followed by that sparkly-eyed, closed-mouth, almost silent snicker of his, that eventually shook his whole body. I don't know if it's possible to enjoy anything more than laughing with Louie Heineman.



RIGHT: Louie Heineman behind the bar at Heineman Winery in the early 1950s.

Thank you...

We would like to thank everyone so much for your thoughts, prayers, condolences, cards, donations, flowers and donating your time for our dad. Many thanks to everyone at the funeral home, especially Tom, for getting Louie home. Visitation in Port Clinton was so overwhelmingly wonderful, with friends from all over Ohio and parts of Michigan. The weather was cold, windy and snowy, but they still came. Special thanks to George Stoiber and helpers, for allowing the use of your beautiful antique hearse for Louie's last ride around the island. Thank you to the Chef Mike and Sue Thwaite and the many islanders who helped at the Town Hall for the fellowship gathering, it was wonderful! Thank you to Fr. Nick, Fr. Frank and Joan Hudak for coming over to make the service special and to Deacon Mike for helping so much with the choir, which we didn't think we would have. You sounded beautiful. It was a cold day, but the sun did shine. Thank you to all of dads and our friends. It meant so much to all of us. God Bless and love to all. ~The Heineman Family

Chocolate Fest 2019: A "Chocolate-y" Success!

Erie Islands Library hosted its ninth annual Chocolate Fest on Saturday, February 2, 2019. There were a total of sixteen outstanding entries. Approximately fifty people enjoyed tasting the delicious items!

We are pleased to announce first place goes to Sandy Funtal with her mouth-watering Chocolate Truffle Oreo Cupcakes. Everyone in attendance probably agrees that Sandy's display was awesome! Second place went to Roberta Scarpelli for her sweet Salty Caramel Bars. The third place winner was Don Ruggiero for his entry of Chocolate Poke Cake, which was to die for! Honorable Mention goes to Susan Ferguson, Susan Duff, Susan Cooks, Kate Byrnes, Mark Wilhelm, Keri Carnicom, Dianne Duggan, Kim Pugh, Heidi Ladd, and Karen Wilhelm for their delectable dishes. Many of the recipes were ideas gathered on pinterest.com and others were handed down through families.

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to prepare a tasty treat and to those who stopped by to vote for the Chocolate Fest champions! Erie Islands Library looks forward to hosting this event again next year for the "10th Annual Chocolate Fest."

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Island Diary February 2019

Fri., Feb. 1st - Jennifer Glauser from Middle Bass is out ice fishing on 10 inches of clear ice. The PIB School Lady Panthers end the basketball season undefeated with a ten-win, no-loss season after besting the Horizon Science Academy Jaguars, 52 to 24, in the Jim Poulos Recreation Center. The team's final game was against the Horizon Science Academy Jaguars. A big thumbs up to Coach Shuffenecker and the team! Graduating senior basketball team members Max Schneider, Jack Booker and Lauren Peter are honored.

Sat., Feb. 2nd - Ice fishing activity is in full swing with good ice, above freezing temps and sunshine. Shanties dot the ice off the West Shore. The ice trail connecting PIB and Middle Bass is definitely open for business. J.F. Walleye's is also open on Middle Bass. Pleasantly warm 40°F, sunshine, and good ice! Sandy Funtal wins the Chocolate Fest championship held in the morning at the library with her Chocolate Truffle Oreo Cupcakes! Roberta Scarpelli comes in second with her Salty Caramel Bars, and third place goes to Don Ruggiero for his Chocolate Poke Cake. There were 16 chocolate treats to choose from.

Sun., Feb. 3rd - Over on Kelleys Island, the electricity goes out due to a transformer fire on the mainland which provides electricity to the substation that supplies the island. Kelleys Island School is open to residents who need somewhere to go for heat or watch the Super Bowl game. Islanders at PIB and Middle Bass have a perfect day - ice fishing during the day and watching the Super Bowl in the evening. Well, that is for everyone but Roberta Scarpelli whose cellphone goes swimming with the walleye.

Mon., Feb. 4th - At noon, the temperature is 50 degrees. There's a prediction of high winds gusting to 25 miles per hour out of the northwest. Joan and Richard French from the West Shore are dining at "The Boathouse" restaurant at Disney Springs in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Tues., Feb. 5th - Caroline Conrad is grateful to Brit Schroeder for getting a mouse is out of her house.

Wed., Feb. 6th - Village Council holds a special meeting to approve a letter of intent with BlueInGreen to begin manufacturing the equipment needed for the Village water plant's ozone project in the amount of \$641,000. Ray Fogg is attending "Twas the Night Before PIB Fest" at Sloppy Joe's Bar Key West.

Thurs., Feb. 7th - Fog hides the top of the Monument in the morning. In the afternoon, you can see the top, but not the bottom. The 15th Annual Put-in-Bay Days starts at Sloppy Joe's in Key West, Florida.

Fri., Feb. 8th - The PIB High School Science Fair and Elementary Invention Convention take place in the school gym. The students enjoy sharing all their amazing projects with the public. In the afternoon, the kids and adults race their home-built model cars in the Pinewood Derby. Tom Thanasiu is finally out ice boating in the Bay. With a lot of wind, he tries to take a video while sailing, but his phone freezes up. He put the phone away in an inside pocket that didn't have a zipper. He spends the next hour looking for the phone somewhere on the ice. There's a great Spaghetti fundraiser dinner at the fire station. In the evening, temps dip below freezing to stiffen up the ice.

Sat., Feb. 9th - The Forge opens for three days. Fishing is reported to be good off the West Shore and Rattlesnake Island. There are reports of a 4-wheeler going back and forth along the big ice shove out by West Reef. The Coast Guard reports finding nothing.

Sun., Feb. 10th - The temperature doesn't get below freezing all day. The Greg and Bobbi Dobos kids, Beckett and Braylee are out ice fishing for their first time and both catch fish. Tom Thanasiu enjoys ice boating in the bay only to come in to finds he left his headlights on while it was parked at the yacht club.

Mon., Feb. 11th - If you stand on the cliff at the South Bass Island Lighthouse and look out over the lake, you see a lot of open water. The February Chamber of Commerce meeting is held at the Village Town Hall shortly after lunch. Tom Thanasiu is giving ice boat rides in the Bay.

Tues., Feb. 12th - Decorating Valentine's Day cookies at the Erie Islands Library is cancelled due to an overnight ice storm and school being cancelled for the day. The planes aren't flying, but Rescue Marine from the mainland comes over to the island with its airboat to transport those who need to get off the island.

Wed., Feb. 13th - Melinda Myers, the daughter of PIB Mayor Mack McCann, attends the Put-in-Bay Village Council meeting and presents her father's resignation letter. Also at the meeting Council passes a resolution awarding the ozone project at the water treatment plant to Kirk Bros. as the lowest and best bidder. There's a revised pedicab ordinance up for discussion with incorporates the requirement that pedicab drivers while driving a pedicab. Westerly winds blow at more than 30 miles per hour most of the day. With gusts up to 40 mph, there's no ice boating today.

Sat., Feb. 14th - Patty Bauer from Tipper's buys a bouquet of cupcake flowers from her co-worker Sandy Funtal. They look too beautiful to eat. Rob Hard reports the ice is about 8" thick.

At the library, 19 adults and children have a blast decorating cookies and making sucker bouquets for Valentine's Day. The Forge opens for the first of five days.

Fri., Feb. 15th - Former Put-in-Bay mayor Bernard "Mack" McCann pleads guilty in Ottawa County Municipal Court in Port Clinton to two misdemeanor counts of conflict of interest. It's a great day for ice fishing tournament temps in the mid 20s and winds less than around 5 knots. At the Reel Bar you celebrate Valentine's Day with your choice of lobster tail, duck breast, shrimp and bowtie pasta or beef tenderloin. To break your scale, you can top it off with a chocolate brownie with vanilla bean ice cream and chocolate sauce for dessert. At Topsy Turvey's, ice fishermen are registering for the ice fishing tournament.

Sat., Feb. 16th - Patty Bauer from Tipper's is the guest bartender at J.F. Walleye's on Middle Bass. Rob Hard is out on the ice serving yummy stuff from his new "Chili Weiners" ice shanty.

Sun., Feb. 17th - The PIB Vol. Fire Dept. holds a fundraiser pancake breakfast at the fire station. Ryan Stoiber reports a crack opening out by Rattlesnake in the mid afternoon.

Mon., Feb. 18th - Bobbi Dobos has two turkey eggs and is hoping they are fertile. The PIB Vol. Fire Dept. is conducting ice rescue training in the evening. This means a dip in the frigid water.

Tues., Feb. 19th - CCD Classes at Mother of Sorrows are followed by Pop Corn & Movie Night at the library.

Wed., Feb. 20th - The Euchre players are at St. Paul's for an evening of play and a dinner cooked by Woody Widmar. The games will continue at St. Paul's until Tipper's is open. Jeff Bykowski posts on Facebook, "Guess what? --- No more Rattlesnake Island ice-fishing. A short but very sweet season."

Thurs., Feb. 21st - Bobbi Dobos has four dozen fresh chicken eggs for sale at \$4 per dozen.

Fri., Feb. 22nd - It's a nice-weather day for ice fishing, or for those like Gordy Barr, a perfect day to ride your bike over the ice to from Middle Bass to Put-in-Bay and back. On a good day, the trip takes about 20 minutes. Ryan Stoiber posts a photo of himself holding the first fish of the year worth a photo opportunity. Some of the island fire fighters are at the Lime Kiln Dock practicing their pumper skills.

Sat., Feb. 23rd - Question of the day - Do I pull my ice shanty off the ice or not? One weather forecast shows tomorrow's wind will be blowing at 42 miles per hour with gusts in the high 50-mph range out of the southwest and west. Let me think about that one for a minute. There are four ice boats out on the Bay.

Sun., Feb. 24th - The high wind reported for the day at the South Bass Island Weather Station is a steady 50 knots with gusts of 60 out

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ABOVE LEFT: Lauren Peter was awarded a basketball scholarship to play for Lourdes College next year. ABOVE CENTER: Left to right are April Baca-Regalado, Elias Wright and Macy Ladd who qualified for the Ottawa County Spelling Bee on February 5th. ABOVE RIGHT: Max Schneider took home the coveted Newton Cup award for overall point winner of the Science Olympiad.

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School News by Steve Poe, Superintendent

The 2018-19 Panther Basketball season concluded with much success. Put-in-Bay started the season at the first-ever Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament. The four-team tournament featured Put-in-Bay, Mackinac Island, Beaver Island, and Washington Island. The girls team won the tournament with a 3-0 record and the boys finished 2nd with a 2-1 record. The Panthers had the best overall record among the four island schools! Both our boy's and girl's teams defeated Mackinac Island to win the coveted "Rock Trophies."

Returning to Ohio our boys team suffered a divesting injury as senior Jack Booker broke his foot. Jack had been averaging over 22 points per game. The boys team, consisting of Max Schneider, Joe Byrnes, Tali Steidl, Marshall Stacy, and Jacob King, continued to fight hard but finished with a record of 2-9.

The girls basketball team had a historic season. The team started as Champions of the Great Lakes and finished the entire season undefeated. Playing against quality opponents the Lady Panthers dominated the hardwood finishing with ten wins and no losses. Lauren Peter led the team with 24 points per game. She earned a basketball scholarship to play for Lourdes College next winter. Lauren was helped by Cecilia Glauser, Hannah Lentz, Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, Lucy Schneider, and Kate Brynes. All will be returning for the Panthers next year. GREAT JOB LADIES!

Our Junior High team played hard, and although they didn't win any games, they learned a lot of valuable lessons. Doug Steidl, Cole Porche, Lillian Frederick, McKenna Stacy, Melody Many, Joe Blumensaadt, and Lyla Steidl will continue to develop skills to bring the team success.

Thank you to Patrick Myers and PIB Radio for broadcasting our games. Thanks to the Rec Committee and all the sponsors for allowing Panther fans, here and abroad, to cheer us on.

We are glad to announce the continuation of the Great Lakes Island Basketball Tournament. Mackinac Island will be hosting the tournament next year on December 6th and 7th. We are excited about this opportunity. Make your reservations early and GO PANTHERS!!!

Congratulations to Elias Wright (Grade 5), April Baca-Regalado (Grade 7) and Macy Ladd (Grade 8) for winning the Put-in-Bay Spelling Bee and qualifying for the Ottawa County Spelling Bee on February 5th. These students competed against thirty-one (31) students from seven other schools. Macy and April did very well, finishing 8th and 15th respectively. Elias made it all the way thru twenty rounds to finish in sixth place, the highest of any Put-in-Bay student in recent years.

This year's senior class will be leaving on their senior trip to Alaska on April 18th. Jack Booker, Max Schneider, Matthew Stacy, and Lauren Peter have raised money from fund raisers to cover the costs of this awesome opportunity. They plan to take a train from Fairbanks to Anchorage to see and experience all that Alaska has to offer. Have fun seniors!

Twenty-one students in grades 7 – 12 qualified for the first semester "Reward Tree Game Show Give-away!" In order to qualify, a student needed to go the entire semester without a discipline referral. Students participated in games seen on "The Price is Right," "Name That Tune," and "Let's Make a Deal." Congratulations to those students who completed all their assignments on time, followed directions daily, and had no student handbook violations. The second semester reward could be even better, so abide by the rules and listen to your teachers!

Students in grades K-12 participated in a wide variety of science themed activities on Friday, February 8. Kids in grades K-3 teamed



ABOVE: These three students (left to right), Elena Schroeder, Max Schneider and Alexandra Knauer qualified for the District Science Fair.

up with high schoolers to complete in engineering design activities and chemistry activities. Students in grades 4-6 presented research projects about either famous inventors or Invention Convention prototypes. Cody Kowalski, Lear Cooks, and Lukas Kostura ranked as the top three inventors and will be traveling to present at the state level in July. Junior high and high school students presented their science fair projects to the expert judges, as well, and several students will be traveling to the University of Toledo on Saturday, March 2nd, to compete in the District 2 Science Day. A fantastic day of science ended with Joseph Blumensaadt as the overall winner for the Pinewood Derby and senior Max Schneider taking home the coveted Newton Cup award for overall point winner of the Science Olympiad.

Come see our talented students perform at the annual Put-in-Bay Talent Show on Friday, March 29th, in our school gymnasium. This is always a fun event showcasing our student's many talents, from music performances to stand-up comedy.



ABOVE: On Friday, February 8th, 2019, the Put-in-Bay School held their Invention Convention competition at the Put-in-Bay School Jim Poulos Recreation Facility. Local judges selected the top student inventors to advance to the Ohio Invention Convention & Entrepreneurship Competition, July 28, 2019, at the Ohio State Fair. The young PIB inventors are (left to right) Lear Cooks, Lukas Kostura and Cody Kowalski.

2019-20 School Calendar

The 2019-20 school calendar has been adopted.

Please mark your calendar:

- September 3, 2019 Student's First Day of School
- October 21, 2019 No School – Appointment Day
- November 27 – Dec 1 Thanksgiving Break
- December 21 – Jan 5 Christmas Break
- February 22 – March 1 Winter Break
- April 10 – 14, 2020 Spring Break
- May 23 – 25, 2020 Memorial Day Weekend
- May 28, 2020 Student's Last Day of School
- May 29, 2020 Graduation



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ABOVE: Congratulations to the Put-in-Bay High School Girls Basketball Team that went undefeated for 2018-19 season. This is unprecedented in PIB history. The PIB Panther Girls are seen here after cutting the strings of the basketball net as a souvenir of their undefeated 2018-19 season after their final home game on February 1st against Horizon Science Academy. Left to right are Coach Shuffenecker, Nora Ladd, Lucille Schneider, Hannah Lentz, Lauren Peter, Elena Schroeder, Cecilia Glauser, Kate Byrnes, Alex Knauer and the "Voice of WPiB," Patrick Myers. - Photo courtesy of Susan Byrnes.

Island Diary

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of the west. The power goes out for many on the island when some downed power poles block Toledo Ave. by DJ's ice cream shop. Emergency forces close the road while power is restored to as many customers as possible. The Town Hall is opened for those who need to stay warm.

Mon., Feb. 25th - Workers work through the night and the electric for East Point and Middle Bass comes back on about 3 a.m.

At 9 a.m., winds have been blowing more than 30 knots for the last 24 hours.

Tues., Feb. 26th - There's a bit of new snow on the ground.

Wed., Feb. 27th - There are a few ice shanties out by Rattlesnake Island. We hope fishing is good!

Thurs., Feb. 28th - Reports are showing the water level in Lake Erie is six inches above what it was a year ago.

Ash Wednesday at St. Paul's

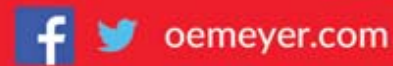
There will be an opportunity for meditation and reflection at St. Paul's from 11:30 until 11:55 a.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. There will be Lenten music from 11:55 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. At 12:05 the school students and any others who wish to join us will arrive for the Imposition of Ashes. Following the Imposition of Ashes, the school students are invited to a Lenten Lunch in the undercroft before returning to school. In the spirit of Lent it will be a simple meal.

St. Paul's offers Ashes "to go" between 5 and 5:20 p.m. on St. Paul's front steps or inside the front door depending on the weather. You only need a couple of minutes during this period to receive the "Ashes to go." In recent years some churches have modified the traditional Ash Wednesday service by providing what is called "ashes to go." The ashes are offered to anyone who wants them without the accompanying worship service. In large cities this may happen at a subway stop or in a park.



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

Like many who make their homes in the Midwest, the pallid cold, the gray, the early darkness chases us south, a few weeks, a month, for the sun-birds, a season – an escape to warmth, a sandy beach, glistening blue water. This year, Mrs. Larry and I made our escape to Belize, a small country on the eastern coast of Central America. For most of our visit, we stayed on Ambergris Caye, an island just off the coast, floating in the tranquil Caribbean Sea.

And, as I often do when visiting most any vacation destination, I cannot help but to draw comparisons to our very own vacation spot, Put-in-Bay. Although Ambergris Caye is considerably larger than South Bass Island (nearly twenty-five miles long by one mile wide), there are many similarities to South Bass – ferry service and a small airport; a quaint, waterfront town, San Pedro, brimming with tourists, golf carts, shops, restaurants, and bars; a bridge, a school, churches; and an abundance of fishing, water-sports, and natural beauty.

My first impression upon leaving the airport, our Put-in-Bay golf cart traffic is nothing compared to the tangled web of San Pedro! Here, narrow streets, barely wide enough for a car, most without sidewalks, overflow with pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, golf carts, cars and trucks. There seems to be little regard for traffic laws or parking regulations. It seems that golf carts randomly push into nooks and crannies along the road, often hanging out into the right-of-way. Vehicles brush dangerously close to storefronts, many with open doors and merchandise randomly stacked out front to attract customers. No seat-belt, no turn signal – No Problem! Parking lots, traffic signals, stop signs – not here. And it seems this chaos continues almost daily.

Once on the road outside of San Pedro, Belizeans have discovered a unique solution to control speeding: Paved roads are punctuated with an endless collection of speed-bumps; dirt roads are a moonscape of pot-holes that rattle your teeth and can destroy even the sturdiest of vehicles.

Speed-bumps can be found at bus stops, near school zones, and in areas where the road narrows – these, seemingly installed by the Belizean highway department. But there are more, in front of hotels, bars, restaurants, shops, sometimes just randomly there – these seem to be a product of an unwritten, do-it-yourself, slow-down-the-tourist scheme. Own a business? Want to make sure the tourists don't miss you? Just plop down a couple speed-bumps out front!

As for the pot holes, I can sympathize with the challenge of maintaining dirt and gravel roads in an area frequently ravaged by tropical storms and hurricanes, particularly on an island that sits only about three-inches above sea level! But these cratered roads certainly solve the problem of speeding golf carts and scooters – creeping along at anything over a crawl is impossible.

I saw a couple things on the island that we might consider here on South Bass. First, as you drive north out of San Pedro, there is a small bridge, only slightly larger than our little bridge by Terwilligers Pond, just past Oak Point. But here, the local Belizeans have created a little money-maker. As a vehicle approaches the bridge and slows for the ubiquitous speed-bump, a bridge attendant approaches to collect a five-dollar bridge fare – five-dollars out of town, another five-dollars for your return! I am not sure where these funds are spent, but the bridge attendant seemed quite happy – I was told the fee only applies to tourists! Certainly our local government can create a similar system. The proceeds could be used to build bike trails, plant flowers, or even hire more police officers. In fact, if our local politicians don't take action, I just might get myself a little badge, a uniform, and begin collecting a toll of my own – a little extra income to fund my own trips into town!

The second thing I saw that we might adopt from the Belizeans is a beach. Now, this is not just any beach, this is a "Secret Beach." I know it is truly a secret, because a local whispered to me, "Don't miss the 'Secret Beach'".

This "Secret Beach" is about the same size as our stone beach at the South Bass State Park, and it is about the same distance from town, a couple miles outside San Pedro. But unlike our pristine, stone-lined crescent, the "Secret Beach" is lined with bars, toe-to-toe from one end to the other – each bar offering comfy beach chairs and soft towels in exchange for your patronage: Enjoy a cold Belikin (the national beer), fish tacos, margaritas, ceviche! Spend some money, rent a paddle boat and jump in the warm Caribbean.

We can do it here! The State can lease tracts of beach – businesses can setup shop; a Tiki hut, a refrigerator, and a grill is enough to get started: There is plenty of room for parking; a great way to pull some of the traffic and crowds out of the village, accommodate even more tourists; create some opportunities for local entrepreneurs; and bring in new revenue for the state, township, and village. Oh, and the "Secret Beach" is not really secret. There are big signs on the road and plenty of social media advertising, guaranteeing that the "Secret Beach" is as crowded as the 4th of July at Cedar Point!

And finally, there is the hand-crank ferry. This I discovered on mainland Belize, at a river crossing on the way to Xunantunich, a Mayan archaeological site in the western part of the country. Before the Markets decide to dump a few million dollars into another new ferry, Miller Boat Line may want to explore the "hand-crank" concept. It's "green" (no fossil fuels or air-fouling emissions), it's cheap (less labor, fewer mechani-



ABOVE: This cranker in Belize demonstrates "green" ferry travel.



ABOVE: This is the ferry that is powered by a hand crank somewhere in Belize.

cal issues), and it's fast (instead of working with just two or three big, cumbersome ferries, a whole fleet of hand-crankers can be put into service).

Here is how it works. A cable is stretched across the water – in this case, from Catawba to the Lime Kiln. The cable is then looped through a hand cranking device on the ferry which is turned to move the ferry across the water. On the Mopan River in Belize, low traffic volume requires only a single ferry cranked back and forth on one cable. For the new, hand-crank Miller boats, a looped cable system could allow multiple ferries to move along in a continuous circle – like a big, hand-crank merry-go-round. Since the hand-crank ferries are so simple, 50 or 100 could be put in service at a fraction of the cost of a new, traditional motorized ferry. And since each ferry only hold 4-6 vehicles, they are quickly loaded and unloaded. Captain and crew are not needed – operation is simple, passengers can man the cranks while a few dock-hands at each end keep things moving. Wait times would shrink as ferries are quickly loaded and cranked away from the dock as the next boat is cranked into position. During low-traffic times, the smaller boats can be put in service only as needed – no wasted resources, no dead-heading. Groups could be encouraged to reserve their own boat. Miller can even sell naming rights to the ferries – think of the income generated in naming 100 boats! The possibilities are endless!

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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 Kelleys Island.

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

2019 MIDDLE BASS ISLAND NATURE CAMP TIME & DATES

JUNE 24-27 AGES 4-10 & JULY 22-25 Ages 11-14

2019 Put-In-Bay NATURE CAMP TIMES & DATES

JULY 8-10 AGES 4-6, JULY 15-18 AGES 7-10 & JULY 22-25 AGES 11-14

LEIC Native Plant & Tree 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, Quail Ridge Specimen 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!

Trees: Native trees and shrubs are for sale in 3-gallon or 20-gallon sizes. The varieties available are Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Sycamore, Black Walnut, Kentucky

Coffee Tree, and Silver Maple. Shrubs offered are Silky Dogwood, Hoptree, Swamp Rose, Swamp Rose Mallow, 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 we are offering at least one wildflower, hairy beard-tongue raised from seed from the Massie Cliffside preserve and one shrub, buttonbush, grown from stock from Kelleys Island.

An order form is available at www.lakeerieislands-conservancy.org or by calling Lisa at 419-366-2087. Beautify your yard and support the Conservancy! Orders may be



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The Put-in-Bay Township is having a lottery for the sale of cemetery spaces in the expanded section of Crown Hill Cemetery. Lottery forms must be turned in by **May 1st, 2019** at the Township Hall on Trenton Avenue.

Lottery forms are available online at www.pibtownship.com and at the Township Hall.

For More Information

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Greta Louise Koehler



Saylor Ann Buttrey



Erin Urge



Meredith Engel



Michelena Ballas

Milestones

Births

Greta Louise Koehler

Barry Koehler (PIBHS Class of 2000) and his wife Phoebe of Chapman Road are elated to announce the birth of their third child, Greta Louise Koehler. She was born at 7:15 a.m. on February 5, 2019, in Sandusky, Ohio, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. After waiting out the winter season on the mainland, Greta is excited to settle into her island home this summer. Island paternal grandparents are Jeff and Kendra Koehler of Bayview Ave. Maternal grandparents are Billy Tracey and Kim Johnson of Port Clinton.

Saylor Ann Buttrey

Michala Wertenbach (PIBHS Class of 2011) and Michael Buttrey welcomed the arrival of their daughter Saylor Ann at 3:46 p.m. on February 15, 2019. Saylor was born at Naples Community Hospital

in Naples, Florida. She weighed 5 lbs 9 oz and measured 18.5 inches long. Saylor can't wait to meet all of her new friends and family from the Island this summer!

Dean's List

Erin Urge

PIBHS

Erin Urge (PIBHS Class of 2018) was named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the 2018 fall semester. Those students who are ranked in the top 20% of academic performance are named to the dean's list. Erin is the daughter of Melinda Myers and Dane Urge.

Meredith Engel

PIBHS

Meredith Engel (PIBHS Class of 2016) was named to the Miami University fall 2018 President's List at Miami University. Meredith is majoring in Engineering Management. Meredith is the daughter of Christie Ontko and Eric Engel. Meredith's grandparents are Linda Parker, Charlie Ontko and Bob Engel.

Michelena Ballas

Michelena Ballas made the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2018 in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Cleveland State University, Michelena, who works at the Old Forge in the summer, is the daughter of summer residents John and Ellen Ballas of Chapman Rd.

Engaged

Cheryl Cupach & Scott Schaefer

PIBHS

Cheryl Massie Cupach (PIBHS Class of 1979) became engaged to Scott Schaefer. on February 15th. The couple is planning a small intimate winter wedding/reception this coming December.



Cheryl Cupach & Scott Schaefer

Obituaries

Richard Burget



Richard W. Burget, age 89 of Elida, passed Saturday, February 16th at Lima Convalescent Home. For nearly 20 years, Dick was a resident at the Fuchs home on Bayview Ave. He enjoyed the challenge of keeping a century-old island home in repair, plus taking the family golf cart out for rides. He was born August 4, 1929 in Amanda Township, Allen County to the late Walter A. and Ilo Staver Burget. On December 22, 1975, he married Dorothy J. Barnes who preceded him in death October 28, 2018. Dick retired from Airfoil Textron. He spent three years with the National Guard and was a member of the Moose Lodge 199 of Lima. Survivors include 4 children - Debra (Dave) Morgan of Findlay; Tamara (Danny) Walker of Wapakoneta; Brian Burget of Wapakoneta; Shawn Burget of Lima; a step daughter - Deborah (John) Fuchs of Columbus and Put-in-Bay; three grandchildren - April (Gary) Bates, Jason Walker, and Melanie (Jason) Martin; five step grandchildren including Matt Fuchs and Jenny Fuchs of Put-in-Bay; seven great grandchildren; two brothers and a sister He was preceded in death by a step daughter and two sisters. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 22nd, at Bayliff & Son Funeral Home in Cridersville, OH. Burial followed in Allentown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Rita's Hospice, 959 West North Street, Lima, Ohio 45805. Condolences may be shared at www.BayliffAndSon.com.



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Ed Kotecki
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- 4th Mark Barnhill
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Andrea Lee Gatewood
Hillary Wertenbach
Pat Dailey
Michelle O'Donnell
- 5th Tommy Chrysler
Lorin Swinehart
- 6th Mary Ann McCann
Beth Dress
Keith Kahler
Lorie Busold
Patrick Mooney
Robert Eng
- 7th Jan Cox • Ian Novak
Marge Nemeck
Jeff Ramsbottom
- 8th Don Dress, Sr.
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Peter Huston
Karen Riddle
Heidi Ladd
Julie New Bast
Steve Riddle
Lynne Lakamp
- 9th Steve Cooks
Andrea Calfee
Tyler Whidden
Pat Finney
- 10th Anne Dress Cook
Erika Wertenbach
Michala Wertenbach
Todd Blumensaadt
Acka Riley
- 11th John Fuchs
- 12th Anne Auger
Andrew Riddle
Erika Suttmann
Crossley
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Anthony Bailey
Linda Ostrander
Johnny Ballas
Emma Chantel Michael
- 13th Bob Bahney
Gary Kowalski
Eric Turner
Colleen Gael Uszak
Madeline Pugh
- 14th Mark Keiser
Brian Thanasiu
Carol Engel
- 15th Donovan Sergi
Brad Ohlemacher
Bob Adamov
- 16th Jason Buttrey
Anna Pesch
Cliff Fulton
Bryan "Gilly" Gilles
- 17th Brooke Wertenbach
Don Goodhart
Karl Sliva
Simona Michael
Candy Masuga
Ryan Kirchner
- 18th Howard Martens
Alyssa Cope
Maura McIntyre May
Marge Wertenbach
Michelena Ballas
- 19th Mat Barnes
Sonya Dress
Heather Patton Woolley
Bill Naninger, Jr.
Brayden O'Dell
- 20th Barb Chrysler
Laura Neff
Bobby Schneider
- 21st Karen Wilhelm
Andrew Cox
Nick Michael
- 22nd Jim French
- 23rd Dave Swan
Paula Hubner
Jackie Gorske O'Dell
- 24th Becky Catey
Valerie Kowalski
Ernie Miller
Shane Stewart
Mike McCabe
Heather Stewart
Susan Byrnes
- 25th Melissa Ladd
- 26th Bob Shannon
- 27th Trish Hartge
Larry Knaser • Pat Page
Patty Bauer • Ed Pucci
- 28th
- 29th
- 30th
- 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Eddie & Linda Kotecki
- 6th Scott & Dawn Bellinger
- 9th Steve & Jenny Firman
- 12th **DANNY & TAMAR LEVINE**
- 13th Steve & Dawn Poe
- 14th Dick & Margaret Baker
- 26th Dennis & Cathy Koch

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

PreSchool Story Time

Monday, March 4 at 11 a.m.: PreSchool Story Time
Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts. Intended for children through age three with a caregiver. Our theme will be "Teddy Bears and Friends." Feel free to bring your stuffed animal with you to story time.

Coffee & Coloring

Wednesday, March 6 at 1 p.m.: Coffee & Coloring
Are you looking for something to do with your friends that's stress-free and relaxing? Do you enjoy sipping a leisurely cup of coffee? Then we have the activity for you! You are invited to join the librarians for a quiet afternoon of coloring.

We have the coloring books, pencils and coffee (many varieties of coffee, tea and hot chocolate!). You just need to bring yourself, and invite a friend or two if you desire to color your stress away!

Lego Builder's Club

Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.: Lego Builder's Club
Do you love Legos? What is your favorite thing to build with these colorful bricks? We have oodles of bricks for you to use to create your own design to display at the library.

New for Preschoolers: Be the first to use our new Big Brik set! 204 pieces to help your child's creativity run wild!

Fun for the Irish at Heart

Wednesday, March 13 at 1 p.m.: A Wee Bit 'O Fun for the Irish at Heart

Are you thinking of doing something fun for St. Patrick's Day? Do you wonder what kind of food to make? Do you need some Irish garb to wear? Come to the library for all this and more as Librarian Sue Duff prepares for this Irish holiday. Food will be served.

Find the pot of gold in the library! Come to the library for Irish food, games and crafts. Fun for adults to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Wear Green!

Words & Wine Book Club

Thurs. March 14 at 5 p.m.: Words & Wine Book Club
What's better than a good book? A good book paired with the perfect glass of wine, of course. (Aren't you just imagining relaxing with your book and wine while taking a bubble bath.) And there's no better time to combine books and wine than with our new book club.

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

Check at the library for this month's location.

Second Annual Chili Cook Off

Sat., March 16 at 10:30 a.m.: Second Annual Chili Cook-Off

Warm up with a taste of chili! Bring your favorite pot of chili in a crock pot (to keep it warm!) to the library at 10:15 a.m. Beginning at 10:30 we will need volunteers to taste test the chilis and vote for the best tasting brew. Voting will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Even if you don't want to cook a pot of chili, come to taste test! Winner gets the Silver Ladle award.

Stuffed Animal Sleep Over

Tuesday, March 19 at 5 p.m.: Stuffed Animal Sleep Over

Children of all ages are invited to come to the library dressed in their PJ's to hear a bedtime story with a stuffed animal of their choosing. After reading the story, children can leave their stuffed animals overnight in the library to see what the animals do when the library closes. Children will be able to pick up their animal friends beginning at 10:30 a.m. the next morning. Every child will receive a picture of their animal "in the act."

23 and Me DNA Testing

By McKenna Stacy

Just recently, I got my 23 and Me DNA results. I got the test kit where it only tells you your ancestry composition. There are two types of DNA kits, the ancestry composition and the health and ancestry composition. Overall, the whole service and results were great. Once you send in your saliva sample, it keeps you updated throughout every step. They let you know as soon as they receive your sample. Once you send in the saliva sample the whole process takes about one month until you receive the results. In the kit that I chose, it includes your ancestry composition, ancestry time line, relatives, DNA painting, parental inheritance, Neanderthal ancestry, paternal haplogroup, and maternal haplogroup. In order for the lab to detect your paternal haplogroup, they have to have a DNA sample from a brother or your father. They also cannot tell you your parental inheritance until one of your parents has sent in a DNA sample. The DNA painting shows your 22 awesome pairs. The relative part of the app is very interesting as well. If you decide to share your name and results, it connects you with your relatives. Only your relatives can see your name. It tells you how much DNA you share with that relative, and an estimation of how they are related to you. There is even a way to contact that relative by messaging them through the app. The ancestry time line shows the generation your most recent ancestor from that population was from. Everything is color coded on the app. It shows a color coded map of where you descended from. The app also explains the background story to the places that you were from. If you decide to purchase your results in a book form it is an extra \$39.99 plus shipping and taxes. I did not get a hard copy of my results yet, but I think one day I might. If you are interested in your ancestry background, I would definitely recommend getting the 23 and Me DNA kit. The kit that I got was \$75 dollars after tax and shipping. It has been very interesting learning about my DNA, and the story behind it.

The overnigher will be styled after the book "What the Dinosaurs Did Last Night" by Refe & Susan Tuma.

Game Night for Kids

Wed., March 20 & 27 at 5 p.m.: Game Night for Kids
Looking for something to do after school with your friends? Come to the library to play a game of your choosing. We have checkers, Jenga, Uno, Yahtzee and more. Invite your friends! The more the merrier!

P.S. If your friends are busy, come alone and Miss Sue or Miss Karen will play a game with you.

Movie & Popcorn Night

Thursday, March 21 at 5 p.m.: Movie and Popcorn Night at the Movies

"Sgt. Stubby": Bring your family to view this animated film, which is a true story, of a stray dog and a soldier who bonded during World War I. Popcorn and beverage will be served to those attending.

Bingo for Kids

Tuesday, March 27 at 4:30 p.m.: Bingo for Kids
BINGO! Erie Islands Library will be hosting "Bingo for Books" each month. We have the cards and books for prizes. You come for an evening of fun! Lots of great books to choose when a "BINGO" is called. New Books. Everyone goes home a winner!!

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

Island Calendar March 2019

(Schedule Subject to Change)

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

MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 7
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- Euchre • Weds - 7p • St Paul's *Subject to Change
- First National Bank Open • Weds - 9:30a - 3:30p
- Library Events • See Article on this Page
- Fastracht Bingo Party • Mar 5 - 7p • Town Hall
- Time of Apollo Program • Mar 14 - 6p • Town Hall
- Talent Show • Mar 29 - 7p • School Gym
- Put-in-Bay St Patrick's Day • Mar 9 - 1 to 6p • The Tangier in Akron, OH
- St Patrick's Day at the Bay • Mar 17

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Rec Committee • Mar 4 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Village Planning Com • Mar 6 - 10a • Town Hall
- PIB Chamber of Commerce • Mar 11 - 1p • Town Hall
- PIB Township Trustees Mtg • Mar 12 - 10a • Twp Hall
- Bd of Education • Mar 13 - 12:10p • School
- LEI Conservancy • Mar 12 - 7p • Town Hall
- PIB Village Council • Mar 13 - 9a • Town Hall
- American Legion • Mar 21 - 11:45a • Senior Center

MARCH CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- PIB Mass • Sundays - 10:30a • Mother of Sorrow
- PSR/CCD Class • Tuesdays - 3:30p • Corner Stone Room
- Ash Wednesday start of LENT • Mar 6 - Mass & Ashes at 3p
- St. Joseph's Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day • Mar 19

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- Worship • Suns - 10:30a /Church School when announced
- Bible Explorers • Tuesdays - 3:15p
- Morning Prayer • Wednesday - 9:30a
- Conversations in Faith • Wednesdays - 5p
- Bell Choir Practice • Thursdays - Noon
- Ash Wednesday Service - Mar 6 - See Article on Page 7
- Ashes "To Go" • Mar 6 - 5p • See Article on Page 7

St. John @ the Bay

- Services • Sundays Mar 10 & 31 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- Village Pump Early Bird Party • Apr 6
- 14th Annual Pajama Party • Apr 13 • Mr Ed's
- Whiskey Light Ceremony • Apr 14 - Round House
- Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 26
- Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers Draft Day Walk/Run 5k • Apr 27 • Downtown PIB
- Bird Banding • Apr 29 - May 3 • Middle Bass

RECYCLING

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

MEDICATION DISPOSAL STATION

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

LIBRARY HOURS

- Mon 10a - 1p • Tues & Thurs 3 - 7p • Wed 10a - 4p
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Looking for a chance to be a leader? The Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) has three positions that need to be filled for the 2019 season. Needed are:

(1) A CENTER MANAGER to work at the LEINWC and oversee the daily operations of the center building and grounds.

(2) A NATURE CAMP COORDINATOR for the 2019 season, ready to do the hands on work to make sure that the Middle Bass Island one week Camp, South Bass Island two week camp, and a one week camp with older campers featuring overnight camping, all run smoothly under the direction of the Islands Camp Director. When not needed for camp duties, the Camp Coordinator can work at the LEINWC.

(3) A ROADS SCHOLAR COORDINATOR to plan, schedule, coordinate, and supervise our spring and fall Roads Scholar programs for a group of up to 30 visitors who come for bird-watching and Island history and Natural history sessions. You have a terrific team of presenters and weekly group managers already in place to help you run the programs. The programs for 2019 and 2020 are already planned and scheduled.

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

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

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**Special Notice to People on Ice
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The Village of Put-in-Bay Water Plant has a new water intake assembly. The intake is located approx. 500' to 600' off shore and due east of the Water Plant. The plant is located at the end of Sybil Blvd. The new intake is equipped with an air burst system to clean the intake. The daily air burst will thin the ice above the intake. Beware of thinner than normal ice above the intake.

**Annual Financial Report
Available**

The Annual Financial Report of the Village of Put-in-Bay for 2018 has been filed with the State of Ohio. These records are available for inspection during the regular course of business at the office of the Fiscal Officer, which is located at 435 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456.

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Housing Needed!

Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail program is seeking housing for approximately 6 weeks starting June 10th for Swimming and Sailing instructors for the 2019 season. We have them on board to teach the children water safety, sailing, swimming, and now we need a place for them to stay. If you are interested in helping our 501c3 program with housing, please call Christine Booker-Keyes 312-804-0623 or email ckeyes@gmail.com or Lisa Kudlac at 419-356-9419 or email zazy1@att.net.



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Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

All the jokes about Ohio's changeable weather are true. This has been a winter for the records. Summer days mixed with sub zero temps, high winds, and the ice coming and going. The MAIL was interrupted several times. One 3-day stint resulted in three bags of mail and 50 boxes of backlogged mail. Even the Village office and the transfer station closed during one of the coldest days. Before the lake froze over, high winds drove water, sand and stones across E. Lakeshore and Police closed the road. The FIRE DEPT responded to a small fire in a greenhouse on Division Street. There were several power outages.

The low temps played havoc with pipes too. By the end of January the POLICE reported finding frozen pipes in two different homes causing major water damage. Leaks inside may not be noticed from the outside. The best advice is to shut your water off, winterize your home and fill out a house check form so the Police can check your house. There were a couple of major waterline leaks as frozen pipes thawed out during one of the warm spells, causing water to flow across the roads.

The last FERRY ran on January 22 and the lake was completely frozen over just two days later. Four inch slabs of ice were everywhere and the entire lake at one point was filled with ice balls. There wasn't a flat area to be seen. ICE FISHING geared up and a backhoe was brought down to the State Park beach to clear a path out to the lake. Three days later, all the shanties were back on land. After that, there was spotty fishing, mostly on buckets, before a few brave people dragged shanties out once again.

So what do we do during the winter? There are pot lucks at both the VFW and the church. The ICE PARTY of February 19 brought out about 40 people. It was moved from the State Park (no electricity) to one of Seaway Marina's pavilions. Needless to say, a good time was had by all. We are nearing the end of the Wii bowling tournament and the banquet will be held in March. There is an EXERCISE CLASS at the school on Wednesdays and ART CLASS keeps quite a few people really busy. We also hang out at the LIBRARY which is a pretty busy place. How busy? Stats for 2018 include: Adult circulation-2,220 items; Children's circulation-849 (Total 3,069). Items added to the collection: Adult-467; Teen-25; Childrens-315 (Total 807). 682 items were withdrawn from collection. The Sandusky Library takes really good care of our little community.

What can we look forward to? The first COUNCIL MEETING of the year has been moved from March 8 to Tuesday March 12 at 9 am. The Pump celebrates 50 years. Snow drops and daffodils will be coming up soon and we expect Spring is just around the corner.



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ABOVE: Gordy riding his ice bike across the frozen lake. - Photos courtesy of Matt Schanz

The Full Amsterdam by Gordy Barr

What is my role in saving the planet? My son Alex and I had been to Amsterdam in 2010. The Dutch ride bikes all year long (regardless of weather). A seed was planted. I had a plan to reduce my carbon footprint.

Eight years later I purchased a Fat Boy "all terrain bike." The tires were 4" wide and designed to navigate everything from mud banks to beaches. The tires are like curvy balloons and designed to float over sand (or tree stumps). I also purchased specialty tires equipped with titanium studs (none of this steel stud business, Titanium!).

I was excited. I was about to embark from Middle Bass Island to Put-in-Bay off the shore by Paul Aquilla and Carrie Schneider's house. The February 2019 ice pack was robust and healthy. I fully expected to break my collar bone and lose some teeth on this ice adventure!

I rolled the Fat Boy on to the ice. I was tentative at first, but the studded tires did their job. The Fat Boy handled like it was on rails!



ABOVE: As Gordy was getting to leave Middle Bass on his bike trip across the ice to PIB, his friends Dell and Peggy Taylor, Rob Lasota, Doug and Cindy Sandwich, a giant stuffed gorilla, Art Wolf, Katie Stitak and Eddie Sheller gathered to wish him well and, according to reports, unanimously declare they would not be part of his hair-brained scheme. Gordy now calls these people his "pre-bike" or "old-bike" friends.

I lined up Green Island, gave into reckless abandon, and started to peddled madly. Out of the lee, I was fighting a 25MPH headwind. Fortunately, the bike was a 20 speed. I geared down and made headway of about 6 MPH.

A mile out on the tundra, a line of four wheelers approached lead by Eddie Sheller and John Schneider. They were drilling holes in the ice and planting reflectors for the ice road. They were surprised to see a person riding a bike.

I plugged on into the headwind which seemed to increase in velocity in the open plains of the ice field. The going was getting stiffer.

I finally made it to Put-in-Bay's shanty town anchored between South Bass and Green Island. I stopped at a shanty to ask directions for the ramp. I was in a sweat wearing ski pants, a fleece jacket and my mustang life jacket (no sleeves). I looked like a DNR official that was dressed by a rebellious six-year old. My pants were tucked into my socks to complete the look (and keep the cuffs out of the bike's drive chain).

My outfit afforded a lot of surface area and I had to fight the headwind. Once I made the turn (from Green, east) to South Bass. I finally received some wind assistance. I was tired, but cruising nicely. The ride over the snow bank at the ramp was simple. I bounded up the hill like a mountain goat on wheels.

Riding into Put-in-Bay on normal roads was dull. The Miller Ferries were iced in at their dock. Perry's Monument stood guard over the vessels, bored and seemed to be pining for summer.

Topsy Turvey's had their lights on. I stopped in and was delighted to find out that they had Great Lakes Christmas Ale (in February!). Christmas Ale supplies on the mainland had been depleted since mid December. Talk about a barn find!

After several Christmas Ales, it was time to ride back to Middle Bass. My cheeks were rosy and flushed. My courage was riding high as I peddled to the South Bass ramp.

After making the turn from Green Island's shadow, I suddenly had a 25 MPH tailwind. I trimmed my "clothing sails" and with little effort was cruising along at 25 MPH. My cheeks were still rosy. My confidence was fueled by Christmas Ale.

I should have left well enough alone. Ahead was a 2-foot ice jump. In the moment, bad ideas suddenly become good ideas. I decided to try the jump.

I caught some serious air. The landing was perfect. Almost...

On the other side of the jump was a pile of shove ice that I had not noticed prior to take off. The velocity off the jump was significant. Heels over tea kettle, the bike and I turned turtle and tumbled over the shove. The ice was smooth on the other side. I slid like a hockey puck coming slowly to a stop. Wiffen-poop!

The bike proved to be resilient and was undamaged. I brushed myself off, remounted the bike, and headed back to Middle Bass. The only thing bruised was my ego.

In Holland, the biggest source of injuries are bicycle accidents (they don't tell you that in the Guide Books). I did the "full Amsterdam" including a wreck on the



ABOVE: Upon Gordy's arrival at Topsy Turvey's on PIB, he made some "new-bike friends. Left to right are Mary Steunenberg, Ashley Rill, Todd (Twiggy), Barbara Fearon, Gibby, Todd Rowles and Laura Mendoza. Not one of them said they'd join him for the ride back to Middle Bass.

frozen surface of Lake Erie. I reduced my carbon foot print by riding a bike instead of a Honda four wheeler, but to be honest, a Honda four wheeler is probably a better choice for winter ice travel.

My advice? Stay away from Christmas Ale and bicycles.

Notes on the story:

- 1) In addition to a national obsession for bike riding, drug use and prostitution are legal in Amsterdam.
- 2) Fat Boy is the name of the bike manufacturer. It is not a reference to my person.
- 3) "Titanium Stud" would be a great name for an infant.

Thank you....

A small note to the Middle Bass community... Thank you to John and Robin Glauser, Mitch and Lyndell Bartels, and John and Katie Schneider... walleyes love to eat minnows. Middle Bass has always shared it's fish bounty (including minnows). Thank you for your hard work providing the Middle Bass community with bait fish. Kudos to John and Robin for the use of your boat, community minnow cars, and your enthusiasm for making this winter great!

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RIGHT: In the early 19th century photography it was forbidden to smile because of the slow shutter speed subjects had to open their eyes wide. Left to right are Lyndell Bartells, Nancy Welter, Gerald Shanley and Eddie Sheller demonstrating this rare photographic technic on Middle Bass not too terribly long ago.

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VICE COMMANDER...AHOY! PIB Marine Academy (Part 3)

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PAUL BOLDEN

Before we get started with the final Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy class for this off-season, a quick word about ice fishing. What a difference a day makes. I almost didn't write last month's annual ice fishing article because up to that point, the lake was just too warm to freeze over. Frankly, I didn't think that it was going to get cold enough to safely ice fish this season but as you know I went ahead and wrote the article anyway. Good thing! The day after I submitted the article, a polar blast made it feel like Antarctica here. So much for my climatological predictions despite the fact that I'm a Coast Guard Auxiliary Weather Specialist...LOL!

Also, in coming articles I am going to interview islanders who have an expertise in Put-in-Bay marine activities which should be informative and of interest to our boating community.

For our final Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy class for this off-season we are going to discuss the importance of charts while navigating the waters around PIB. I've said this before but the importance of having and knowing how to read area nautical charts can't be understated. As every island resident knows, the waters around our area of the western basin are shallow. With that comes additional boating risks that you are less likely to encounter when boating near Cleveland (for example). If you are not totally familiar with the area that you are boating in, the only way to know of various hazards is by consulting nautical charts.

Here are my personal navigation procedures as it relates to charts. I divide my trips into three categories. Very familiar, moderately familiar or not familiar. In the very familiar category I rarely consult my paper charts. These are courses that I have navigated for years. These are also heavily travel waters by other mariners and I stay alert for navigation bulletins in the event that a hazard alert is issued for these waters. In this case I rely on my GPS and visual points of reference to stay on course and to stay safe.

In moderately familiar waters I will consult my charts the day before the trip. For example, I travel to Leamington twice a year and have done so for several years. These waters are moderately familiar to me but twice a year is not frequent enough to skip charting my trip in my opinion. While I am confident of my route to Leamington I still need to review the waters adjacent to the route for depth and hazards. I will also have the course programmed into my GPS. In the case of Leamington I bring a copy of the Leamington Marina so when I'm given a docking assignment I know exactly where to go.

In actuality I have already familiarized myself with the Leamington Marina dockage diagram the day before the trip along with reviewing the nautical charts. You don't want to be floating outside the marina's break wall trying to figure this thing out.

This year my wife and I are considering making a trip to Windsor. We have not made this trip before on our vessel therefore these are not familiar waters. The day before the trip (if not earlier) I will methodically chart the course using my nautical charts and also program the course into my GPS. I will also locate what I call emergency ports of call if an unexpected event should occur before we reach our destination such as bad weather or engine problems. Using your charts for each of these is essential to safe boating. To embark on such a long trip in unfamiliar waters on a whim without first charting are both rookie and hazardous.

What I have tried to do in this article is offer one strategy relating to the appropriate time to use nautical charts. There may be other appropriate strategies. It could be argued that anytime you are navigating the lake you should consult your charts but in reality for routine trips who's going to do that?

An additional consideration is to always carry paper charts with you while underway. Remember, GPSs can and do fail and if you travel in Canadian waters you are required to have charts on board in accordance with the Canadian Shipping Act-2001 as I understand it.

What we were not looking to do in this article was to explain the different features

contained on nautical charts which requires study in depth. I strongly encourage you to seek out that training. There are many online courses that provide this. In fact, right now would be a great time to take such a course online in advance of the PIB boating season. Please think about and consider doing this.

While on the subject of boating classes please plan on participating in one of the USCG-AUX safe boating programs to be offered throughout the 2019 boating season. For more information call 419-379-9000.

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

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St. John@ The Bay...

As always, we invite you to join us at St. John@TheBay Lutheran Mission.

Our small, but devoted community will be gathering on the following Sunday afternoons in the merry month of March. All worship gathering begin at 3 p.m. During the winter months, we have been using a pattern of worship based on Faith5. We Share ... Read ... Talk ... Pray ... and Bless, along with receiving God's gifts at the Lord's Supper.

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Did you see the ATV towing a skier and a boogie boarder down Delaware and Catawba Avenues one snowy day this past month? Apparently it was Logan Arner and Cullen Blaney from the Crew's Nest. They were also flying a "Dont give up the ship" flag.

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Garden Club

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A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who gave their time watering baskets and weeding Park Gardens last summer. It is our hope that you will continue helping in this endeavor. It is very rewarding to hear the wonderful comments from Island visitors on how beautiful our Park looks! There was limited work done on the Bathing Beach last year due to high water. We will keep you informed to any changes.

This fall has been a busy season with much discussion on changes in DeRivera Park. The Park Trustees have decided to remove all of our existing brackets and the automated irrigation system to the lamp poles due to deterioration and possible electrical issues. This means that it would increase the number of baskets to be manually watered from 18 to 44. The Board feels that we do not have enough volunteers to carry this out. We have, however, purchased 18 new brackets each holding two baskets, which will hang away from the light poles. This is the same number of poles that were manually watered in the years past, so that we will not be taxing our volunteers. These brackets and baskets will be spread around the perimeter of the Park. Hopefully, discussions regarding a new irrigation system with DeRivera



ABOVE: A worker at the Fraser Shipyard in Superior, Wisconsin, where Miller Boat Line's new ferry, the M/V Mary Ann Market is taking shape. She is being built in modules, which will be assembled in dry dock then floated in the early summer. Work continues on Module 5 and keel is laid!

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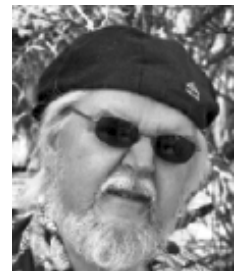
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Membership forms are in the process of being emailed and/or mailed. You will find more information on these topics as well as the list of programs planned for this summer. Please consider volunteering, as more volunteers make lighter work.

Quote of the Month

Rob Hard - "My first fish through the ice this season, his name? Dinner!!!!"



I Like Winter ...BUT by Woody Widmar

I love listening to the quiet
 After a freshly fallen snow
 But hate getting bundled up
 For everywhere I go

The beauty of the winter wonderland
 The glistening sure looks nice
 But my biggest fear when leaving home
 Is falling on the ice

I have fun playing euchre
 Flipping pancakes and French toast
 But bone chilling winds and freezing rain
 I despise the most

I've managed with my golf cart
 Through the harsh season
 But worried will it start today
 Since it's so damn freezin'

I like to keep my whole deck clear
 Every time it snows
 But I've had enough of winter here
 That's the way it goes

I've enjoyed the last four winters
 I really had a blast
 But since I bought a Harley
 This will be my last

I'll still stay through the holidays
 It's the time I like best
 But like John Babsome Lane Soule once said
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