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In the News....



ABOVE: Mike Goebel from the Old Forge is shown here installing a vent fan at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mother Mary Staley tells us the temperature in the church attic could get to be over 120 degrees at times. The new vent will turn on a fan to exhaust the hot air automatically. - Photo by Mother Mary

Blessing of the Fleet

Since ancient times, ports around the world have gathered their vessels together for a blessing of the fleet for another year of safe travels. Put-in-Bay gathers our Put-in-Bay Ferry boats, Life Flight helicopters, Coast Guard, EMS, water taxis and other vessels this season on Tuesday, May 8th, for a Blessing of the Fleet by local clergy. Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee will be served on the dock. The event is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

Back to the Wild

Back To The Wild, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic in Castalia, Ohio, will visit Put-in-Bay, on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. They will bring their birds and critters for a show at 3:15 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. Don't miss it!!!! The visit is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee, the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Miller Boat Line. Everyone is welcome!

Island Wide Garage Sale May 19th 10a-4p

Retail merchants and island homeowners will participate in one big Island Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 19th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's nothing more fun than cruising the island and stopping at all the garage sales.

If you are interested in being listed on the 2018 Island Wide Garage Sale Map, please have your addresses submitted to the Chamber office at the Depot by May 10th. The goal is to have the map completed and printed by the 12th of May so people can plan ahead. Check out the great items residents and business will have available. Don't miss the big bargains at the Heritage Resale Shop at the Historical Museum, too!



ABOVE: When Lake Erie's water rises, it's always interesting. There's destruction, adventure and fun as evidenced by these three photos of the storm that hit the islands the weekend of Saturday, April 14th, and Sunday, April 15th. The top left photo shows the water that poured over the seawall onto the lawn at Perry's Monument, plus the damage at the Bathing Beach which the Put-in-Bay Garden Club has been revamping for the last few years. The top right photo shows Patrick McCann, PIBHS Class of 2011, enjoying a humorous ride on a float toy on the flooded road that goes past the Monument. The lower photo shows just

Islands get preview of 2018's high water

An ultrahigh water day on the Lake Erie Islands is not only exciting and fun, but frustrating, dangerous, unbelievable, expensive and more. April 14th and 15th qualified easily. The two days will be remembered for the winds from the north-east which brought the Lake Erie's water up to levels which many haven't seen in years and most have never seen before. The high water storm was the second of the year, but was even worse than the first back in March.

The lake level was already high on Friday, the 13th, as the wind blew out of the east, but by Saturday afternoon the wind was blowing hard and the water was rising and covering the pavement on Bay-view Ave. in front of the Monument and by the Crew's Nest, Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and Miller's downtown ferry dock.

If you were brave, you could navigate a regular car or minivan through the water, but as the night progressed the water rose even more and it took a large pickup to get by the Monument. Jared Dress will probably agree with that since his small car stalled before getting all the way across. On Saturday night, Paul Lemmon from East Point and his fiancée Jacki Hupp decided not to attempt going home after a night of fun and ended up staying with Mike "Bud Light" Conshafter at his home on Concord Ave. In the morning, Kyle

Wertenbach gave them a ride home. The same thing happened to Mark and Holly Kirsch from Chapman Rd. on East Point. They had dinner with Scott and Caroline Jackson and ended up staying the night at the Jackson's wine cellar home near Put-in-Bay Airport.

One of the large Put-in-Bay fire engines made it across and back to handle an undisclosed "emergency," and Marylou Ramsbottom reports she rode a backhoe from East Point to attend the Whiskey Light ceremony at the Round House on Sunday afternoon.

The Bathing Beach at the end of Delaware Ave. was a disaster area after the storm. It doesn't make sense to do a lot of flower planting if there is another storm that would just wipe everything out.

Down at the Crew's Nest a "High Water" sign was put in the road to warn drivers, but no one got stuck there or further down the road around Squaw Harbor.

Several floating dock sections stored along the shoreline were moved. Pinky's Pond was filled to the brim, but Trey and Sara Booker Sheehan's cottage by next East Point was just high enough off the ground and to be spared the mess of interior flooding.

Docks at the Aquatic Visitor Center, in front of Stone Lab on Gibraltar, and from

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The Put-in-Bay
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presents
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Friday, May 4th & Saturday, May 5th
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Annual Spring clean-up day at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club on Saturday, May 5th

Spring is finally here and it's time for the Annual Put-in-Bay Yacht Club Spring Clean-Up Day! It would be great if as many members as possible could show up on Saturday, May 5th at 8:30 a.m. Please bring a leaf blower or rake with you to help get the Club House, the grounds, pavilion, storage areas and docks to their SHIP SHAPE condition prior to the start of our busy summer season. Everyone will have fun getting ready to enjoy a wonderful summer of activities at the Club. As always, lunch will be provided. Any member coming to help clean up the club there will be free dockage. There will be a Board Meeting immediately following lunch. For dockage, please contact C.C. at 419-285-4505. For any other information, please contact Brian Leonard at bl43204@hotmail.com.

Memorial Service at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club

Each year on Memorial Day weekend, PIBYC holds a brief service honoring those members who have passed away since last Memorial Day. The officers hold a service on the dock and each member is commemorated by a red rose placed into the bay from our dock by Auxiliary. This year's service will be held on Sunday, May 27th, at 11:30 a.m. at the pavilion on the water in front of the club.

Found on the Internet

"When is Put-in-Bay?"

Island Trivia

In 1966, five girls swam from Marblehead to Pelee Island.

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Celebrating Anniversaries

Two island entertainers, Ray Fogg and Westside Steve, have good reason to be celebrating in 2018. They both are celebrating 30 years of entertaining islanders and visitors at Put-in-Bay. Ray, who entertains at the Round House, also owns the Reel Bar, formerly Tony's, and entertains there. Steve entertained for years at the Crescent Tavern and for the last few years has entertained at The Keys. Both entertainers are ready for the 2018 season and, according to some, have many more years to look forward to entertaining here on the islands.

The Ray Fogg Show
warning: dangerously fun!



"One of Put-in-Bay's most popular entertainers..."
- The Columbus Dispatch

"What attracts people to Fogg's shows is his ability to write, and better yet ad lib, edgy comical songs and anecdotes perfectly suited to a beer-drinking crowd." - Sun Papers

"...gut busting, adult humor..."
- The Daily Oakland Press

"a wacky blend of music and humor, wrapping songs about boating and drinking around a hilarious stage performance..." - Macomb Daily



REEL Island Fun

The Ray Fogg Show is now at:



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Sat, May 12, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar
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Sat & Sun, May 26-27, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar

June
Sat, June 2, 7pm @ Reel Bar
Fri & Sat, June 8-9, 7pm @ Reel Bar
Mon, June 11, 9pm @ Round House Bar Drag Show Emcee
Fri & Sat, June 15-16, 7pm @ Reel Bar
Fri & Sat, June 22-23, 7pm @ Reel Bar
Fri & Sat, June 29-30, 7pm @ Reel Bar

Check www.RayFogg.net for more schedule information, updates and to order Ray's Cd's and T-shirts.



ABOVE: Here are the young actors who will be presenting the spring play, "Dorothy in Wonderland," a comedy at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th. In the top row (left to right) are Emil Michael, Madi Koebel, Ella Kostura, Tatey Kowalski, Nora Ladd, Max Hristovski, McKenna Stacy, Macy Ladd, Hope Cooks and Matthew Stacy. In the middle row are Miyah Uszak, Olivia Christensen, Alice Lentz, Joseph Byrnes, Doug Steidl, Kate Byrnes and Jacob King, and in the bottom row are Elias Wright, Juliana Scarpelli, Katie Scarpelli, Ava Heineman and Mia Hristovski.

Spring play scheduled for first weekend in May

The Put-in-Bay Arts Council is proud to present the Junior Drama Society's production of Dorothy in Wonderland on Friday, May 4th, and Saturday, May 5th, starting at 7 p.m. upstairs on the Town Hall stage. Directed by Put-in-Bay school senior Tatey Kowalski with assistance from Katherine Woischke, this play features the talent of 23 school students, grades 2 through High School. You've seen Wizard of Oz! You've seen Alice in Wonderland! This comedy is a perfect mash-up of the two classics with all your favorite characters! Beginning with the final "Almost home" scene from Wizard of Oz, the characters are swept up into a tornado then fall down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. Can Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, and Tin Man join forces with Alice and the crazy Wonderland crew to defeat the Queen of Hearts? Come and find out! Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. We hope to see you there!

High water continued from page 1

one end of the harbor were covered with water.

After the water recedes, debris consisting of anything that floats, plus lots of stones and sand is left to be cleaned up. Out on East Point, the turn around at the end protected by those decorated blocks was deep in water and covered in stone and sand debris which had to be cleaned off the road with heavy equipment.

East Point resident Glenn Cooper had seawall damage from the first spring storm. This second spring storm helped wash out even more of his seawall. Other low-lying properties on East Point were flooded. There is erosion along Chapman Rd. on East Point, too.

Over on Middle Bass, Deist Rd. which connects the main part of the island with East Point was flooded and only the brave dared to drive it. Several homes at Burgundy Bay were surrounded by water. No land was lost, but two seawalls were heavily damaged and will require expensive repairs. Most homes built in the flood plain were built high enough not to have any

water damage, but at least two of the older and lower ones had significant inside flooding. One ten feet long and three feet wide section of Deist Road on East Point washed out and has been repaired.

On North Bass, Dale Burris reported erosion on the east side of the island was so bad that he estimated 20 feet of land along a thousand feet of unprotected shoreline was lost. He estimated it was a loss of about three acres.

On Kelleys Island, Bruce Korenko came across several Lake Erie water snakes along the shore that didn't survive the storm.

The stuff that washes ashore during a storm sometimes makes one wonder what is out there in the lake. Barry Koehler (PIBHS Class of 2000) was out walking his two dogs, Charlie and Hazel, and came across the skeletal remains of some animal he didn't recognize.

Barry also rescued a water snake that lost its winter shoreline home to erosion. He took it to Kristin "The Snake Lady" Stanford so it could recover from its traumatic experience.

Lisa Brohl went beach cleaning after the storm and commented, "With high water levels on Lake Erie shores we are seeing more than driftwood - much more plastic than I remember in the 80's high water events."

For those who want proof that the water in Lake Erie has been higher than this storm, Ma Werty dug out some of the old photos showing how high the water was back in a storm in April 1974. In several photos she posted on Facebook, you can easily tell the water has indeed been much higher.

We've left the bad news for last. The Army Corps of Engineers, in its "Great Lakes Water Level Outlook" for April 2018, is showing in its range of possible outcomes a lake level that is a foot higher than what we had in April. If this prediction becomes reality, and we get a strong storm from the northeast like we did a couple of years ago during the summer, you can expect to see the highest water levels anyone alive today has ever seen. Let's just hope these two factors don't merge and create the perfect storm.

2018 Spring Event Calendar

- May 8 - Blessing of the Fleet - Jet Dock 11am
- May 18 - Victoria Day Weekend
- June 9 - Put-in-Bay Music Festival
- June 16 - Founder's Day
- June 22 - 25th - Put-in-Bay Pyrate Fest X

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LEFT: When the high water came in mid-April, Ma Werty dug out a few old photos of a storm back in 1974 that show the water level was much higher back then. This is Bayview Ave. looking west from Topsy Turvey's towards the Crew's Nest. Quite a difference from the storm of last month!

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Adamov's newest novel is his eleventh!

Author Bob Adamov Releases New Novel – Chincoteague Calm

- From Put-in-Bay to Chincoteague Island off the coast of Virginia
- Unsolved Murders and NASA Rocket Sabotage

Award-winning Put-in-Bay author Bob Adamov released his eleventh novel, Chincoteague Calm. "Chincoteague Island is like Put-in-Bay on valium. It is such a peaceful setting. It's three times the size of South Bass Island and has about 3,000 residents. They are famous for the annual pony swim from Assateague Island which has a beautiful, pristine beach and the Assateague lighthouse. When I heard that nearby Wallops Island's NASA rocket base had incurred some explosions, the idea for a plot quickly hatched," Adamov commented.

A few familiar faces appear in the novel. You'll see Mike "Mad Dog" Adams as well as a scene with Billy Market and Liam – thanks to some fun coaching from Allie!

Autographed copies will be available this month at Country House, The Butterfly House of Put-in-Bay, Wharfside and The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. Be sure to visit Bob's Facebook page and website www.BobAdamov.com for interesting stories and his signing locations.

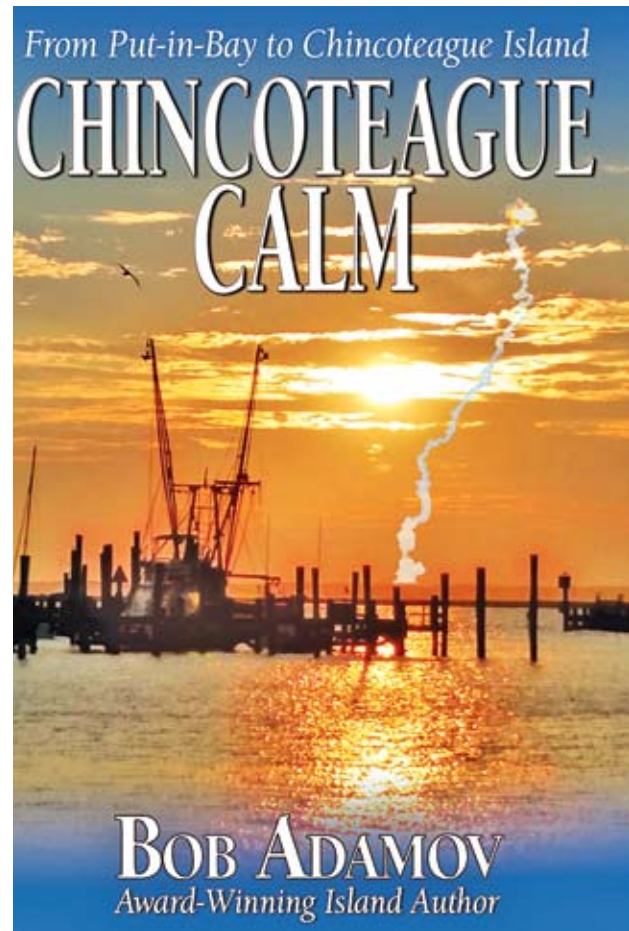
The Story in Brief – Chincoteague Calm

NASA rocket explosions and a series of unsolved murders disrupt the idyllic calm of Chincoteague Island, a quiet barrier island on Virginia's east coast better known for its annual pony swim.

Put-in-Bay investigative reporter Emerson Moore's relaxing fishing vacation to Chincoteague Island is interrupted when he becomes embroiled in deadly international intrigue affecting NASA rocket launches.

Assisted by the sultry director of nearby Wallops Island's NASA facility, the sarcastic head of NASA security, the charming owner of Captain Bob's Marina, and a mysterious loner, Moore works his way through a maze of suspects, including some local troublemakers and rocket experts from Russia, China and Europe—any of whom might be motivated to sabotage the U.S. space program.

Bodies start dropping faster than horses running from a wildfire while Moore is still knee-deep in identifying who's behind all the chaos, treachery and deception. Lives can be saved if only Moore can discover who is sabotaging the U.S. space program—and why—all while preventing himself from becoming a victim.



ABOVE: Bob Adamov's new island mystery, Chincoteague Calm.

Murder, cross and double cross. Who's telling the truth?

Mixed with local Chincoteague Island flavor and characters, Chincoteague Calm is a breathless roller-coaster ride filled with twists, turns and gut-wrenching surprises as Moore works furiously to break through the fog of deception that has enveloped the once-peaceful island.

"Bob Adamov is a superb craftsman of hanging-on-the-edge-of-your-seat mystery adventures..." - Midwest Book Review

Twelfth Novel in the Works

Adamov is finalizing the next novel in the series – Flight, which deals with a mystery surrounding former Bellevue resident and railroad tycoon Henry Flagler and a train to Key West.

For more information or to have Adamov speak at your event, visit: www.BobAdamov.com or call: 330-289-7616. Follow Adamov on Facebook.

He said it best!

"We do our best to serve the best to the best."
- Chick Linker, departed island business owner who owned what is now the Boathouse.



Last year's staff at the Goat donned "Red Noses" thanks to Woody Widmar who wants to remind everyone of "Red Nose Day" on May 24th. Red Nose Day is a fundraising campaign run by the non-profit organization Comic Relief Inc., a registered U.S. 501(c)(3) public charity. Red Nose Day brings people together to have fun, raise money and change the lives of kids who need help the most. Red Nose Day launched in the US in 2015, dedicated to ending child poverty, in the US and in some of the poorest communities in the world. The money raised by Red Nose Day in the US has benefited programs for children and young people in all 50 states and in 34 countries internationally. Globally, Red Nose Day has raised over \$1 billion since its launch in the UK in 1988.

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Sandy Funtal photographed this Kinglet.

Kinglets Everywhere!

Sometimes bad weather brings down migratory birds very close to view. Sandy Funtal from Tipper's took photos of a yellow rumped-warbler and this golden-crowned kinglet pictured above in front of Tipper's and Mojito Bay on South Bass Island in April.

The birds seemed to be everywhere on the island, but they are usually up in the trees and hard to see. Because of the cold and their hunger for insects, they are where everyone can all get a good look at them. Don't try to stress the birds though as they are having a hard enough time. Just enjoy seeing them!



LEFT: April Fool photo of shortened Perry's Monument on front page of last month's Put-in-Bay Gazette.

Letter to Editor concerns shortening of Monument

Dear Editor:

We just received the April 2018, Vol. 38, No. 4 Put-in-Bay Gazette and couldn't stop laughing...you have got to be kidding!!!

Shortening the Perry Monument? Sounds like a Boondoggle to us!

#1: Will allow reduced wait times for visitors? Really? We're not talking New York City wait lines here...then limit the darned visiting hours!

#2 The electric bill would be cheaper to run? Even with the "minion" monument you propose, you will still have electric costs...and if it is still too expensive to light up then keep the minimum lights on as a plane warning and turn the rest of the blasted lights off.

#3 Labor costs for rangers riding the elevators would be reduced? Why let them ride the elevator begin with? Why not make the rangers repel from the top? That builds substance and character.

#4 Hello...birds will fly into an 80' tower as they will a tower of 352'. I know...I am a birder.

#5 Would reduce carbon footprint...who on earth thought this one up? If you're concerned about this, then why not stop all the powerboats who pollute the lake and fill the bay with slimy fuel?

#6 You will still have maintenance for the "minuscule" monument...why not put the weekend warriors who have been arrested to work cleaning the monument?

The article said nearly 80% of the islanders agree to the shortening of the monument... maybe they haven't taken this into consideration:

Why on earth cut the monument by 2/3? That would be a considerable cost in itself not to mention the time and labor, i.e. reconfiguring the elevators, etc. In that case why not give the whole monument a proper burial, take the whole thing down and put up a, fraction of the cost, grave stone?

My Mom grew up on the island and we have fond memories of how "things used to be". It's a shame, and in our opinion, a shamble that is being blamed on the cost cuts of the State Parks. Someone has to be behind this who will be making a killing on the reconstruction of this site. We would like to know who gets/has the contract.

This is a sign of the times where monuments, statues and memorials are all being destroyed. Yes, there will be changes in our world that have to be made but we need to take a hard look at the reality of what is at stake.

Signed, *Len & Cyndy Carlson*, Concerned descendants of the Put-in-Bay we loved

The birth of an island – EAST BASS ISLAND

Due to the recent flooding of South Bass Island, East Point was temporarily cut off from the rest of the island – again! Fed up with this nonsense, Mary Ann McCann gave a speech at the Roundhouse opening, stating that she is declaring that East Point is seceding from South Bass – and the USA – and will now be known as East Bass Island. She announced, "We will apply for Foreign Aid, and as Prime Minister, I will claim the eastern half of the monument as our territory. Furthermore, I am making my red barn the Capitol building, and appointing June Stoiber the Collector of the Tolls at the entrance to our island; Rich Ramsbottom will run the ferry service out of his kayak, with Canoe Bob's canoe as backup to the fleet; and Dino Uszak will act as General Maintenance CEO. Further appointments will be made as soon as our Foreign Aid monies arrive."

Saturday, May 19		Friday, May 25	
Depart MBI	Depart PIB	Depart MBI	Depart PIB
11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
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		9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 26 & Sunday, May 27		Monday, May 28	
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10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.		
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RIGHT: Deacon Mike from Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church stopped by to visit with Joan Rhoad and her son-in-law Brian Cultice at Cameo Pizza's new location in Mr. Ed's. Mike said he will be visiting island businesses to let them know there will be masses on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. from Memorial Day thru Labor Day for their workers who can't make it to regular masses on busy Saturdays and Sundays.

Wise word from Joan!

Joan Rhoad from Cameo Pizza (in the photo on the right) says there is another good reason for getting those green house numbers from the EMS and Fire Dept. so they can find when you have an emergency. The Cameo Pizza deliverers can also find your house easier and your pizza will arrive hotter! So get those house numbers!



Mother of Sorrows

WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER HOME ALL THOSE WHOSE WORSHIP at Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church

May 1st - Robert Reuter will return to the Island to help us with the Pooch Parade and the 5K at Put-in-Bay.
 May 6th - Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Jim Peiffer Celebrant
 May 8th - Deacon Mike will help with the Fleet Blessing at the Jet Express Dock.
 May 13th - Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Frank Kehres Celebrant Autumn Phillips Niese Baptism during Mass.
 May 13th - A bench will be dedicated in memory of Danny French 4 p.m.. Massie Preserve.
 May 19th- 10 a.m. Celebration of Life for Lori Milson. Deacon Mike celebrant
 May 19th - 1 p.m. Mass and Funeral Service for Bob Schmidt Fr. Jim Peiffer and Deacon Mike will lead the service and burial.
 May 20th - Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Gerald Ceranowski Celebrant Miyah Uszak will make her First Communion.
 May 22nd - 1 p.m. Road Scholars will

tour Church and Corner Stone.
 May 24th - 2 p.m. Wedding Deacon Mike celebrant for Tyler Hoehn and Hanna Hubert.
 May 26th - Saturday night Mass at 5:30 p.m. Fr. Nathan Bockrath Celebrant.
 May 27th - Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Middle Bass Island Town Hall Fr. Nathan Bockrath Celebrant.
 May 27th - Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Nathan Bockrath Celebrant.
 May 30th - Wednesday Mass at 5:30 p.m. Fr. Paul Schreiner Celebrant.
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 Starting Wednesday, May 30th, there will be a 5:30 p.m. Mass for those whose weekend work assignments makes it hard to come to Weekend Masses at Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church.
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News from St. John@the Bay

As always, we invite you to join us at St. John@TheBay Lutheran Mission.
 Moving into the month of May ... when we pray that we will finally see some flowers ... after all of the rain, ice and snow of April ... we will be gathering on Sundays for worship. The last couple of months have not been kind to us, as traveling to the island has been quite difficult. It is our hope that the weather improves!
 On the first three weeks of May ... May 6, 13 and 20 ... worship will be at 3 p.m.
 Then on May 27 ... Memorial Day Weekend ... we will switch to our Summer Worship time of 6:30 p.m.
 Here's what the May Worship Schedule will look like:
 Sunday, May 6 ... Pastor Jim Lehman 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 13 ... Pastor Jim Lehman 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 20 ... Jim and Linda Stauffer 3 p.m.
 Sunday, May 27 ... Pastor Jim Lehman 6:30 p.m.



ABOVE: Ask Louis Heineman if he remembers when the winery and Crystal Cave looked like this. We're thinking this picture was taken in the 1940s. And when you ask him, also congratulate him and his family on the 130th anniversary of Heineman Winery. Heineman Winery is the oldest family-owned winery in Ohio. We will have a bit more on this awesome milestone in a coming issue of the Put-in-Bay Gazette. Louie's grandson, Dustin Heineman, a fifth-generation operator of the winery says, "We pick our grapes, harvest our grapes, press our grapes, filter our wine. We make the wine we sell. We are extremely proud to be a family owned and operated winery, let alone one that's 130 years old."

Wreck off Kelleys Is. to be excavated

Shipwreck hunters are planning to excavate around a Lake Erie wreck this summer that they think could be the remains of a schooner went down east of Kelleys Island nearly two centuries ago. Its size, design and location point toward it being a sailing ship called the Lake Serpent, which sunk in 1829, the National Museum of the Great Lakes said Monday. We'll have more information in coming issues on this ship which some are reporting left Put-in-Bay for Cleveland loaded with stone.



PIBIO - By Peter Huston Searching for Island Treasure

I'm looking for treasure. I have that recurring fantasy that this will be the year that I will find some long lost painting, Ming Dynasty bowl, or one of a kind trinket at a yard sale that turns out to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

And even though "Antiques Road Show" is not coming to Cleveland or Toledo any time soon and "American Pickers" hasn't called us to schedule a "pick" for next season's show, I have inadvertently discovered that our islanders have

PETER HUSTON

some of the most amazing yard sale "finds" around.

So you want to search for treasure? Well, the Island Yard Sale weekend is May 19th here on South Bass Island, and it is not to be missed. If you have gone treasure hunting on one of our yard sale weekends in years past, you know what I mean.

Not only do the Nemecs have their amazing annual island collectibles yard sale, but every year there's someone who is cleaning house or moving and really needs to "unload". I have talked to many folks that go on yard sale weekend hunts. These knowledgeable folks tell me that they find "gold" here.

Not literally, but maybe this is the year you'll find tableware from the Hotel Victory or a long lost Otto Herbster photo. Last year it was I-LYA treasures on the West Shore. Who knows what this year's "best pick" will reveal?

For some, yard sale prospecting is a never-ending process. In fact, for the island Facebook crowd there is an island yard sale every day. Just search for "Pib Locals Garage sale" for daily and weekly treasure and you could be a winner! I have sold some things there in 24 hours!

Plus Ottawa County and Erie County have Yard Sale sites too. When you add that to "Craig's List" and "Ebay," you would think there would be nothing left. But I am always amazed that new treasure turns up every year at the "Island Wide Yard Sale".

Now I'm an equal opportunity seller, but really many times I have found that selling beyond our island meant a rendezvous with some person at a shopping center parking lot in the rain and they wanted to "haggle." However, this local event is a real community meet and greet.

So even if you don't have a pick list, you may still find a new light fixture or a kitchen faucet (still in the package) like I did a few years back. And if you're contemplating having your own sale, mainlanders will come here and they want to buy. You can be a winner this year, as a buyer and seller, if you call the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce and list your yard sale. The earlier you do it the more people will find you.

Year to year I put things into a pile for the big day, and just so you know, this year's sale is Saturday, May 19th, 10 to 4 p.m.. Believe me, many people from the mainland want to know what you have for sale. They come over with an empty pick up truck and start knocking on doors sometimes as early as 8 a.m.! Be ready. This is local recycling and treasure hunting at its finest! Don't miss it.



ABOVE: This photo was taken shortly after the Colonial was built in 1906. It burned to the ground on Friday of Memorial Day weekend in 1988, 30 years ago.

30th Anniversary of Colonial fire this month

This coming Memorial Day weekend marks the 30th anniversary of the burning of the Colonial, a landmark building built at the beginning of the 20th century at the corner of Delaware and Catawba Avenues where the Beer Barrel Saloon and Tipper's is now located.

The 82-year-old structure stood out with its large dome at the northwest corner of the building. For years it was the place where many fun memories were made on Put-in-Bay. Over the years it had been a bowling area, dance pavilion, skating rink, wine cellar and more. When it burned on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend 1988, it housed the island grocery store and the Beer Barrel Saloon where Pat Dailey entertained.

The fire began at a propane-fueled grill at the front of the building. A supply line malfunctioned spewing liquid fire up the front of the old wooden structure. Within 45 minutes, the massive structure was smoldering ruins.

Shocked islanders couldn't believe this beloved island landmark was gone.

Owner Tip Niese vowed to rebuild, and a new Beer Barrel Saloon and Tipper's Restaurant were built.

The burning of the old Colonial marked the beginning of a new era at Put-in-Bay. The first Jet Express and the first of the new larger Miller ferries meant more people, both day trippers and those who could stay late into the evening. This resulted in more entertainment at the various island watering holes and eventually the influx overnight lodging we see today.

There are still many islanders who remember the Colonial, have stories to tell about fun times there, or who worked there. Maybe if you're lucky, you'll hear some fun and interesting things about the Colonial as the anniversary of its demise is marked.

Erie Islands bird banding schedule

Tom and Paula Bartlett will be banding birds on the following dates for the public to come and visit. Please let us know if you are planning to visit by e-mailing Tom at hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com or Lisa at leiconservancy@gmail.com. We need to make sure that you are parking in the right location and give you directions. Do not park on private property without permission. All dates subject to change, cancellation, weather, or rain out - Call if in doubt! Banding beginning 1/2 hour before sunrise and usually ends after noon.

Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve
May 1st - May 4th (May 4th ends at Noon)

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ABOVE: Celebrating the opening of the 2018 at this year's Round House Whiskey Light ceremony were (left to right) Linda Jellison from the Crew's Nest Subdivision, Val Chornyak from the West Shore, Marylou Ramsbottom from Lakeview Allotment on East Point, Lana Sluss from Back Bay Condos, Chip Duggan from Island Transportations, Mary Ann McCann from the Anchorage on East Point, Mother Mary Staley from St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Round House owner Michael McCann.

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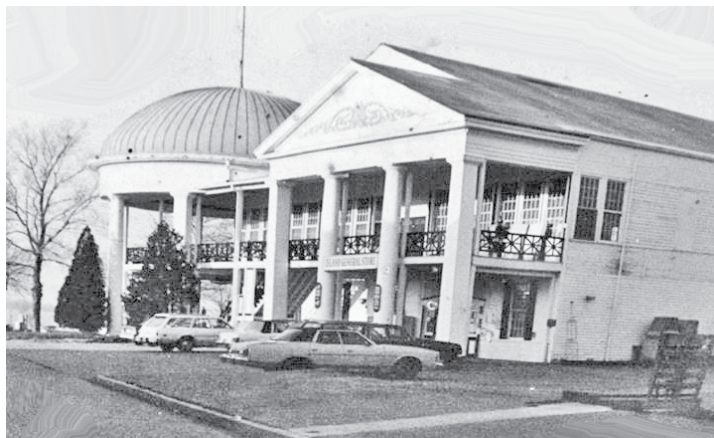


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HISTORY CORNER

RIGHT: A view of the old Colonial sometime between 1965 and 1988. The cars are parked right in front of where the island grocery store was located in the building. The grocery store was where Tipper's is today.



BELOW: An old advertisement for the sale of Ballast Island.

**FOR SALE
Ballast Island**



The old historic island near Put-in-Bay for many years owned and controlled by the Gardner family of Cleveland, is now offered for sale, it is without a doubt one of Lake Erie's beauty spots, consisting



or 12 acres of the finest land, plenty of trees, black loom soil, first class for raising garden truck; there are ten cottages scattered around along the beach; the main dining room is situated in the center of the island. On the East shore you will find cliffs perhaps 40 feet high, sloping towards the west into a sand and gravel beach, ideal for bathing. There will also be found boat houses, where in former years many pleasant summer days were spent in yachting and canoe racing by some of the country's most noted people.

The island derives its name "Ballast" from the fact that this is where Com. Perry procured the stones that were used to ballast his boats.

The property now offered for sale is owned by a number of heirs of the Gardner family scattered over the country having lost interest in the place.

All equipment including ice houses, furniture, utensils of all kinds necessary to run a summer resort are to be sold at a great sacrifice.

If interested communicate with me.

C. M. Johannsen

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Village Council Notes

NEW VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

When Village Administrator Steve Riddle was made Chief of Police about a year ago, he took on the responsibility of both jobs. The Put-in-Bay Village Council passed an ordinance to separate the two positions. Last month, Put-in-Bay Mayor Mack McCann recommended Glenn Basting of Huron, OH, to become the new village administrator. Council voted unanimously to accept the mayor's recommendation.

Basting, who attended the Village Council meeting in April, told Council he would be able to begin work about mid-May. The new administrator has a Class III water plant operation license and has thirty years of water plant experience, much of it dealing with the treatment of lake water. He will commute to the island and will earn \$69,500 per year with applicable benefits. At one time, Basting had a Class I wastewater treatment license. He indicated he would pursue renewing a reinstatement.

VILLAGE UTILITY DEPT. LOSES OPERATORS

The Put-in-Bay Village Utility Department has lost four licensed operators in the last nine months, two of them coming this past month when Doug Knauer, the former Village Administrator, announced his retirement, and wastewater plant operator Mike Mewhorter gave his two weeks notice. Knauer had a water treatment license, and Mewhorter's resignation will leave the sewage treatment plant with no operator. Mewhorter recently agreed to stay on another month to help give officials time to find a replacement. Licensed operators Zach Kowalski and Tony Joyce left the plant a few months ago.

PUT YOUR ATVs & SNOWMOBILES AWAY

Put-in-Bay Village Council voted in April to allow ATVs and snowmobiles on island roads from November first through April 30th. That also means they won't be allowed to operated on island roads from May 1st though October 31st. This falls in line with recent Ohio Revised Code changes.

VILLAGE WINS ONE IN COURT

A court recently ruled for Put-in-Bay Village against former Put-in-Bay Police Chief Ric Lampela in a case that taken more than two years to decide. Lampela appealed the Village's administrative action which removed him from his job about three years ago, but the court said the procedure was handled properly. Lampela is still awaiting a decision concerning any unemployment compensation he was entitled to after his termination.

ETHICS WORKSHOP

Elected officials and village employees along with others attended an ethics workshop conducted by Susan Willeke from the Ohio Ethics Commission on Thursday, April 12th, at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. The hour and a half long workshop was attended by about three dozen people. Willeke told those in attendance that living in a small community like Put-in-Bay sometimes offers some challenging situations when it comes to ethics for those in public service. One of the topics of discussion was the tipping of the dockmasters who work each summer at the village's public docks. She made it quite clear, it was not only illegal for the dock personnel to accept tips, but that it was also illegal for the public to give the dockmasters tips.



ABOVE: Susan Willeke from the Ohio Ethics Commission conducted an hour-and-a-half lecture about ethics in public service to about three dozen people at the PIB Town Hall in April. She had a lot of valuable information for the group.

**Put-in-Play
Con 2018**

We're excited about Put-in-Play Con that is coming to Put-in-Bay the second weekend in June. This first-of-its-kind event to come to the island will be held at the Niagara Event Center for three days, Friday, June 8th through Sunday, June 10th.

If you have no idea what this kind of event is like, we suggest you step out of your comfort zone and check it out. It's like pop-culture, science fiction, outer space and multi-player board games on steroids, plus the costumes some people wear are bi-

zarre today the least.

Put-in-Play Con is the newest convention for Cosplay, Anime & Gamers! Begin your adventure on the Island of Put-in-Bay, Ohio this Summer. This event is perfect for those that love photography, beautiful and creative costume events, and party memories that will last a lifetime. The con will include vendors and artists, special celebrity guests, unique panels and demo's, competitions and tournaments with prizes and awards plus a VIP Attendee.

This event offers both family-friendly and adult-oriented activities.

Those who come to these events often wear costumes, and if it is anything like we've seen before at one of these events, the downtown streets of Put-in-Bay will see some of the most unique, bizarre and fantasy-filled costumes of all sorts.

If you haven't been to one of these Cosplay events, you're missing out on one of the most eye-opening experiences around. Hope to see you there!



ABOVE: The Put-in-Bay High School Sailing team at PIBYC, (left to right) Alice Lentz, Talii Steidl, Alex Knauer, Kate Byrnes, Macy Ladd, Nora Ladd, Max Hristovski and Coach C.C. Wisniewski.

High School Sailing comes to the island!

Nationwide, high schools have been competing in sailing for years, just like any basketball team. This year, our own Put-in-Bay High School is joining those other schools in the water world. The school has partnered with Put in Bay Community Swim Sail and Put in Bay Yacht Club to help make this program happen. Coached by C.C. Wisniewski, the team is comprised of 7th-11th graders who have been practicing on and off the water throughout April. The sailors have donned dry suits to keep them warm despite cold water and windy days. It's been an adventure already. The team will be heading off island to compete against other Ohio and Michigan teams on April 21st, April 28th and May 6th.



ABOVE: Everyone is used to seeing sailboats in Put-in-Bay Harbor, especially when the weather is nice during the summer and early fall, but now Put-in-Bay High School sailors are practicing when the water is still frigid and there are no leaves on the trees (and they are wearing dry suits).

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Man sentenced for crime committed on PIB 25 years ago

Kevin Lynch, 75, accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl 25 years ago while she was unconscious on his boat at Put-in-Bay in 1993, was sentenced to prison. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office began an investigation of the crime when the victim reported it 20 years later after she found a video Lynch made of the sexual assault. In 2014, a grand jury indicted Lynch on four counts of rape. Last November, Lynch pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual battery, both third-degree felonies, after the prosecution amended the charges as part of a plea agreement. The agreement was made with the approval of the victim and the investigators. Ottawa County common pleas Judge Bruce Winters sentenced Lynch to two years in prison for each sexual battery charge and ordered the sentences be served consecutively for a total prison sentence of four years. The court also required Lynch to pay a \$10,000 fine.



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RIGHT: This non-native plant species could be found in abundance on all the big Lake Erie at one time. Thanks to government actions and the subdivision of island properties over the years, many of the plants on the islands were destroyed and removed. Today, there are very few of these plants on the island compared to a century ago. Varieties of these plants are found all over the world now. The juice of the fruit from this plant can be sour or sweet, and it comes in a variety of colors. The fruit has been stomped or pressed right here on the islands. On North Bass last fall, you could see the fruit rotting on the plant, while at Put-in-Bay the plants were picked clean. Do you know what the plant is?



Commander...Ahoy!

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

SECRET INFORMATION-HOW TO PASS A VESSEL INSPECTION (VSC)

PART 2 OF 3

Don't tell anyone that I told you!

Let's continue where we left off last month. By the end of this 3 part series you should be able to breeze through a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary inspection. I'm letting you in on all the secrets!

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

2) Marpol Trash Placard. Let's make this one simple! Don't throw any waste overboard okay!

Vessels 26' or greater are required to have a Trash Placard on display. Usual places to affix the placard are in the galley or head, etc. Vessels 40' and over must additionally have a written trash disposal plan onboard.

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

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

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

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

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

NEXT MONTH

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

FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

Now is the time for island residents to schedule a free vessel safety check administered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Call Today 419-379-9000.

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

Paul Bolden is the commander of Flotilla 091-16-12 at Coast Guard Station Marblehead and is a seasonal resident of PIB.



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Lake Erie "Island Life" Update

Our Islands gained even more popularity this winter on HGTV. HGTV's Island Life aired two episodes, the first focusing on Put-in-Bay, and the second including both Middle Bass and South Bass Islands. The show is seen by viewers internationally and attracted more than 15 million viewers in 2016. Island Realtor Rudy Cooks brought the show to the islands and says he has been in touch with producers and is hopeful the show may return to do more episodes in the future. As summer cottagers return he has been fielding questions from many folks asking if buyers on the recent episodes ever purchased property here. One of the couples has purchased land on Put-in-Bay off New Colony Road where they are planning their new home. The other couple from Michigan continue looking at island properties with Rudy. If you missed either of the episodes you can go to these links and watch online.

Put-in-Bay Episode:

<http://onlineserieswatch.com/serie/22160ad1-Island-Life/11/12.html>

Lake Erie Island's episode.

<http://watch.hgtv.com/show/HISLF/Island-Life/3648874/Bass-Island-Peace-and-Quiet/>

Rascal Flatts to headline 2nd Annual Bash on the Bay

PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO (April 17, 2018) – If “Life is a Highway,” that highway is leading to Put-in-Bay and Ohio’s Lake Erie Shores & Islands this summer thanks to a Grammy-award-winning country music mega-group!

On Thursday, August 30, COPS Productions, in conjunction with the Put-in-Bay Port Authority will host its’ second annual Bash on the Bay Country Music Festival featuring Ohio’s own Rascal Flatts! The performance is a part of Rascal Flatts “Back to US” tour, presented by Ford F-Series.

The festival will take place at the Put-in-Bay Airport. Gates will open at 3 p.m. Several bands will play before Rascal Flatts takes the stage, including Chris Lane, the Cory Farley Band, and more!

“Last year we proved that Put-in-Bay and the Shores & Islands region can put on an amazing show,” stated Tim Niese, festival organizer and local businessperson. “Being able to secure a multi-award-winning group like Rascal Flatts will help us make this year’s festival bigger and better than ever.”

Tickets for the festival are scheduled to go on sale this Friday, April 20, through Etix.com. A special Rascal Flatts VIP experience ticket will be available! Miller Ferry and Jet Express will provide late night boat service to and from Put-in-Bay. Limited car parking will be available and there will be ample parking for golf carts at the airport. After the event taxis and the downtown bus will be staged at the north end of the runway to transport concert attendee’s downtown. Numerous food trucks will be on site with all sorts of menu choices.

Overnight packages which include concert tickets will be offered by Islander Inn and Grand Islander Hotel. Additional concert information can be found at BashontheBay.com.

Information on Put-in-Bay and other area attractions and lodging is available at SHORESANDISLANDS.com.

About Rascal Flatts

If any act embodies the place to which country music has evolved in the new century, it is Rascal Flatts. Since their inception a decade ago in 1999,



ABOVE: Ohio’s own Rascal Flatts will star in 2nd Annual Bash on the Bay on Thursday, August 30th, at Put-in-Bay Airport.

the trio has helped change the face of popular music. Their trademark sound--Gary LeVox’s powerfully emotive lead vocals coupled with the soaring harmonies of Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney, set amid world-class arrangements and production, have made the band the standard bearers for cutting-edge country. Drawing on Nashville’s best tunesmiths and their own enviable song writing skills, they have released, in songs like “These Days,” “Bless The Broken Road,” “What Hurts The Most” and “Take Me There,” some of the most important and successful music to come out of Nashville in recent years. Along the way, they have placed 11 #1 singles and 20 Top Tens, seen every one of their studio albums go multi-platinum, have become the most awarded vocal group in country music history with total sales at 20 million. In 2009, Flatts broke Alabama’s streak of ACM Vocal Group of The Year wins when they took home the trophy for the 7th consecutive time.

50 Years Ago - 1968

Cedar Point and Put-in-Bay are listed one and two of seven tourist attractions in Ohio by U.S. Department of Commerce in a 16-page color folder distributed worldwide. The folders, which depict attractions in America, serve as a guide for foreign tourists. One was reported being picked up in a hotel lobby in Hong Kong.

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Island Trivia from 1887

Stone from Kelleys Island was used in the construction of the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. The brick for the building came from Toledo. George Gascoyne, who was also the Put-in-Bay Postmaster, built the building. The ground for the Town Hall was donated by Valentine Doller, an island businessman who lived in the house on Bayview Ave. where the Put-in-Bay Winery is located today.

Moss on the Rock

BENCH DEDICATION FOR DANNY FRENCH

The bench that was donated by friends of Richard and Joan French in memory of their son, Danny, will be dedicated by Deacon Mike Leahy at the Massie Cliffside Preserve on Sunday, May 13th at 4 p.m. The French Family is extremely grateful for the kindness and generosity of so many people. They also would like to thank Lisa Brohl, and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy for organizing the purchase, engraving and dedication as well as Richard Gump for the placement of the bench.

COMMUNITY SWIM/SAIL REGISTRATION

It's hard to believe, but soon it will be summer! Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail will be offering swimming and sailing classes again this year to kids ages 4-18. The classes take place over a 5-week period starting June 11th.

Swimming classes are \$105 for the program, and sailing classes start at \$460. Sailors who plan on racing will have additional fees. There is even a "start opti sailing" class for the 5-7 year olds that is an intro to what the older kids will be learning.

Details about classes and online registration can be found at www.pibswimsail.org. Deadline is May 26th. You can also go to https://pibswimsail.formstack.com/forms/swim_sail_signup to register your kids for swimming and sailing classes.



ABOVE: Jim and Maria Wehrheim from Fox's Den stopped by Frosty's the night of the Pizza Buffet. They had a chance to see many of their island friends they haven't seen since last year, plus took advantage of the opportunity to get their photo in the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SWIM/SAIL DATES

There are other important dates for the Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail program. The first is the annual Spaghetti Dinner and raffle which will be held on Friday, June 15th, at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

Awards Night will be on Friday, July 13th, also at the Yacht Club. On Saturday, July 14th, the Gardner Trophy 50 year Gala will be taking place.

Mark your calendars now and watch for more information as the time draws near for each event.

Any questions, contact C.C. Wisniewski at pibswimsail@gmail.com

PIB EMS TACO FUNDRAISER

The PIB EMS will be holding an all-you-can-eat Taco fundraiser at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Sunday, May 6th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until sold out. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a great lunch and help raise some cash for the PIB EMS. See you there.

LAKE STURGEON TO BE RELEASED

Apparently, things are on track for a Fall 2018 release of iconic lake sturgeon into the Maumee River, first time in Ohio. This is going to be very interesting since the fish have all but disappeared in Lake Erie. The fish can be huge compared to anything that's in the lake now.

REPORT CLAIMS DAVIS-BESSE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO SHUT DOWN IN 2020

For the first time, the operating end points for FirstEnergy Corp.'s Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in Ottawa County; its Perry nuclear power plant east of Cleveland in Perry, Ohio, and its twin-reactor Beaver Valley nuclear power complex west of Pittsburgh in Shippingport, Pa., have been put in writing by a corporation subsidiary. When the power plant that can be seen on the horizon west of the islands shuts down, the dangers associated with a nuclear plant meltdown will be a thing of the past for the Lake Erie Islands.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you really want to get to know the island, meet island people and have a lot of fun, you might want to consider volunteering your time at some of the events that take place each summer on the island. Events coming up in the next few weeks all need a lot of helping hands to make them fun and successful.

If you want to help out at the Music Festival in June, contact Scott Market or the museum. The conservancy group and the Nature & Wildlife Center always can use volunteers for a variety of things. The conservancy has their Middle Bass Music Festival coming up and it's always fun to visit another island. The island churches are always looking for volunteers. Mother of Sorrows sponsors the Pooch Parade and St. Paul's will have events over the summer, and they can use some help there, too. Check with the Tina Rogers at the Chamber of Commerce office at the Depot. They have events throughout the summer and into the fall that take a lot of volunteers. If you're into gardening, the Put-in-Bay Garden Club can also use volunteers who want to beautify the island. Among the things they do is take care of the flower baskets and landscaped flower beds in the downtown park, plus they work on keeping the Bathing Beach Clean. Call Barb Hunter at (216) 789-9003 if you've got a green thumb. If you're into meeting lots of people and sell miscellaneous stuff, contact Marsha Baumert at the museum's Resale Shop.

There are even more volunteer opportunities on the islands, but we can't list them all here




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LEFT: Among those attending the PIB at Tangier Event on March 24th in Akron, were (left to right in the foreground left) Tommy and Stephanie Thanasiu, Andrea Lee Gatewood, Mike Sweeny from Back Bay Condos and Kelly Mohn from the Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers. Among the performers were Charlie Wiener, Jamison, Andy from Flyin' Jays, Bob Gatewood and Reese Dailey and the Reese Dailey Band. About 175 people attended the five-hour show. As a result of the show, the Browns Backers will deliver checks to various Island "not for profits," such as the PIBEMS and the PIB Vol. Fire Department, in excess of \$6,000 from the event proceeds. The Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers would like to thank the following businesses for their donations towards the Put-in-Bay Island Party that took place at the Tangier located in Akron that benefited our club: Mike Sweeney and family, Andrea Gatewood, Arndt's Rental, Ashley's Island House, Boardwalk, Boathouse, Commodore Resort, Heineman's Winery, Jet Express, The Goat Soup and Whiskey, Larry and Luella for their Island Time watches, Miller Boat Line, The Reel Bar, Round House, Tom Thanasiu, Jr., Taxi John, as well as Bob Gatewood, Flyin' Jays, The Reese Dailey Band and Charlie Wiener for the entertainment.

Island Diary April 2018

Sun., Apr. 1st - St. Paul's Episcopal Church has a beautiful morning for its Easter Sunrise Service.

Mon., Apr. 2nd - There is no school for kids. It part of the long Easter weekend vacation. A car is seen on the ferry with snow on it.

Tues., Apr. 3rd - Another day of no school for the island kids. Sarah Toole and Mary Ann Myers have lunch together at Tipper's. There's light rain and thunder in evening.

Wed., Apr. 4th - The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets in the morning to set the agenda for the regular monthly meeting in seven days. The day is marked with high winds, near-freezing temperatures and scattered snow showers. It isn't exactly pleasant on the lake. In the afternoon, winds are over 40 miles an hour and ferry service is suspended in the afternoon. Two new full-time Put-in-Bay police officers, Michael Woodside and Carson Frase, are sworn in at the Town Hall.

Thurs., Apr. 5th - In the morning an extra ferry is needed to bring all the vehicles to the island from Catawba. Paul and Nancy Kohrs are enjoying a nice afternoon checking out their yard at the old Reibel House, their island home of many years. Island kids are enjoying playing a little basketball at the tennis court behind the school gym after school.

Fri., Apr. 6th - The Shirt Shack on Delaware Ave. is open. The ferry to Middle Bass runs the east side of Put-in-Bay due to rough lake.

Sat., Apr. 7th - The Round House Bar is doing open interviews for summer employment on the island at the Lake Erie Shores & Island center on Catawba. Island entertainer Pat Daily performs his final live show at Vosh in Lakewood. It was a hell of a run! Enjoy your retirement, Pat!

Sun., Apr. 8th - One of the Miller ferryboats is in use to help set 60+ buoys for the Camp Perry firing range impact area which extends out into the lake west of the islands. Rob Hard finishes putting together 100 new bikes at the Bike Shop. At Heineman Winery the crew is bottling Sauvignon Blanc. It's one of the wines they will be featuring at Vintage Ohio South on May 12th!!

Mon., Apr. 9th - On this date back in 2009, a new electric line was being laid from South Bass to Middle Bass Island.

Tues., Apr. 10th - The Put-in-Bay Village Dock Committee meets to review and discuss policies and procedures at its municipal docks.

The purchase of automated pay stations was also discussed, but that won't happen this year. Three dozen people attend an ethics program at Town Hall put on by the State. The Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. finally has some nice evening weather which allows them to get out and do some hose advancement lessons and pump operations without icing up the surface and risking injury! There's Lego fun at the library.

Wed., Apr. 11th - Immediately following the Village Council meeting, elected officials meet with the State Auditors to discuss the recent audit of the Village. There are some issues, many which have already been addressed. Nick James from WPIB-TV is on the island letting people know about the website, www.put-in-bayohio.com, he is working on.

Thurs., Apr. 12th - The April Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting is held at the Town Hall and is followed by the State of the Island event. More than 20 community leaders speak on topics of interest and concern. The State of the Island is broadcast live on WPIB PutinBayRadio.com by Patrick Myers for those who cannot attend in person.

Fri., Apr. 13th - The Village of Put-in-Bay's Water & Sewer Committee holds a meeting to review and discuss utility billing policies and procedures.

Sat., Apr. 14th - Gary and Becky Kowalski celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at party at Town Hall. There's water over the road by Put-in-Bay Yacht Club and in front of the Crew's Nest. At the Monument, you were a brave soul if you drove your car to East Point. Cars looked like boats driving through the water there. Forget turning around at the end of East Point by the painted blocks. The water is deep and sand and stone starting to collect in the turnaround. can get to the turn around on East Point. Miller Boat Line employees Bree Reynolds, David Dress, Mark Lekanka, Mark Kaiser, Brian Woischke and Cory Wisniewski spend the night on two of the ferries which are riding comfortably in Stone Cove at the State Park. The wind and water are almost calm there. The boats had to be moved from the Lime Kiln because of the rough conditions there. This internet post from a few days later seems rather humorous in retrospect. "One step closer to summer ~ E's Put-in-Bay Golf Carts, located at the Miller Ferry Put-in-Bay Dock, opens weekends beginning April 14. Reserve your golf cart online

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LEFT: Helping to celebrate (center) Dustin Heineman's 30th birthday at the winery were Loren Dages (left) and Jacky Kovacic (right) behind the historic bar.

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Sun., Apr. 15th - They could have used a "no wake zone" sign in front of the Monument! The fire hydrant closest to Dairy Isle is completely under water! There is damage to the hydraulic ramp lift on the east side of the Lime Kiln ferry dock. Billy Market takes breakfast and lunch to the crews on two of the ferryboats that are riding out the ENE high water storm in Stone Cove at the State Park.

Mon., Apr. 16th - Ferry service resumes as repairs are made at the Lime Kiln dock. The strong west winds make it difficult to use the undamaged west side of the dock and at least one trip is made from the downtown dock to Catawba until repairs are made. Ferry service to Middle Bass is on for first time at Put-in-Bay Winery for 2018 season. The Wine Club meets at the Put-in-Bay Winery every Monday night from 5 to 7 p.m. and is open to all.

Tues., Apr. 17th - There is snow on car tops, lawns and roofs in morning even though the overnight temperature didn't dip below freezing. Dustin Heineman celebrates his 30th birthday with family and friends at Heineman Winery. There is a pretty fancy cake for the surprise occasion.

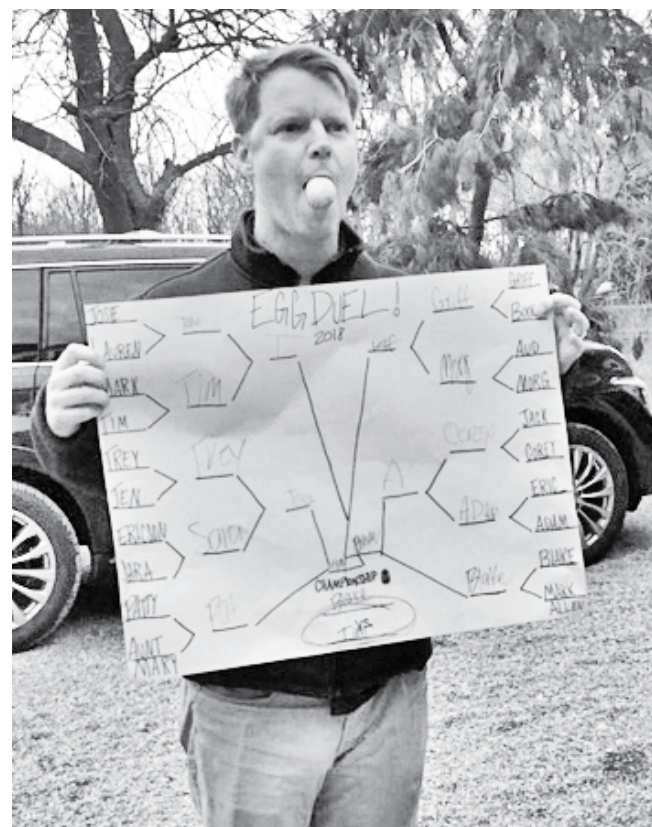
Wed., Apr. 18th - It's Indian Winter on the Island - another day of un-springlike cold temperatures that make it hard to believe the 2018 season is soon to begin.

Thurs., Apr. 19th - Sixth graders at PIB School participate in a mock trial which involving fairy tale character Cinderella, her step-mother and stepsisters and other characters. The jury, consisting of fourth and fifth graders sides with Cinderella in a 7-2 decision that she should be paid for the hard chores she was forced to do without compensation by her step mother and step sisters. Ottawa County probate/juvenile court magistrate Danita Gilbert Conway presided over the hearing. The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets to discuss options for the use of the Frederick property on Erie St. which it purchased last year. A public hearing will be held to go over the options that are being discussed by Village officials.

Fri., Apr. 20th - Finally, a nice spring like day on Put-in-Bay. Tickets for the Rascal Flatts concert here on the island at the end of August, officially go on sale.

Sat., Apr. 21st - The PIB Volunteer Fire Dept. is hosting the Northwestern Ohio Volunteers Firemen's Association Department's pre-convention meeting. About 100 people are involved. Among the speakers is Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce President Brad Ohlemacher who talks about the island. Members of the new Put-in-Bay High School sailing team head to Columbus for their first High School regatta. The 13th Annual Island Pajama Party takes place at Mr. Ed's.

Sun., Apr. 22nd - The PIB Volunteer Firemen hold a fundraiser French Toast Breakfast at the fire station in the morning. A Mercy Saint Vincent helicopter lands at the ball diamond across from the fire station. Earth Day is celebrated at the Scheeff East Point Preserve in the morning. Those on hand learned about Purple martins and tree swallows with Paula Ziebarth, plus they could view the new chimney swift tower built by Casey Carty and donated by Karen Jennings. The shoreline is also cleaned up. Afterwards a group headed to the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail to pull invasive garlic mustard



ABOVE: This year's winner at the annual Booker, Myers, Neff Annual Easter Egg Duel (toss) was Tim Myers. The losers are already planning their strategies for next year.

and to enjoy the first blooms of the Dutchman's Breeches! A group of staff from the Goat heads to the Northern Haseerot food show in Cleveland.

Mon., Apr. 23rd - Some of the Stone Lab staff deploy their water monitoring buoy just north of Gibraltar island. Data from the buoy will update live at <https://t.co/XkeqV9eoUu>. A group meets to discuss 2018 Island Green Week and how they can continue to make this a nice fun week for everyone.

Tues., Apr. 24th - It's rainy most of the day, but some of the island women are still out getting their daily walk.

Wed., Apr. 25th - It's foggy in the morning, but by mid afternoon it's sunny and spring like. A few ladies from the Crew's Nest are cleaning the old Lynn Schnoor/Knabusch house on Bayview Ave. In the evening, the kids who are putting on the spring play are rehearsing at the Town Hall theatre.

Thurs., Apr. 26th - It's a beautiful spring day. Across from Frosty's in DeRivera Park, Matt Missy, a chainsaw artist with 23 years of experience from New London, OH, is working on a carving of Jose de Rivera on a large 16-foot high oak tree stump. Missi Kowalski and some of her science class students are out showing some love to their favorite "outdoor classroom" in an island woods on this beautiful sunny day. They picked up trash, pulled garlic mustard, identified plants and discussed ecological relationships.

Fri., Apr. 27th - Ryan McBride heads to the Put-in-Bay Police Department to have his "rolling pub" vehicle inspected. Village officials are having a difficult time figuring out which ordinances regulate his operation that he started last season. The Put-in-Bay Tree Commission holds an Arbor Day celebration in the downtown park in the late afternoon. Mojito Bay opens for the 2018 season. The island Arbor Day celebration takes place in the Village end of the downtown park. An oak tree is planted in memory of Danny French was died shortly after a motor scooter accident last fall here on the island. You can tell from all the cars parked downtown that the season has begun.

Sat., Apr. 28th - The annual AllSportFUN Browns Backers Draft Day 5K takes place in the morning. The race is Cleveland Browns themed. The PIB High School students enjoy their prom night. Craig Cox and Sharon Gronowski who own the cottage closest to the Bathing Beach are married on the one of the Miller ferries. The ceremony is followed by a reception at the Boardwalk.

Sun., Apr. 29th - Susan Hildebrandt and Barb Hunter from the Put-in-Bay Garden Club meet at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club to discuss the club's flower beds. We're guessing it was a seedy discussion!

Mon., Apr. 30th - A perfect-weather day ends April. Twenty-four of April's 30 days had below normal seasonal high temperatures. Many of those days were quite a bit below normal.

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NATURE CAMP

The Nature Camp mission is to encourage children's natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities.

The 2018 theme 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!

Middle Bass Island Nature Camp

Dates & Times

June 25th-27th
Intro to Nature Camp (4's) 9-9:45
My 1st Nature Camp (5-6's) 10:30-11:30
June 25th -28th
Nature Camp (7-8's) 12:30-2
Environmental Adventure Camp I. (9-10's) 2:30-4:30
*Campout at Middle Bass Island State Park
July 30th- August 2nd
PIB and MBI Campers
Environmental Adventure Camp II. (11-14's) Times TBA
*Campout at North Bass Island

Put-in-Bay Nature Camp Dates & Times

July 16th- 18th
Intro to Nature Camp (4's) 9-10AM
My 1st Nature Camp (5-6's) 10:30-12 OR 1:30-3
July 23rd- 26th
Nature Camp (7-8's) 9-10:30 OR 11-12:30
Environmental Adventure Camp I. (9-10's) 1:30-3:30
*Campout one night on SBI
July 30th- August 2nd
PIB and MBI Campers
Environmental Adventure Camp II. (11-14's)
Times TBA *Campout at NBI one night

You can access the forms on our website- lakeerieislandswildlife.com and on our Facebook page. If you would like to swing by the wildlife center we will have forms there too!

Please contact Jackie Taylor for questions at 419.285.3037 or jay-tay24@ymail.com

WILDLIFE EVENTS

FREE PLANT EXCHANGE

Friday, May 18th 4 to 6 p.m.

Enjoy wine and cheese on our new back porch at the LEINWC and trade "What-you-have-too-much-of" for "What-you-wish-you-could-try." Perennials, bulbs, vegetable and flower starts, vines, small bushes and trees. And the LEIC will have milkweed available for sale. If you do not have anything to trade, come anyway, for the wine and cheese, and at the end of the exchange see if there are any extras you might like to take home.

GARDEN SALE

Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stop by the LEINWC parking lot (in case of rain, on our new back porch) to pick up garden-oriented yard sale goods at great prices! Breakfast on baked goods and coffee while you shop. What a fun way to benefit the LEINWC!

Would you like to donate baked goods? Leave Amy Huston a message at 419.285.3037. Would you like to donate garden/nature-themed goods to benefit the building fund of the LEINWC? Drop them off at LEINWC Friday, May 18th or drop them off at Amy Huston's back door anytime between now and Friday, May 18th.

WINE IN THE GARDEN

Saturday, June 2nd from 3 to 5 p.m.

Join us for a glass of wine at the Wildlife Center Saturday, June 2nd between 3 and 5pm. Featuring local wines and appetizers and buy raffle tickets for special gift baskets. Enjoy the Native Gardens and the new back-porch while supporting a good cause!

\$60,000 MATCHING DONATION!

The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center has been fundraising to build an addition to the center. We have built the porch, and now need to move forward on the much-needed office, library, and expansion of the inside exhibit space. We have been offered an exciting challenge to raise funds for completing the second phase.

A very generous anonymous donor has offered to match funds we raise in 2018 up to \$60,000. Our staff and volunteers are working to find grants to help meet this challenge and the Wildlife Center will continue our fundraising events in 2018, which we hope you will support, but more is needed. We, the members of the board, are appealing to you, our friends, to consider making a donation to the building fund so we can meet this challenge. The bid for the building addition is \$178,000; we have \$35,600 in our Building Addition Fund after the back-porch project. We are in need of \$142,400 to complete the addition. Remember, every dollar you give is matched up to \$60,000. Your donation is worth double the amount you send to us.

Island Trivia

Middle Island between Pelee Island and Kelleys Island is the southernmost piece of land in Canada. The island is about 30 yards north of the border. During Prohibition, it was a popular spot for a little legal drinking right across the border.

Happy 100th Birthday!



Virginia McMongle

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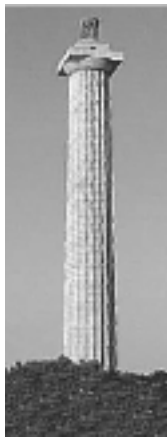
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News, views, and comment from a South Bass cottager ...

Something was amiss. I tossed and turned through most of the night. As I climbed into the old blue pickup for the drive to the Catawba dock, I didn't feel quite right. I remembered the excitement in early March when the first ferries began to run. But it seemed whenever I looked at the calendar to plan my first trip, the weather would deteriorate – too cold, too windy, ice on the dock, snow, a Nor'easter – it seemed like there was never a string of days that had Mother Nature's full cooperation! I gathered my tools, supplies, made lists, and waited; measuring each day well into April.

And finally, it was time. Sunday would be cold, but clear; the chill would continue through the first few days of the week, but then, real Spring weather would finally arrive. I could connect the pump for the well, get the water flowing and the plumbing ready to go. There would be plenty of work inside to keep me busy until the warmth blew in from the South. It was snowing when I left home, but by the time I pulled up to the ferry dock, the sky was clear and blue – I was feeling better, more excited than anxious.

As I had done every Spring for the past twenty-four years, I walk around the yard, through Winter's rubble, checking the cottage roof for fallen limbs and wind-whipped shingles. Inside, I check the windows, poke around for any unwelcome critters, and turn on some heat. Then, it is out to the garage to lay out my first job: I gather my tools from the pickup and pull the cover off the tiny, pump-house shed. My knees creak as I squat down to connect the pressure tank and prime the pump. Then, one more trip through the cottage to be sure I have no open valves in the bathrooms or kitchen. Finally, back to the pump-house to plug in the power.

They say records are made to be broken. Joe DiMaggio recorded a hit in 56 consecutive games. Cal Ripken Jr. played in 2362 consecutive games – the "Iron Man". Byron Nelson won 18 PGA tour events in a single year, including eleven in a row! The Montreal Canadians won 24 Stanley Cups, including five straight. The Boston Celtics won eight

consecutive NBA championships. The great Cy Young recorded 511 wins. Ohio's Jack Nicklaus won 18 Major Championships. Jerry Rice scored 208 career touchdowns.

But streaks end, records fall. Athletes age, retire. Yes, everything comes to an end. I plugged in the pump – just a faint buzzing sound. I tried again, nothing – no water. For the next few hours I fiddled, prodded, and probed, checking connections, power, taking apart what I could, staring blankly at what I could not. Finally, late on that sunny, Sunday afternoon, I reluctantly accepted defeat – my streak had ended. For the first time in 24 years, there would be no water on this Opening Day.

Defeated.

I pulled out my phone and called for professional help. This late in the day, especially on a Sunday, I did not expect an answer: I left a message, hopeful that Monday might bring a quick fix at the hands of a trusted Island expert.

There was nothing left for me to do; I was tired, frustrated, drained, not feeling my usual excitement and enthusiasm. I opened a beer and dragged the old green chair out by the lake. The sun was warm, the chilly wind had subsided. I called Mrs. Larry to report my failure. Finally, looking around, I took a deep breath and let the sound of the soft waves, birds chirping in the trees overhead, and the natural beauty of the island surround me. Reaching for my beer, I was feeling better. Soon, the pump will spring to life, water will flow – just a little bump in the adventure we call cottage life.

With that, a bird in the tree overhead dropped his "load" squarely in my lap!

I just smiled to myself, leaned back to look up into the barren branches of the big oak, I spotted my feathered friend, "Thanks, I needed that."



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LEFT: The USS Lake Erie CG 70, the Aegis Missile Cruiser named after the Battle of Lake Erie, had a Change of Command on March 9th. Captain Darren McPherson was relieved by Captain Christine O'Connell (right) at Naval Station San Diego. The Lake Erie recently completed a highly successful seven-month deployment to the Western Pacific and the Persian Gulf. Captain O'Connell was the former C.O. of U.S.S. Winston Churchill DD681, and is looking forward to visiting Put-In-Bay. Glenn Copper (left) and Jackie Taylor from East Point attended the event.

RIGHT: That big storm in mid-April really surprised us. When we looked at our photos, we noticed the Monument appeared to be leaning in the wind.



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ABOVE: Last month we had this photo in the Gazette, but had the wrong caption. The photo is of Jacob King with a huge walleye he caught this winter on the ice. Sorry for the mix up Jacob. Let us know if you ate this one or had stuffed and mounted.



Mom Memories
by Woody Widmar

Whenever I think of mom
A smile spreads
'cross my face'
No matter how rough
the day gets
I reach my happy place

It's all the little silly things
Between a mother
and her son
Those tender years
so long ago
Us having so much fun

Helping mom in the kitchen
That's where I got my start
Licking bowls and beaters
Cooking from the heart

All the hand-made cards
and gifts
Hung on the fridge and wall
The hand traced
Thanksgiving turkey
My favorite one of all

Ever since I left moved out
I've mostly lived alone
Yet every time I walk
in to my house
I yell "Hi mom I'm home"

I could go on for hours
But my eyes are edged
with tears
My heart and soul
misses mom
It's been a long five years.

Red Nose Day
May 24th
Show the nose !!!

FIRST PITCH
Sunday, June 3rd

RIGHT: The mid-April storm with its high wind from the northeast brought the water level in Lake Erie way up. When that happens, a lot of things happen that cause a few glitches in the way the island normally operates. One such glitch was the damage to the hydraulic lift ramp on the east side of Miller's Lime Kiln ferry. You can see the one stanchion that collapsed as the pounding waves beat on relentlessly on the loading ramp. Fortunately, there was no damage to the west side of the dock. Steve Rose, David Dress, Dave Bianchi and Tom Chrysler from the Miller maintenance crew got on it right away and made repairs in several hours and normal ferry service was restored.



A Remember When for Fishermen

According to the Sandusky Register of May 15, 1903, ten members of the Quinnebog Fishing Club on Hen Island in Canadian waters north of the Bass Islands, and eight guests, went on a fishing party for three days and caught a total of 1068 bass.

May 11th - 248 bass, May 12th - 275 bass and May 13th - 545 bass

They set a record for black bass fishing. The Quinnebog Fishing Club was founded in 1890 and is still active today.



ABOVE: For those of you who don't get to the island until after Easter, did you ever wonder how the Easter Bunny arrives at the annual Easter Egg Hunt? The answer is simple. He arrives on one of the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. trucks. This year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt which is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee was held in the east end of the downtown park. Hundreds of plastic eggs are hidden and all the island kids scramble to find them. Real hardboiled colored eggs are used for a game now, but a thing of the past when it comes to hiding. Inside the eggs are candy or tickets which could be exchanged for some really great prizes. A big thanks goes out to the PIB School student volunteers who helped with the event, which included serving colorful cookies and lemonade. - Photo by Phoebe Koehler

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ABOVE: Put-in-Bay School's Class of 2018 would like to thank the community for its outstanding support during their fundraising projects for this year's class trip to Hawaii. While in Hawaii, the seniors visited two of the Hawaiian islands, Oahu and Maui. They did many activities such as watching the sunrise on Mt. Haleakala, then biking down the mountain, snorkeling, zip lining, taking a road trip adventure down the road to Hana, surfing lessons and cliff jumping at Oahu's North Shore! This fantastic trip was made possible because of you and PIB's supportive community. Thank you!!! Left to right are chaperone Missi Kowalski, Gwena Market, Erin Urge, Tatey Kowalski and Justin Wilhelm.

Margaritas on the Rock... New at Harbour Square!

When Miyo and Maria Hristovski purchased Harbour Square last year, they didn't have time to change things much in time for the season, so, now, beginning its first year of operation is Margaritas on the Rock. Margaritas on the Rock will be showcasing a wide variety of hand-crafted and thoughtfully designed margaritas, cocktails and frozen blends. Using fresh ingredients and 100% Agave tequila, there's a drink for everyone on the Rock.

A brand new menu is a refreshing mix of Southwest American food, Island favorites and fresh, healthy options. Their menu will have even more affordable and recognizable choices for all palettes.

Margaritas on the Rock will be having a Grand Opening on Memorial Day Weekend with a soft opening before. Visit them at 185 Toledo Ave (directly across from the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Visitor Center at Harbour Square) to check out this newest bar and restaurant in Put-in-Bay's historic downtown district, and grab a margarita before all the Spicy Senioritas are gone!

Coming Soon: They'll be announcing their new website and live entertainment schedule.



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About the Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail Program

The Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail program (PIBC-SS) includes swimming and sailing lessons for students aged 4 to 18*. Younger children will learn swimming skills and safety, while older students will learn boat handling, sailing and water safety. See page 12 in this issue for 2018 registration details. Everyone is welcome to participate.

BACKGROUND:

More than a generation ago, a swimming and sailing program began at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club for the youngsters on the island. The lessons became more and more popular and the program was evolved into a partnership between the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee and the Yacht Club which evolved into the Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail Program. The subsidized lessons make it affordable for all youngster to learn how to swim and sail during their summer vacations here on the island.

COSTS:

Costs for swimming classes (both youth and endurance) are \$105 per child. Costs for sailing classes (8 years and older as of August 1st) are \$460 with options to add evening endurance and/or race team participation for an additional fee (details below).

SWIMMING LEVELS:

Each student in the Swimming Program will be placed in a level that is appropriate to their swimming ability. This will be determined during a swimming pre-test that will occur the first few days that Swimming Program starts in June.

- Level 1- Water Exploration
- Level 2- Learn to Swim: Primary Skills
- Level 3- Learn to Swim: Basic Swimming Skills
- Level 4 A- Stroke Technique

Level 4 B- Stroke Technique

Pre-Endurance: Laps, Laps, and technique
Endurance: Laps, Laps, and More Laps

MORE OPTIONS:

In addition to lessons and classes the following options are available to eligible sailors:

Learn to Race (no additional registration costs) -

Learn to Race is designed for anyone who is curious about racing or interested in joining the Race Team down the line. Students will sail Optimists and/or 420s. The primary focus of the class will be basic racing skills and tactics. In order to be eligible for this class, sailors must have at least 1 year of sailing experience.



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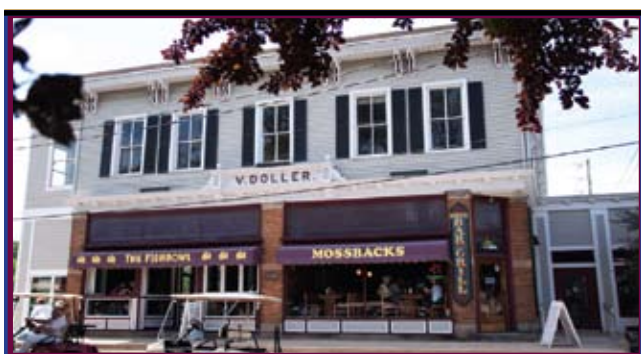
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ABOVE: The annual State of the Island evening took place at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Thursday, April 12th. There were more than 20 speakers from various public entities who brought those in the audience current with the latest island affairs. Here are just a few of the island leaders who talked at the event. In the top row (left to right) are Karen Wilhelm from the island library, Chris Joyce from the Senior Center and Rick Ziebarth from the Put-in-Bay Twp. Port Authority. In the bottom row (left to right) are Lisa Brohl from the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, Deacon Mike Leahy from Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, and Jackie Taylor from the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. The State of the Island is more than 30 years old. Started by former Put-in-Bay Resorts manager Chip Weiant, it has evolved from a dinner to more of an informal cocktail hour affair. This year, the event was very-well attended and there was a lot of interesting information that was shared.

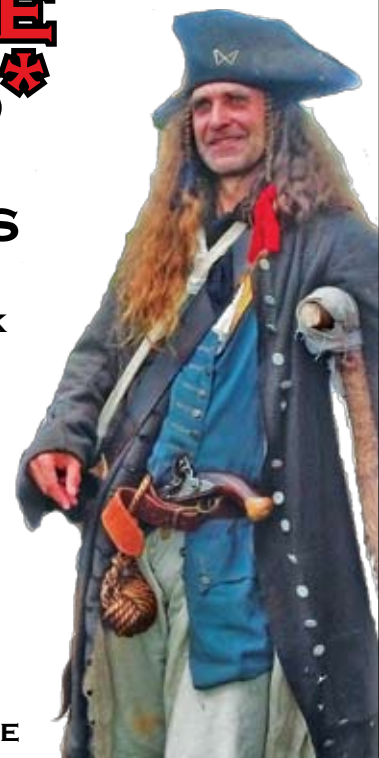
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State of the Island

Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's 32nd Annual State of the Island event took place at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Thursday, April 12th. It was one of the best attended events in several years. Here are some of the highlights from over 20 speakers at the event.

Mother Mary Staley

Mother Mary Staley from St. Paul's Episcopal Church announced there would be no more spaghetti dinner for the island employees. The annual dinner was quite popular with all the island employees, some who came to the church to

eat and others who chose to use the carry-out service. The dinner will be replaced by three soup evenings at the church with no carry-out service. Mother Mary also talked about the remodeling being done in the Undercroft at St. Paul's.

Peter Huston & Brad Ohlemacher

Peter Huston from the PIB Chamber of Commerce talked about the new Chamber logo and the Foodie Trail insert in Lake Erie Living Magazine that featured island dining. Chamber President Brad Ohlemacher introduced the board members, and thanked those who put the evening's event together. He also recognized Miyo and Maria Hristovski, owners of Adventure Bay, the Sand Bar and Harbor Square, on their recently becoming U.S. citizens. He also talked about the goals of the Chamber - marketing, membership development and working on Christmas in July issues.

PIB Village Councilwoman Jessica Dress

PIB Village Councilwoman Jessica Dress spoke on behalf of Mayor Mack McCann who couldn't make the event. She talked about the police department hiring two new officers and a new village administrator.

Police Chief Steve Riddle & Lt. Doug Miller

Police Chief Steve Riddle talked about developing a department that is community oriented. Lt. Doug Miller discussed new badges, ID cards and uniforms for the officers, mutual aid from other departments over the big weekends, and officer training.

Caiti Bolyard

Caiti Bolyard talked about the Brig Niagara visit this summer, plus emphasized the need for volunteers at the many island events that take place on the island over the summer.

Larry Fletcher

Larry Fletcher, the Executive Director of the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, reviewed the bureau's 2017 marketing success, plus 2018's marketing strategy.

Monument Superintendent Barbara Fearon

Perry's Victory Superintendent Barbara Fearon announced the fee to go to the top of the Monument was being raised from \$3 to \$10. Children under 16 would still be free and the ticket would be valid for seven days. An annual pass will be available for \$30. She said the money collected to go up in the Monument would be used here at the island park.

Barbara also said the Monument would hopefully open on May 19th, but that new cracks have been found by engineers which might delay the opening. Huntington Bank will pay for the first 103 visitors to go to the top. The "103" is for the number of years the Monument has been open. There are still some issues with moisture leakage at the Monument.

Barbara also said they are working on a temporary welcome center on the lot across from the Jet Express Dock, The Keys and the Dairy Isle.

She also said there will be training for historic weapons on May 14th, 15th and 16th for anyone interested in learning how to fire muskets and the carronade used in demonstrations at the Monument. Call the Monument office if you are interested.

JR Domer

PIB School Board member JR Domer talked about the new track and sailing teams at the school. His comments lasted less than a minute.

Karen Wilhelm

Karen Wilhelm, manager of the Erie Island Library for the last three years, talked about the numerous programs for both kids and adults offered at the library. She welcomes any ideas for additional programs. She also talked about the services offered at the library - books, DVDs, audio books, magazines, copier, public computers, free wifi for computers, fax machine, notary service and Golden Buckeye sign up.

Put-in-Bay Twp. Trustee Matt Miller

PIB Township Trustee Matt Miller discussed how important the Resort Tax was to the Township. He also talked about expanding the cardboard recycling program.

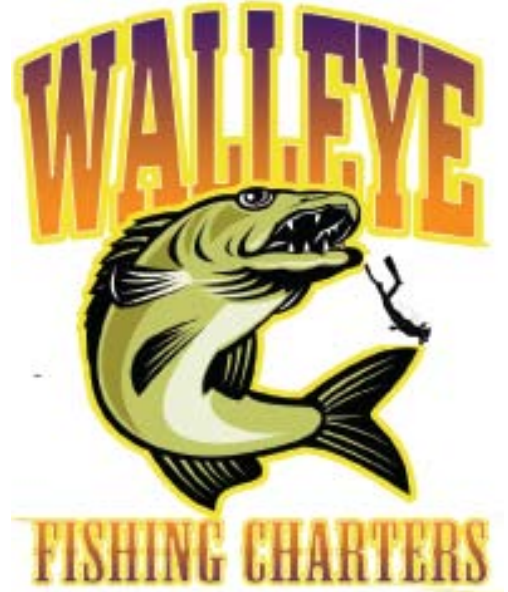
Chris Joyce

Chris Joyce from the Senior Center talked about the increase in usage of the center, the numerous activities and programs offered, and the recent remodeling of the facility.

Mark Wilhelm

Mark Wilhelm from the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. told how the members range in age from 20 to 70 years old. Some members have more than 40 or 50 years of service. Al Duff has been on the department for 52 years. Mark said the department had 37 calls last year and added the department has had no structure fire since the Colonial burned in 1988. He discussed the desperate need for volun-

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teers, the cost of training and equipment, continuing education for the volunteers, and the fundraisers the department puts on. He also thanked Karen Wilhelm and Anita McCann for their dedicated help.

PIB EMS Director Patrick Rogers

Patrick Rogers from the PIB EMS talked a little about the 39 members who make up the EMS, 25 of which are paid and nine of the 14 volunteers are from the island. He said the physicians who were serving the island out of the EMS office would not be coming back this season. A new medical direction is being taken that includes telemedicine. Patrick also reminded people about getting their street number signs so emergency forces can find your property.

He also reminded everyone to come to the EMS Taco fundraiser at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Sunday, May 6th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Michael McCann

Michael McCann reported on putting up the flags around the village and along Airport Rd. If you'd like to volunteer and help put up the flags, please contact him.

Rick Ziebarth

Rick Ziebarth from the PIB Twp Port Authority reported on the achievements of the authority since it was established in 1991. He also talked about the new "public use" hangar which will allow the Ford Trimotor to come to Put-in-Bay. He also mentioned that Russ Brohl is the newest PIB Twp

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LEFT: Rich Hahn from Mitchell Rd and Holly and Mark Kirsch from East Point had fun at Frosty's Pizza Buffet on Friday, April 13th. The event is well attended by those who want to celebrate the beginning of a new season.

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Port Authority board member.

Dan Savage

Dan Savage from the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum discussed the displays at the museum this summer. One will be about the Colonial which burned 30 years ago this month. The other is a display of historic island photographer Otto Herbster's panoramic photos of Put-in-Bay. There will also be a display of the photography of Kelly Faris.

The Music Festival at the Monument is scheduled for June 9th. There is a real need for volunteers for the event. If you can help, contact Scott Market.

Dan said the museum's fundraiser auction would take place on August 9th this year, plus the always popular golf cart trip to North Bass will take place on August 16th. It will be \$75 per person. The theme this year is "Bass Vegas." The North Bass Church will be turned into the Chapel of Love. Not only will you be able to

renew your vows, but one couple is going to be married there that day. The last event of the season for the museum is the Wine Fest at the Put-in-Bay Winery the first Saturday in October. Again, if you would like to volunteer your help, please contact the museum.

Kelly Faris

Kelly Faris discussed the important work of the Put-in-Bay Twp. Park District and how the islands are so important for migratory birds.

Kristin Stanford

Kristin Stanford, well-known to islanders at "the Snake Lady," discussed a little about the Ohio Sea Grant Program, algae blooms, the Aquatic Visitor Center, Stone Lab programs and tours of Gibraltar and the South Bass Island Lighthouse. She mentioned the weekly lecture programs on Gibraltar Island that are open to the public, plus the date of July 12th for the annual Algae Bloom Forecast.

Jackie Taylor & Amy Huston

Jackie Taylor from the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center said the center was celebrating ten years in operation this year. An anonymous donor has helped out with the completion of the new addition at the center. Jackie also discussed the Nature Camp program, Wild Tuesdays, the Road Scholar program and Island Green Week. The center's fundraisers, the Star Gazer cruise will be held on August 6th, and the pig roast will be held at the Goat again this year on August 8th.

Amy Huston talked about developing a curriculum for school groups and the annual plant exchange.

Lisa Brohl

Lisa Brohl spoke on behalf of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the importance of preserving land on the islands. Currently, there are 250 members of the group. She also discussed new signage in some of the preserved areas and the work being done for bird habitat.

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the Middle Bass Island Music Festival at Lonz Winery scheduled for July 14th. The event is sponsored by the Middle Bass Dock Company,

Deacon Mike Leahy

Deacon Mike Leahy closed the State of the Island,

but not before mentioning there will be services at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Wednesdays this summer at 5:30 p.m. for those who have to work on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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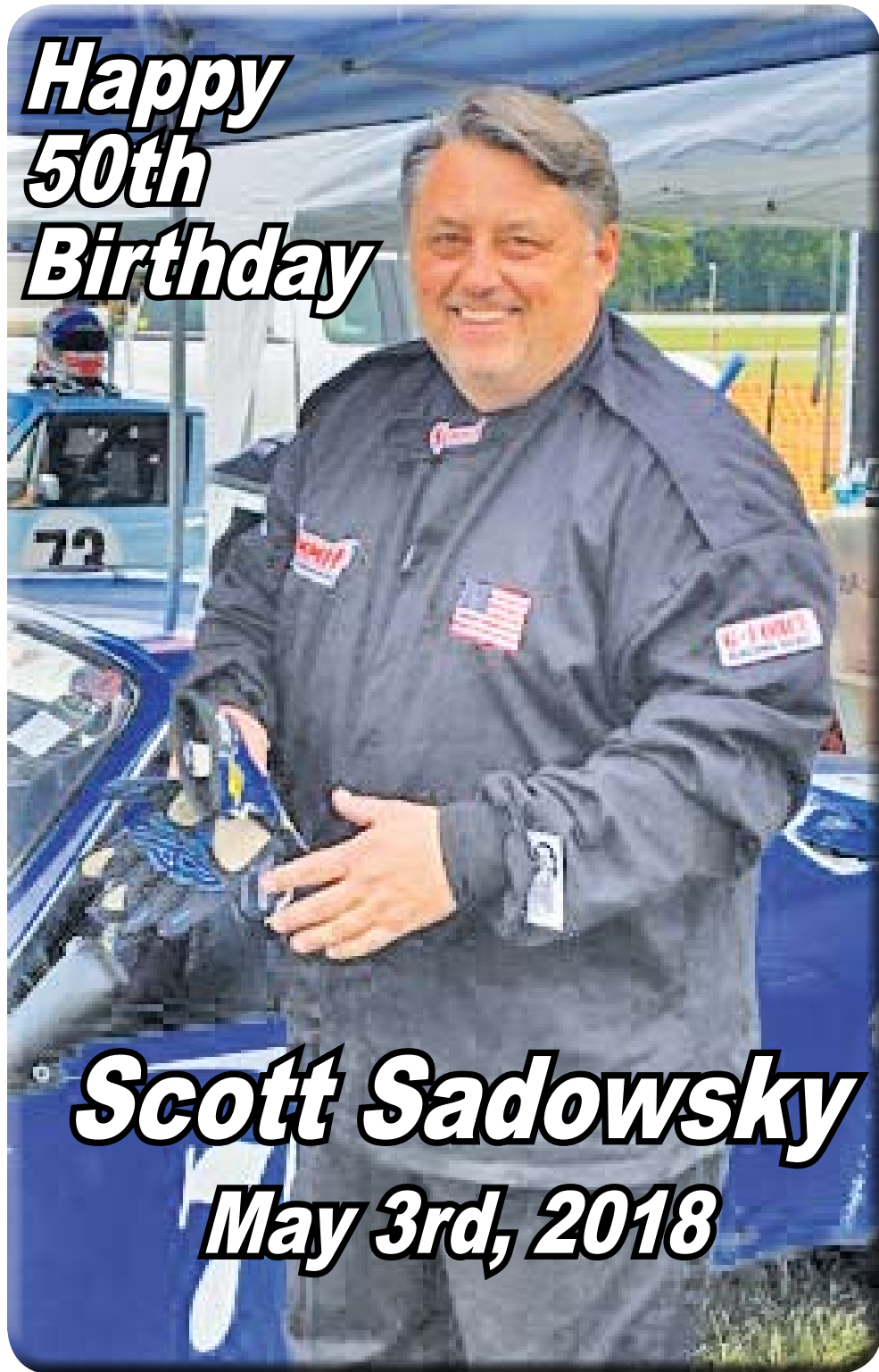
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The Crazy Weather by McKenna Stacy

This past month in April, the weather has been crazy. On April 13th, it was so warm and nice out. I thought that it was actually the start of the summer weather. Then on the 14th and 15th of April it felt like it was raining all day and night. The water levels got so high and the island was flooding! It was especially flooding at East Point and at the State Park. You couldn't drive out to East Point because the water was so high! Then on April 16th, it was so cold. The weather has been so crazy! It can be really nice for one day, and then it rains which ruins the nice weather. It even snowed a couple days later! Hopefully the nice warm summer weather will come back soon! I can't wait for summer to start, and hopefully, it won't be such horrible and rainy weather. I can't wait to be able to walk out of my house without getting an umbrella or a coat on! I wonder when it will get warm again. I can't really tell anymore what the weather will be. It is so unpredictable, and I never know how to dress. This really makes me think about what the weather is going to be like in the summer. I hope that the weather is nice and warm with no rain and no cold weather!



ABOVE: Reading the PIB Gazette at Bloody Marys in Bora Bora, French Polynesia, are (l to r) Chuck and Noreen Roth, Kay Drake, Dianne Smith, Lillian Rosenlieb, Rose Kahler, Pauline Garsteck, Bob Smith, Barbara Garland and Steve Nagy.

Put-in-Bay Garden Club

Spring has sprung at last! Time again to play outside and enjoy your gardens. It is also time to spruce up DeRivera Park with our beautiful lamppost baskets. We hope you will join the planting party on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15th and 16th. We will meet across from Frosty's at 9 a.m. both days, and your work will be rewarded with a free meal! Not only is the comradery wonderful, but you also gain such a sense of accomplishment once the job is finished. Then all summer long, as you drive past the park, you know that YOU were a part of its beautification! Valerie Chornyak is in charge of the park planting and can be reached at 419 285-4030 if you have questions. We invite you to come on down and help the cause!

As always, Kathi Spayde has done a great job of updating our webpage. You can view our calendar of events for this summer by visiting putinbaygardenclub.com. Our first program of the year will be held Thursday, June 21st at 5 p.m. at the Yacht Club. After our social gathering, Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners will present a discussion on how to keep wildlife from damaging our landscapes.

On July 25th, we will host a Put-in-Bay Home and Garden Tour, followed by a luncheon at the Crew's Nest Pavilion. Tickets for the tour will go on sale June 1st. Numbers will be limited so we encourage you to visit the website and book early. You can also purchase tickets or volunteer to help with the event by contacting event chairperson, Kathy Schrader at 440-773-5413. If you wish to donate articles for the garden-themed raffle, please contact Barb Hunter at 216-789-9003.

On July 31st, we will be joining the Catawba Island Garden Club on a bus trip to the beautiful Stan Hywet Gardens in Akron. The bus will leave from the Miller Ferry Dock at Catawba Island promptly at 8 a.m. and should return to the dock by 4 p.m. Tickets will be \$55 per person, and will include guided tours of the estate's mansion and gardens, a box lunch and round trip bus transportation. Numbers will be extremely limited, so again, please book early by visiting our website or by contacting Susan Hildebrandt at 440-409-1958. Tickets for this event will go on sale May 8th.

Our August 16th program is a hands-on demonstration entitled Creating with Succulents, and on September 13th, we will help you transform your tired-looking summer containers into beautiful and lush fall containers. We hope you will join us for our summer activities and also volunteer to help in our island beautification projects.

Barb Hunter is chairman of the four DeRivera Park Gardens that we have helped fund and that we maintain. She is happy to have helping hands in the weekly maintenance of these gardens and to teach you good gardening practices in the process. If you wish to join the Park Gardens Committee, please contact Barb (number above). Be sure to check out our newest Park gardens that were planted last fall adjacent to Will's Playground!

We are also seeking volunteers to assist in watering the lamppost baskets. The baskets are watered daily so we are always in need of individuals to help fill out our calendar. Please contact Reni Miller at 440-476-2047 if you can help. Free coffee and a pastry are your rewards!

The bathing beach has taken a major hit with the spring storms, so we will keep you posted on the status of our gardens there. Joan Booker and Jody Frimel co-chair the Beach Committee and have scheduled beach clean-ups at 9 a.m. for the 4th Friday of every month, May through September. All dates are listed on the garden club website calendar.

As you can see, we are an active and dedicated group, and we have fun in the process of maintaining and enhancing the beauty of Put-in-Bay. We hope you have renewed your Garden Club membership by now. If not, you can do so online or by mailing in the renewal form which you should have received by now. We hope to see you soon to share the wonderful summer ahead!

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Downtown Put-in-Bay next to Kimberly's Carousel



LEFT: Tatey Kowalski, first row center, was recognized at Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet for her scholastic achievement this spring. Pictured seated with her are her parents, Dan and Valerie Kowalski. In the back row (left to right) are Veronica VanNess, PIB School's guidance counselor, science teacher Melissa Kowalski, Tatey's honored educator, and Steve Poe, superintendent of Put-in-Bay School.

PIB School News

by Steve Poe, Superintendent

It is hard to believe we are preparing for the end of another school year. Our high school students enjoyed their prom on April 28th. The Spring Concert and Art Show is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th, at 7 p.m. and the annual Awards Day is set for Thursday, May 17th. These events are sure signs that we are closing in on another school year. Completing the school year will be Graduation on Friday, June 1st, at 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Monument.

Congratulations to Tatyana Kowalski for being this year's senior class Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Dan and Valerie Kowalski. Tatyana was recognized for her academic accomplishments at last month's Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet. Erin Urge is the Salutatorian this year. Erin is the daughter of Melinda Myers and Dane Urge. Each of these students will speak at graduation. Congratulations!

Macy Ladd will be competing against the top science minds in Ohio on May 12th at the State Science Fair. Good luck Macy!

Elena Schroeder was selected to attend the Pharmacy Summer Camp at the University of Toledo. This highly selective four-day-long program will allow her the opportunity to learn the entire pharmacological process from the creation of medications all the way to its dosing and administration. Congratulations Elena!

On April 18th, our seniors returned from their senior class trip to Hawaii. Those who made the trip all attest that this was an unbelievable experience. Some of the highlights included: watching the sunrise from the top 10,000 + foot Haleakala Mountain and biking 26 miles downhill; hiking the Maunawilli Falls Trail; enjoying a Hawaiian Luau on the beach; touring Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial; and driving the "Road to Hana" on Maui. All this was made possible from six years of fund raising. The seniors thank everyone who supported their efforts over the years!

On May 22th, our eighth graders travel to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. for four days to see historical sights and learn more about our nation's history. History teacher, Craig Schuffenecker accompanies our students each year on this fantastic opportunity. We would like to thank Margaretta Local School District for allowing us to partner with them on this trip.

For students involved in extra-curricular activities, Dr. Brett Kuns will once again be

offering free medical examinations. The date for the physical exams is Thursday, May 10th. A schedule and forms will be sent home prior to this date for parents to complete. PLEASE SEND IN COMPLETED EXAM FORMS PRIOR TO MAY 10th.

Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for the morning of Friday, May 4th. Letters have been sent home to explain the details.

The second week of May is Staff Appreciation Week. Our teachers and support staff do a fantastic job and we want to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We are blessed to have such a talented group of professionals in our school system. The next time you see one of them, maybe say, "thank you."

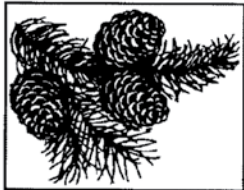
On Friday, May 25th, school will be dismissed at noon for Memorial Day weekend.

Annual Alumni Banquet

This year's Put-in-Bay Alumni Banquet will be a brunch at the Crew's Nest Pavilion on Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. at the Crew's Nest Pavilion. Notices have been sent out by Chuck Lunt (PIBHS Class of 1973) informing the graduates of the event. Make sure to RSVP if you will be attending this year. These Alumni events are always fun, so plan now to attend.

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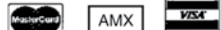
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Library News

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TUESDAYS FOR TEENS

Our weekly "Tuesdays for Tweens" will continue in May from 4:30-5:15 pm. On May 1st, we will play the popular game of Jenga. The library will have the Jenga games ready, unless you have your own "lucky" Jenga set you'd like to bring. Who will be the Jenga champ? May 8th we will play "Bingo for Books." Everyone goes home a winner! Pictionary will be held on May 15th. Bring your friends to play this fun charades/drawing game to see who can guess the correct answer.



ABOVE: Left to right are Lisa Brohl, Jennifer, Todd, and Matthew Newhouse, Joe and Michelle Pennington, Travis Zawisza, Paula Ziebarth and Greg Ziebarth who enjoyed cleaning up on Earth Day at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail.

WORDS AND WINE

What's better than a good book and a glass of wine? We are going to be starting a new event this month called "Words and Wine," which will be held at the Put-in-Bay Winery on Thursday, May 10th. This book club will be held the second Thursday of May, June and July beginning at 5 pm. Each participant should read a book of his or her own choosing and decide what wine to pair with the book. Participants are encouraged to purchase the wine at the winery or bring their own. Wines will be shared with other participants as books are shared. Should be fun evening for adults!

POPCORN AND MOVIE NIGHT

As always, "Popcorn and Movie Night at the Library" will be held on the third Thursday of May, May 17th, at 5 pm. Join us at Erie Islands Library for a kid-friendly movie on that will be announced two weeks before the date.

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Information wanted!

The photo to the left shows two wooden bowling pins, each with an electric mixer beater coming out of the top. These two items were purchased at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum's Resale Shop here on the island several years ago by Nick James.

Nick tells us his curiosity has finally gotten the best of him. He can no longer cope with the sleepless nights of tossing and turning and repetitious nightmares. He desperately wants to find out the story behind his two-of-a-kind purchase.

If you have any information about these pins that were donated to the Resale Shop, please contact him at (419) 573-9221.

Nick has promised an exclusive follow-up story in the Put-in-Bay Gazette if someone comes forward with an explanation which will bring closure for Nick.

Mayflies

Sometime around the middle of May and lasting through June and into July, there is a plague of insects that strikes the cities, towns, and villages along Lake Erie's shoreline. This plague is outdone only by those described in the Bible (or so it seems that way to townsfolk) of great hordes of insects invading the land and laying it to waste. Fortunately, this insect is totally harmless... unless you are sliding on them in your car. They are drawn to any light source - coating the sides of buildings and telephone poles. They are actually a handsome bug... windswept transparent wings, two long graceful tails no thicker than a hair, streamlined body... the main problem... they stink like dead fish! What are we talking about, you ask.... The now famous Lake Erie Mayflies!

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You fancy yourself as an expert in island history and trivia. This Island Multiple Choice Game will help determine if you really qualify. Each month between now and September, we will have a game like this. Put your answers in the box, clip it out and drop your completed answer sheet with your name and phone number in the contest box at the GOAT no later than May 28th. Winner will be announced in the June Put-in-Bay Gazette. The entrant with the most correct answers will win a \$50 Gift Certificate to The Goat Soup and Whiskey. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

- Louis Heineman's family dog in the 1930s was named....
A. Zip
B. Crystal
C. Grape
D. Sparky **Your Answer Here**
- Mouse Island was owned by President....
A. Wilson
B. Garfield
C. Hayes
D. Hoover **Your Answer Here**
- Actor Kathryn Hepburn visited Put-in-Bay in October 1940 with actor....
A. Harry Bannister
B. Phyllis Thaxter
C. Claudette Colbert
D. Ann Harding **Your Answer Here**
- The first Avon Lady on Put-in-Bay was Helen Traverso who sometimes had a sales table set up at....
A. The General Store at the Colonial
B. The Schnoor & Fuchs Store
C. Frosty Bar
D. Crescent **Your Answer Here**
- In 1962, you could fly round trip to Put-in-Bay from Port Clinton in the Ford Trimotor for....
A. \$7
B. \$3.50
C. \$10
D. \$ 12.50 **Your Answer Here**
- In 1962, all the Lake Erie Islands were...
A. All part of Erie County
B. Not on Daylight Savings Time
C. All part of Ottawa County
D. All part of Put-in-Bay Township **Your Answer Here**
- Kinsley Renshaw, Al Duff, Al Denis, Richard Zura, Carl Obenauf and John Snider all worked at....
A. The old Colonial Bowling Alley
B. Parker's Garage
C. Ladd's Marina
D. Miller Boat Line **Your Answer Here**
- Chester Dress, Dick Sweeney, Bob Wertenbach, Joan McCann and Skip Duggan all worked for....
A. Gus Cooper
B. Al Poulos
C. Dick Fox
D. Lee Miller **Your Answer Here**
- Island historian Robert J. Dodge who wrote "Isolated Splendor" was a....
A. Ranger at Perry's Monument
B. Teacher at Put-in-Bay School
C. Bartender at the Colonial
D. Put-in-Bay Village Councilman **Your Answer Here**
- The Goat was Cooper's Restaurant years ago. What was Cooper's specialty?
A. Spaghetti
B. Coleslaw
C. Deep Fried Mushrooms
D. Homemade Dinner Rolls **Your Answer Here**

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Island Calendar May 2018

MAY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE THIS PAGE
- ☐ LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE • SEE PAGE 26-B6
- ☐ PIB YACHT CLUB EVENTS • SEE PAGE 14
- ☐ RESALE SHOP OPEN DAILY 11a to 5p
- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Mon, Wed & Fri - 9:30a 3:30p
- ☐ Senior Lunches • Thursdays - Noon • Tipper's
- ☐ PIB Arts Council Jr Drama Society Play Dorothy in Wonderland • May 4 & 5 - 7p • Town Hall
- ☐ Crew's Nest Opening • May 4 - 5p
- ☐ Spring Fling Weekend • May 4, 5 & 6
- ☐ Road Scholarship Program: Birding • May 6-11
- ☐ PIBEMS Taco Fundraiser • May 6 - 11a to 4p • Town Hall
- ☐ Blessing of the Fleet • May 8 - 11a • Jet Express Dock
- ☐ Island Vaccination Clinic for Pets • May 8 - Noon to 4p
- ☐ Kowalski's Mike's Drive on East Point
- ☐ Corn Hole Tournament • May 11 & 12 • PIB Resort
- ☐ Road Scholarship Program: Birding • May 13-18
- ☐ Bench Dedication for Danny French • May 13 - 4p
- ☐ Massie Cliffside Preserve
- ☐ LEIHS Museum Opens • May 14
- ☐ DeRivera Park Flower Basket Planting • May 15 - 9a
- ☐ DeRivera Park Flower Basket Planting • May 16 - 9a
- ☐ Back to the Wild • May 16 - 3:15p • Town Hall
- ☐ Spring Concert & Art Show • May 16 - 7p • School
- ☐ PIB School Awards Day • May 17 • School
- ☐ GOAT & Biergarten Open Daily for Season - May 18 - 5p
- ☐ Victoria Day Weekend • May 18 - 21
- ☐ Plant Exchange • May 18 - 4to6p • Nature Center
- ☐ Island-wide Garage Sale • May 19 - 10a to 4p
- ☐ Perry Monument Visitor Center Opens • May 19
- ☐ Road Scholarship Program: Drama, Beauty, Science • May 20-25
- ☐ Perry Education Days • May 22-24 • Perry Monument
- ☐ Red Nose Day • May 24
- ☐ Kayak the Bay Opens • May 25
- ☐ Memorial Day Weekend • May 25 - 28
- ☐ Swim/Sail Online Registration Deadline • May 26
- ☐ Musket & Carronade Wkend • May 26 • Monument
- ☐ Sharpening • May 27 - 10a to 4p • Hardware Store (Bring in just about anything you need sharpened)
- ☐ Live Polka Band - Polka Revolution • May 28 - 3 PM • Goat Biergarten
- ☐ Legion Picnic • May 28 - 5p • SBI State Park
- ☐ Wine Tasting • May 29 • Reel Bar

MAY MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Property Owners Assoc • No Meeting in May
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • May 1 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Village Council Workshop • May 2 - 9 am • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • May 2 - 11a • TH
- ☐ PIB Rec Com Mtg • May 7 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • May 7 - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ Village Tree Commission • May 8 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • May 8 - 10a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • May 8 - 10a • Twp Hall
- ☐ LEI Conservancy • May 8 - 7p • TH
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Village Council • May 9 - 9a • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • May 9 - 7p • School
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce • May 14 - 1p • PIB Brewery
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • May 15 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Legion • May 17 • Senior Center
- ☐ PIB Twp Port Authority • May 19 - 9a • Twp Hall
- ☐ LEI ML Softball Captains Mtg • May 28 - 7p • Mr Ed's

MAY CHURCH SCHEDULES

- ☐ **Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- ☐ PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a
- ☐ PIB Mass • Sat. 5:30p • Begins May 26
- ☐ PIB Mass • Wed. 5:30p • Begins May 30
- ☐ Mass • Sun., May 27 - 8:30a • Mid Bass Town Hall
- ☐ SEE MORE IN MoS Article on Page 6
- ☐ **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- ☐ Holy Eucharist and Church School • Sunday 10:30a
- ☐ Evening Worship • Wednesdays - 6:30p
- ☐ Labyrinth Weather Permitting
- ☐ Ascension Day Service • May 10 - 6:30p
- ☐ Faith Conversations • Wednesdays - 10:30a
- ☐ Youth Bell Choir • Thursdays 12:05p • All are Welcome
- ☐ **Church of Middle Bass**
- ☐ Services • Sundays - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall
- ☐ **St. John @ the Bay**
- ☐ Services • May 6, 13 & 30 - 3p
- ☐ • Mother of Sorrows
- ☐ Services • May 27 - 6:30p • Mother of Sorrows

MAY RECYCLING HOURS

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

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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

COMING EVENTS IN JUNE 2018

- ☐ PIBHS Graduation • June 1 - 6:30p • Monument
- ☐ Wine in the Garden • June 2 - 3to5p • Nature Center
- ☐ Alumni Banquet Buffet • June 3 - 1130a • Crew's Nest
- ☐ LEI ML Softball First Pitch • June 4 - 6p • Ball Diamond
- ☐ Employee Welcome Fair • June 5 - 6 to 8p • St Paul's
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Con • June 8-10 • Niagara Event Center
- ☐ 14th Annual SBI Kayak Rendezvous • Jun 8-11
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Music Festival • June 9 • Monument Grounds
- ☐ Swim/Sail Classes Begin • June 11
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Music Festival • June 12 • Monument Grounds
- ☐ PIB Swim/Sail Spaghetti Dinner • June 15 • PIBYC
- ☐ Pooch Parade • June 16 - Registration 9:30a/Parade 10a • De Rivera Park
- ☐ Founder's Day • June 16 - 11a to 4p • De Rivera Park
- ☐ Brig Niagara Visit • June 22 thru 24
- ☐ Pyrate Fest • June 22 - 25
- ☐ Pyrate 5K Run/Walk • June 24 - 9:30a

Items for the Island Calendar
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Senior Center News from Chris Joyce

Older Americans Month

Did you know that May is OAM "Older Americans Month?" Here at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center, we recognize that older adults are paving the way for future generations. We appreciate how the PIB seniors contribute to and benefit from our wonderful island community.

April Fun

While April was a quiet month, we did host several special activities including a "Soup & Show Pajama Party" and our monthly off-season "Senior Social at Tipper's." The big excitement in April was the painting of the Senior Center and installation of our new carpet which looks awesome!!! We also got our new chairs and will soon have the new ceiling tiles installed. Our redecoration committee will be deciding on window treatments and furniture in the near future.

May Fun to Come

The month of May is packed with extra events and activities: On Weds., May 2nd from 10-2pm "Spring Senior Day" is being held at the Camp Perry Clubhouse with an "Ohio Sports" theme; the cost is \$6 and includes lunch, entertainment, Senior Hall of Fame awards, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, vendor booths and much more! This event is open to any Ottawa Co. senior. On Weds., May 9th. at 10 a.m., Stein Hospice will be here to present their Program "Hospice 101" and finally on Weds, May 16th, we'll be heading to Fifth Third Field to cheer on the Toledo Mud Hens! For additional information please check out flyers and calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library and our website: www.PIBseniorcenter.org.

Please Note

The Senior Center will be closed for all activities on Tues. May 8th, as the facility will be in use for the Primary Election. Voting hours are: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Senior Center will also be closed on Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Senior Lunches

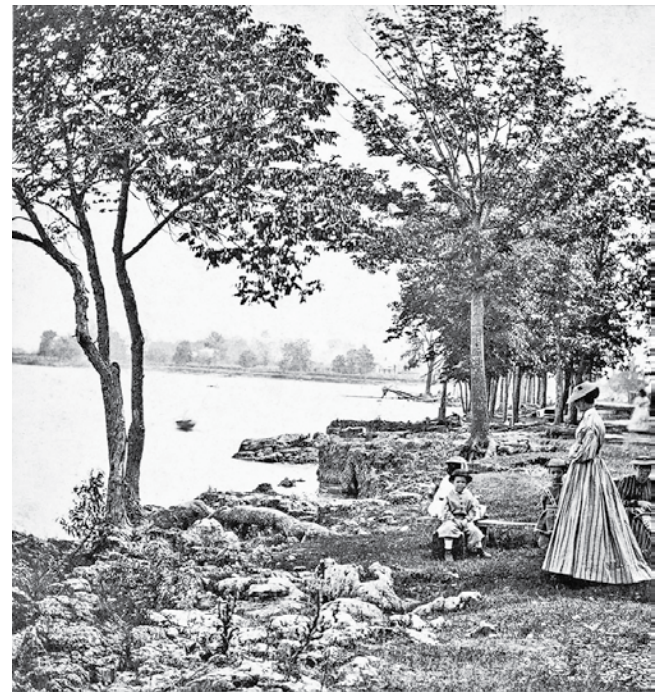
Senior Lunches are held at Tipper's every Thursday at noon. It's important to reserve your spot by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the Center at 419-285-5501 to make a reservation. We need to let Tipper's kitchen know the count of those planning to attend by noon on Wednesday, so please make your reservation for these fun Senior Lunches!

Your Health

The wonderful people from the PIB EMS continue to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10: a.m. during the Coffee Social. Feel free to get yours checked! Also, 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 & over and is held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month. The date for May is Thursday, May 24th.

Everyone Welcome!

The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate with us. Our regular weekly activities continue with aerobic dance/walking, strength training, coffee socials, aquamation, Mah Jongg, yoga, bridge, senior lunch at Tipper's and many other activities. Don't forget - even if we do not have an event scheduled, all seniors are welcome to use the fitness equipment here at the center.



ABOVE: Chris Joyce from the Senior Center guarantees us that she know exactly which island seniors remember when the island was this way. Ask her and she will tell you. This was taken on the shoreline of the harbor at Put-in-Bay.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 4 pm Yoga 7pm Dupl. Bridge	2 10-2PM SPECIAL EVENT! Everyone Join Us! Cost: \$6 SENIOR DAY AT CAMP PERRY "Ohio Sports Theme" 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social	3 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 12pm Sr. Lunch @Tipper's 4pm Yoga 7pm Mah Jongg	4 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
7 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures	8 PRIMARY ELECTION <i>No Scheduled Activities</i> 6:30am - 7:30pm *VOTE HERE AT SENIOR CENTER*	9 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Stein Hospice Program "Hospice 101"	10 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 12pm Sr. Lunch @Tipper's 4pm Yoga 7pm Mah Jongg	11 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
14 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures	15 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 4 pm Yoga 7pm Dupl. Bridge	16 8-3pm Senior Day @ THE MUD HENS GAME 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social	17 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 12:00 Legion Lunch 12pm Sr. Lunch @Tipper's 4pm Yoga 7pm Mah Jongg	18 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
21 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures	22 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 4 pm Yoga 7pm Dupl. Bridge	23 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Sr. Ctr Monthly Meeting	24 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> ** 60+ Clinic ** 12pm Sr. Lunch @Tipper's 4pm Yoga 7pm Mah Jongg	25 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
28 MEMORIAL DAY Senior Center CLOSED 	29 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 4 pm Yoga 7pm Dupl. Bridge	30 <i>8am Aerobic Dance/Walk</i> 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social	31 <i>9 am Aquamation</i> 12pm Sr. Lunch @Tipper's 4pm Yoga 7pm Mah Jongg	 MAY 16TH 8-3pm Senior Day!

Site Manager
Christine Joyce

Senior Lunch @ Tipper's
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**Don't forget to check out this month's highlighted "Special Programs/Events"*

Dates to Remember
Thursday: May 3rd: Nat'l Day of Prayer
Sunday May 13th: Mother's Day
Monday May 28th: Memorial Day



LEFT: Miller Boat Line's "Build Team" reviews design specs for their new passenger/ vehicle ferry to be launched in 2019. The new vessel is being designed in collaboration with Elliot Bay Design of Seattle, Washington. After design finalization, the Miller team will review construction bids from several shipyards across the country and announce the builder in May. Pictured: Left to right are David Dress, William (Billy) Market, Jake Market, Scott Market and David Bianchi. For more ferry information see MillerFerry.com



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New this summer

This year, there are some changes and new things on the island. Here are few things to bring you up to date.

Monument Open

After being closed for renovation last year, access to the observation deck will be in regular operation. You will, however, pay more to get to the top. This year the price for an adult is \$10. Children are free.

Cameo Pizza has Moved

Cameo Pizza has moved to Mr. Ed's from across from the Reel Bar on Catawba Ave. You can order pizza at a walk-up window in the walkway from Delaware Ave. to Mist.

High Water

The high water will we've been experiencing this spring isn't going to just evaporate away before summer. Look for some interesting high water days when the breeze is out of the northeast. Expect high water in some of the downtown's low lying roads along the water.

Put-in-Play Con

One of the new events in Put-in-Play Con at the Niagara Event Center the second weekend in June. Lots of people will be dress up in costumes that weekend, so there should be some great people-watching days that weekend.

Margaritas on the Rock

At Harbour Square, adult beverage lovers will find Margaritas on the Rock a great place to sit and relax with a Margarita and enjoy a bit of Southwestern cuisine.

Outside Seating at Pasquale's

At Pasquale's, there expanded seating along side Lorraine Ave. and in the property's rear.

Race Reunion Date Shifted

The popular Road Race Reunion will take place at the end of September, not at the end of August. We're not sure why the date was changed, but it certainly won't interfere with all the thrills of sports car racing at the island airport.

Remodelled Bathroom

And last, but not least, Bill and Lisa Kehoe have a newly remodelled bathroom at their cottage on Chapman Rd. on East Point.

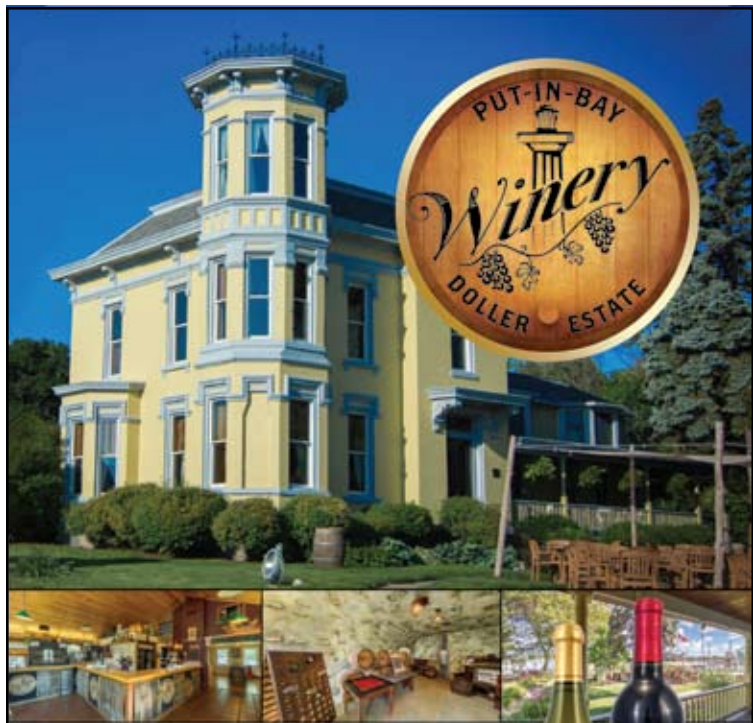
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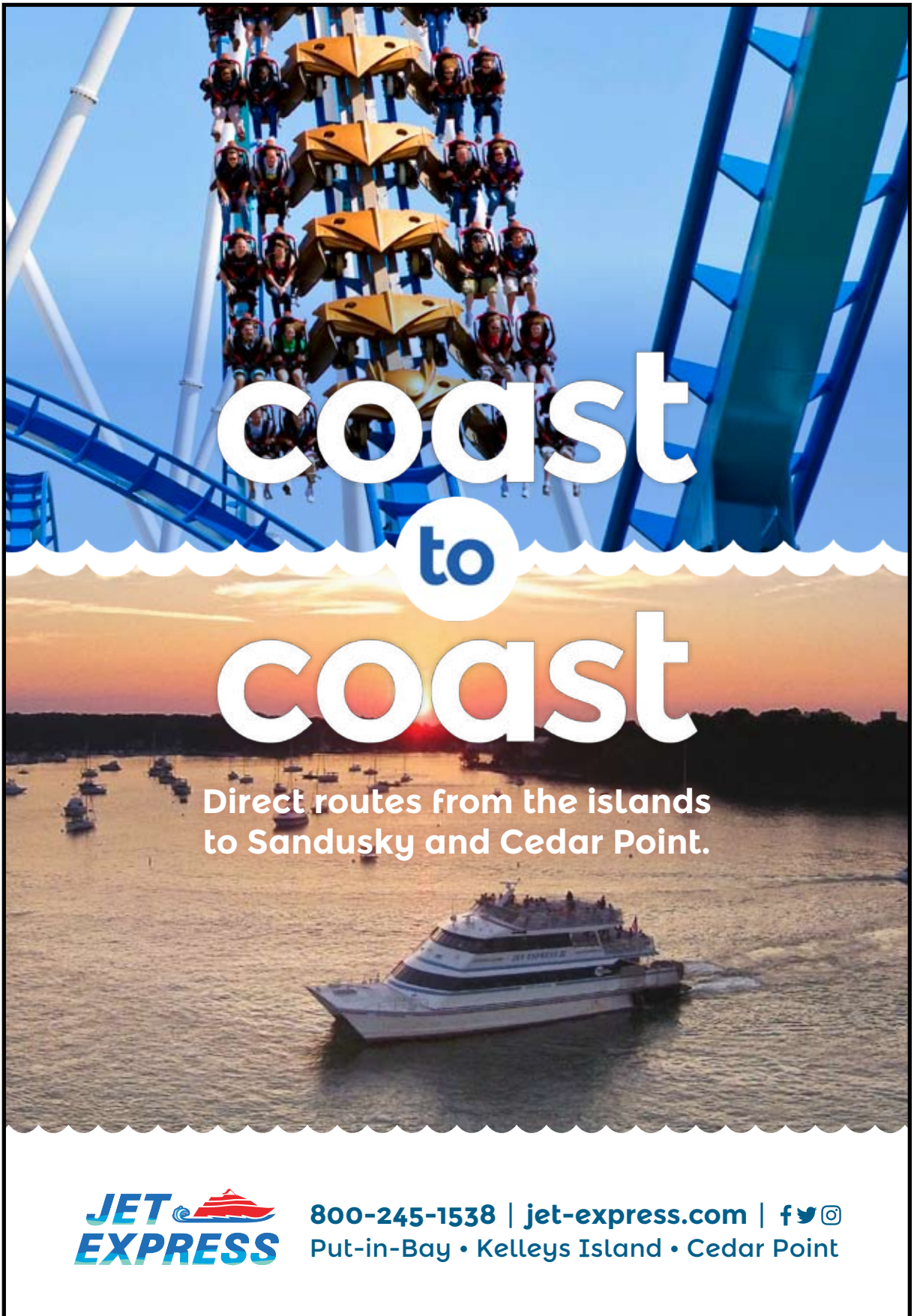
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ABOVE: Lauren Peter in the blue Put-in-Bay shirt in the photo on the left and Jack Booker in the foreground of the photo on the right are two Put-in-Bay High School students who are taking advantage of the extra-curricular activities this spring that include competing in track meets on the mainland. In a recent race on the mainland Lauren was second in the 1,600 and third in the 800 for Put-in-Bay.

PIBHS offers expanded extra-curricular activities

Put-in-Bay School has expanded their offerings of extra-curricular activities this spring. Students can now participate in track and sailing. "We have a couple athletes who have the potential to compete at very high levels in track, so we decided to hire a coach and schedule some meets. We do not have a running track on the island, but that has not prevented us from training. Coach Seth Benner, the Port Clinton track coach, has provided us with training routines and videos. Once or twice a week our runners take the ferry to the mainland and go to Port Clinton's track facilities to work out with their athletes," said Steve Poe, Put-in-Bay's School superintendent. "Coach Benner has gone above and beyond to train our athletes. We appreciate the Port Clinton administration for letting us share their coach!" Poe added.

In addition to track, Put-in-Bay has added sailing to its list of extra-curricular activities. "We have a number of students who know how to sail from being involved with the island's summer sail program, plus Coralee Wisniewski, an experienced sail instructor, recently moved to the island. Our kids can now look forward to competing against other schools."



RIGHT: There's nothing more fun that sailing in a dry suit on a cold windy day on the frigid waters in Put-in-Bay Harbor. That's what these students in the Put-in-Bay High Sailing Team were doing on several afternoons in April.

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RIGHT: One of the new fun things to try on the island this season are crawlers from the Put-in-Bay Brewery & Distillery. You can get yours filled with any of the great beers they make right on the premises. Personally, I want mine filled with the rum or vodka they distill there, too.

Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

It's April 20 and winter is still with us. When will Islanders finally be able to give up their winter coats? Stores and restaurants are opening and we hopefully shake off the bone-chilling cold of this winter and revel in our few sunny days. May 5 is Derby Day, May 10 Council shifts to the second Thursday at 7 pm, May 12 the EMS Spaghetti Dinner, May 17-19 Nest With The Birds, May 17 KIAC pot luck (by the way there are lots of activities scheduled - check the website for dates and details www.kelleysislandnature.com). May 19 KILA Welcome Back Potluck, Safety Services Day on the Casino Dock and the KI History Museum opens, May 20 KI Police car wash, and May 24 is the Island's Bike Week day, just to mention a few of the events this month.

SCRAP METAL DAY

Scrap Metal Day will be held on June 2nd. Clean up your scrap metal for free (except where Freon must be removed) from 10-3 at the Transfer Station. THE KI HISTORY MUSEUM opens on May 19 with free admission as they celebrate International Museum Day. The displays this year are Island Electricity and Bathing beauties of the 1950's.

VILLAGE FINANCES

Greg Ritchie and Mike Feyedelem (Finance Committee) prepared a report on the financial health of the village for 2017. There are six major funds: General, Water, Road Construction, Street Maintenance, Fire and EMS. If you ever had a question about where Village money comes from or how it is spent - this is the report to read (www.KelleysIsland.us click on Village News). Here are some highlights. GENERAL FUND INCOME: 85% of our income comes from taxes (Property, Resort Area, Homestead and rollback), Mayor's Court accounts for just 5% and 10% comes from permits, leases, rental fees, licenses and other sources. GENERAL FUND EXPENSES: The Police Dept accounts for 33%, Village Workers 7%, legal 14%, contract services 13% and 17% other (loans, capital outlay, auditor and misc.). This left the Village with a deficit in 2017 of \$111,227. WATER FUND: Income: 98% is generated from billing, tap fees and bulk water sales. Expenses: 47% Salaries and benefits, 37% office and distribution, 15% loans. ROAD CONSTRUCTION FUND: Income - 100% from taxes. Expenses - 95% Capital improvements. STREET MAINTENANCE: 99% from taxes. Expenses - salaries, benefits, travel, contract services, supplies & materials.

COUNCIL NEWS

In May, Council meetings switch to 7 pm on the second Thursday of the month at Kelley's Hall. If the March and April meetings are any indication, Council meetings will be

pretty exciting. There were some pretty heated discussions on several topics and there is a distinctive voting block. Since one Council member was absent, several motions failed that might have either passed or ended in a tie vote (broken by the Mayor). The usual one hour meeting stretched to nearly two hours. HOT TOPICS included pay raises for multiple employees (voted down), Consumer Price Index increases (clarification needed), increase in water rates (voted down), salary for water plant superintendent (changed to first reading), a freeze on all non-mandatory salary increases (passed), applying for a loan for water plant improvements (changed to first reading), and hiring a new Village Administrator (pending personal interviews with the four candidates). The GOLIATH HOUSE is proving to be an unexpected strain on the Village. Back in December the Village contracted for mold mitigation in the house, but now it appears that the porch needs to be rebuilt (approx. \$12,500) before the mold work is done. Repairs to the house are adding up and, coupled with the \$2000+ mortgage payment each month, might prove the house to be a white elephant for the village. The house, built in 1870 but with numerous additions over the years, has seven bedrooms and one bath (according to the Auditor's office). It sits on one acre of land and adjoins the Village office property. It seems no one wants to move into the house (paramedic housing and Village offices were suggested with no interest from either party). The Lands and Buildings committee will meet to determine its future. If the Village cannot find a use for the house it might be demolished or perhaps the lot, or part of the lot with the house, might be sold to cut losses. PARKING ON DIVISION ST. might be a little tighter this year as the driveway to the new Sand Lot (former Tiki Hut) will eliminate two spaces on the street. Council is reviewing options. The TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE has outreached to several companies including Hancock Wood Electric/fiber options, Beam Wireless, Western Reserve Communications and Amplex (installed in some places already). Also they advised us that FRONTIER will be starting new tech upgrades by the end of April which should take 2-3 weeks. A shortcut to the Committee can be found at www.KelleysIsland.us under Village News. The POLICE DEPT. has begun pulling people over for running stop signs, speeding and vehicle registration. The completed house checks logged in at 576 house and 104 business checks this winter. Phone calls are increasing (231 last month). You can keep up with KIPD news on their Facebook page. Ferry information can be found on the Ferryboat Facebook page. The dept. received permission from Council to install a MEDICATION DROP BOX at the station. Most mainland department's have them. It keeps old

and unused meds out of septic/sewer/lake systems and out of the hands of inquisitive children.

THE BIG STORM

We asked Leslie about any storm damage that occurred on Kelleys Island. She wrote, "No, it doesn't look like we lost any land during the high water/storms, but most of the docks on the south side were under or near under water. Many of our south shore docks were badly damaged by ice this winter - some cool videos of the ice approaching a dock, then lifting and cracking the concrete slabs as the photographer beat rapid feet in reverse. The waves didn't help what was left of some of these docks.



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LEFT: Steve Stapleton from the Monument maintenance staff enjoying the flooded road that goes by Perry's Monument. Thank goodness for the large vehicles and toys like this that were high enough to get through the high water without stalling out. - Photo by Paul Lemmon

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ABOVE LEFT: The morning of April 2nd, the day-to-day stuff had been removed from the kitchen in the Undercroft at St. Paul's and the appliances had been relocated to a new home, plus the cupboards were beginning to come down in anticipation of the construction. Pictured are Mary Ann Meyers and Valerie Chornyak from the West Shore. ABOVE CENTER: When Marylou Ramsbottom stopped by, she discovered all the cupboards were gone and the wallboard was coming down. ABOVE RIGHT: On April 5th, the bell choir, (l to r) Lizzy Many, Cody Kowalski, Sue Amrine and Alan Kowalski, realizes that they can see the original wood behind the walls. The beams were placed there in 1865 which means those trees were growing on the island while Oliver Hazard Perry was fighting the Battle of Lake Erie.



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A Blessed Gift for St. Paul's

An anonymous donor offered to provide the funds needed to renovate the area St. Paul's uses to prepare coffee hours and other community activities where meals are served. The committee worked diligently so the work could begin the week after Easter in hopes of completing the modernization before Pentecost. We are grateful for the planning and preparation provided by Dave Zilch of Roger Miller Builders who worked with us to ensure the best possible result. With all the plans in place the Kitchen committee quickly removed all the kitchenware. The coffee hour set up is "camping out" in the parish hall during the renovation. They will have a few days before the ribbon cutting to move everything into the new space.

Community members are all invited to join St. Paul's on May 20th for the celebration of Pentecost and the ribbon cutting for the kitchen renovation. There will be a string duet and other celebrations to observe the day. We expect the anonymous donor will be able to observe the ribbon cutting through a FaceTime video feed.

St. Paul's first kitchen started in the space where the coal burning heating system sat 150 years ago. The space became a kitchen after the oil burning heat was installed and over the years it was improved as newer appliances and materials became available. The last significant update occurred in the 1950s with the addition of green Formica counters. The Burrs donated a stove in the 1990s and when microwaves became popular, one was added. Some of the details about previous upgrades became clear when the entire kitchen area was taken apart revealing the 153-year-old timbers and some original electrical wiring which may have been 100 years old! It is a relief to know the Electrical system is ready to support our current needs thanks to Scott Pugh's work. The kitchen is the hub of all the electrical use in the building.

After removing the previous materials which seemed like anything that was not nailed down, St. Paul's saw how the space was constructed. The original stone foundation received a covering of cement some time in the past. One of the older wires for the first electric stove was embedded in that cement. After the electrical work was complete, including a new line to allow crock pots to be plugged in on the new center island, the wallboard went up in short order. It was prepared for the installation of new cabinets. New flooring covered the cement base and a dropped ceiling with LED fixture was added. The picture of the finished kitchen space will not be revealed until next month. To see it before the June Gazette appears, join St. Paul's worshipping community on Pentecost (May 20th for worship and an extravagant coffee hour.



ABOVE: This is how the kitchen looked at the end of April. In the picture is Dave Zilch from Roger Miller Builder, Inc. who is managing the entire Project

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St. Paul's youth, Ella Kostura, Elora Hubner and Melody Many, joined teens from across the Diocese for the annual Spring Youth Event on April 27-29. This year's event was hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Elyria. The church is very close to Bellwether Farm Camp, Retreat, and Education Center, the new camp being developed by the Diocese of Ohio. The teens spent Saturday planting trees and enjoyed the trails winding through the 137 acre property. Our PIB youth reconnect with other Episcopal youth almost monthly as they gather for events which strengthen their faith. Many of the youth are preparing to participate in a Pilgrimage program the summer of 2018. Older youth will travel to Belize which the middle schoolers will have a pilgrimage closer to home in late summer.

Employee Welcome Fair

It's that time again... when students from all over the globe arrive at Put-in-Bay to work and learn about American culture. To help them make the transition, St. Paul's Church is hosting a Welcome Fair on June 5th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the church undercroft (enter through the Food Pantry.) We would like to introduce the student workers to some of the great things that PiB has to offer, starting with a homemade soup supper, a gift bag, and information about some of the services that are available. We would also like to give the new employees a chance to win valuable prizes, such as Miller Boat passes!

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

- o Donate a prize for the drawing (contact Candy Baker 440-708-8176.)
- o Help stuff gift bags (May 29th, 2:00, St. Paul's undercroft)
- o Attend the Fair to meet and welcome the students
- o Most importantly, encourage your employees to attend

Save the dates of other employee soup suppers this summer: July 11 and August 9
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Found on the Internet

The average salary for Business Development Consultants in Put In Bay, OH is \$98K. A Business Development Consultant in Put In Bay, OH makes an average of \$98K, ranging from \$73K to \$124K based on fewer than 20 profiles.

Editor's Note: If you find interesting things about the Lake Erie Islands on the Internet, please email them to pibgazette@frontier.com. Thank you. PS - Remember, everything on the Internet is true!

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CHRISTIE ONTKO

As I chose my large lava rock to sit upon, I took note of my surroundings as I always do when in a strange environment. I waved to a man I noticed near a tent-like structure. I waved. He smiled and waved back. I felt no fear.

Then, I heard a rooster's crow and immediately, my stomach twirled. I turned toward the sound of this loud crow and noticed the beautiful bird on the branch of a tree a few yards away. Phew...he was far enough away. I telepathically told him how beautiful he was and hoped he would leave me alone. Having chickens of my own on Put-in-Bay, I've come across some nasty roosters. One even attacked my youngest daughter Meredith when she was in tenth grade.

We were getting ready for school and I asked her to let the chickens out. I was running through the house, gathering the last of my teacher things and putting my coat on, when I heard her scream.

"MOM! HELP!!"

Dropping my coat, I ran toward the backyard. Our rooster was chasing after my daughter! In all his glory with feathers all fluffed up, and spurs ready for action, Meredith wasn't kidding when she screamed for help. She needed it!

As I ran I yelled, "Use your backpack!" She attempted to protect herself and swing the pack at the same time, but she was only making the rooster angrier. She was unable to run out, because he was in front of the gate fiercely attempting an attack of her legs with his spurs. Thank goodness she was in jeans and a winter jacket, more protection.

I grabbed the rake that was lying against the fence, and came into the coop with the energy of a crazed Mother Hen. Something came over me, and I went after that bird with a fury I didn't know existed inside me. He backed down and I shooed him away from the gate, allowing Meredith and I to escape.

Needless to say, I've seen a rooster in attack mode and it isn't fun.

A few moments after the rooster crowed on the Maui beach that morning, I recalled that morning with Meredith and laughed aloud, allowing the ocean to hear my happiness. I missed my daughter and those days of teaching school on Put-in-Bay, but truly felt an enormous sense of gratitude for where life had led me. I was on a freakin' beach looking out at the Pacific Ocean.

Then, outta' nowhere, he was there beside me, inches away in fact, the large beautiful bird in all his rooster glory. My stomach did another, much larger flip.

A second later, I heard an older man's voice coming from behind me.

"Don't worry, he won't hurt ya." I turned slowly toward the man, "Thank you, he startled me," I replied with a smile. He was the same man who'd waved at me just a few minutes before.

"He'll even let you pet him, but he may give you a little peck," he said as he swooped in and picked up the bird. "I've raised him myself!" He cradled him in his arms just like a little dog.

Island Girl: Maui "The Rooster Man"

By Christine L. Ontko

Something told me to walk a different way that morning. Normally, I walk as far as the path allows, then veer off to the left in order to head back home. But, this morning, I walked to the end of the paved path and beyond. It led me to an area where I could sit and look out upon the ocean in a



ABOVE: The Rooster Man

shaded area underneath large Native trees of Maui. I loved the State Park and walked there often, but this hidden spot was new to me.

Well, this was indeed a new experience for me. A friendly rooster! I was grateful to the man who had "saved me," just as I protected Meredith that morning. The Rooster Man was my instant friend.

I stood up and began explaining, "I have chickens back on my other island, so I know all about them and, uh, roosters aren't always that nice."

"Other island?"

"It's in Lake Erie. Much smaller than Maui, but tourism all the same," I explained. "Only about three miles at its longest point."

Chuckling, he declared, "You mustn't ever get island fever here, then."

"Not at all! I actually think of this as the mainland. Everything you need is here."

"Yup. It's all here," he said.

I noticed sadness in his eyes when he spoke. We talked about chickens some more. He told me there were no other hens nearby, just his pet rooster. He had been taking care of him now for two years. The old man hoped that no other hens would come around his camp so there wouldn't be any attention drawn to his special spot.

"Outta' sight, outta' mind," he began, "It's not legal for me to be here," he explained further.

I nodded in an unspoken agreement that his secret was safe with me.

I asked him if I could take his picture and he agreed, but held his head down. He seemed to want to stay hidden from view, but at the same time, was overjoyed at having his photo taken.

"What's his name?" I asked.

"Roy." He talked about Roy some more. "He was bred to be a fightin' bird. You can tell because his beak is sharp and could really do some damage. He's also the breed they usually use for fightin'. I found him inside a paper bag in a garbage can."

"Oh, how sad."

"Yup. I think they thought he was dead because chickens can pass out, ya' know. I think they just dumped him after that. He was a lot smaller then, but I've been feedin' him and takin' care of him ever since."

"You're doing such a great job! Look at those gorgeous green tail feathers and his comb is beautiful! No molting, either. He looks GREAT!" I praised.

"Thank you." He beamed with pride and love as he continued to hold the large bird in his arms. "I try. One time, though, he got sick and ya' know, there are no veterinarians on the island who will help a rooster because of all the illegal fightin' that goes on."

I wondered how he could even afford to pay a vet. I could feel the gentleness of his heart. He spoke of the history of cock fighting as a way to make the roosters stronger and more fierce, in order to fend off rodents. "Not like the illegal rooster fights of today, where they allow them to kill," he explained further, "They'd just choose the strongest bird."

He spoke further, "Man used to fight hand-to-hand and now how we glorify the hurtin' of one another." More from him came, talk of history of the world, wars and how things have evolved. I just listened.

It was time for me to say good-bye, I'm sure Cliff would wonder what was taking me so long this morning, and I didn't want to worry him. The Rooster Man felt so much love for his pet and this was obvious. He may not have a home, car or even clean clothing, but he had love and an ocean view.

Letters to the Editor

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ABOVE: (Left to right) Judge James Knepp, Miyo, Max, Maria and Mia Hristovski, and the Mayor of Toledo, Wade Kapszukiewicz at the Naturalization Ceremony in Toledo in April.



ABOVE: (Left to right) Celebrating the island's newest American Citizens are (left to right) Melinda Myers, Susan Market, Joan Booker, Nick and Simona Michael, Melissa and Ross Radkov, Amanda Goaziou, Linda Mahony, Max, Mia, Maria and Miyo Hristovski, and Marsha and Ray Collett.

Memorial Bench Dedication for Danny French Sunday May 13th 4 p.m. Massie Cliffside Preserve

Milestones

NEW CITIZENS

Miyo & Maria Hristovski

Congratulations to Mijo and Maria Hristovski, owners of Adventure Bay, the Sandbar and Harbor Square, who became citizens of the United States of America at a Naturalization Ceremony on April 10th, 2018, at St. Francis De Sale High School in Toledo. They were sworn in by the Honorable James R. Knepp, Presiding United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Western Division. The Oath of Citizenship was delivered by the Honorable Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor of Toledo. After the ceremony, they celebrated with island friends.

HALF CENTURY

John Schneider

Here's wishing John Schneider from Middle Bass a happy 50th birthday on May 14th. John runs the Sonny S ferry between Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass. Hopefully, John will have a big party on his birthday.

OBITUARY

Lori Milson

Lorene "Lori" (Waitkus) Milson, 60, of Cape Coral, Fla., passed away October 29, 2017, after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. She was born Dec. 18, 1956, to Paul and Dorothy (Rayburg) Waitkus in Dayton, Ohio. Lori grew up in Dayton, graduated in 1975 from West Carrollton High School and worked in Dayton until 1996. She also worked in Canton, MI and Ft. Myers, FL. At Put-in-Bay she worked at The Keys running the docks there when it first opened and then at Topsy Turvey's. She and her husband, Gary Milson were married 23 years and resided in Port Clinton, Ohio, and Cape Coral, Florida. They also spent several years traveling on their beloved sailboat, Tessa, and had temporary residences in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Key Biscayne, Fla. Lori attended Immaculate Conception Church in Port Clinton and St. Andrews Catholic Church in Cape Coral. Lori was an avid sailor, loved fishing, traveling, cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Waitkus, and her niece, Jessica McCabe. Lori is survived by her spouse, Gary, of Cape Coral; her mother, Dorothy (Rayburg) Waitkus of Dayton; her sister, Cindy McCabe; brother David (Sandy) Waitkus; stepsons Charles (Kerry) and Jonathan Milson; granddaughter Alexandra "Lexi" Milson; niece Amy (Justin) Gabbard; one great niece and two great nephews. A celebration of life was held in her honor in November in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. A memorial service and interment at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, OH was held in Nov. 10th in Dayton, Ohio. Donations may be made to the North Coast Cancer (Sandusky) Cleveland Clinic, 417 Quarry Lakes Dr., Sandusky, Ohio 44870. www.fullermetz.com. On May 19th at 10 a.m., A Celebration of Life for Lori will be held at Mother of Sorrows here at Put-in-Bay. Deacon Mike Leahy will be the celebrant.



John Schneider



Lori Milson

As we approach Memorial Day this month, here's a little clipping about William Market, the grandfather of Billy, Scott and Julene, as he returned from France after World War I.

—William Market who has been in France over a year, returned to the island Sunday. He arrived in Port Clinton early Sunday morning. As soon as possible he sent word to his father here of his safe arrival. Mr. Market immediately set out for Port Clinton in his boat to bring his soldier son home. A large number of old friends were glad to welcome the soldier back and to listen to the interesting story of his travels. Although in his absence from the island he has seen many interesting and novel things, he is very glad to be home again.

Services for Bob Schmidt

Mass and Funeral Service for Bob Schmidt will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 1 p.m. at Mother of Sorrows. Fr. Jim Peiffer and Deacon Mike will lead the service. Burial with Honor Guard will take place at Maple Leaf Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ohio Veterans Home Sandusky, Mother of Sorrows Church Put-in-Bay, or Sorrowful Mothers Shrine in Oak Harbor would be appreciated.

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ABOVE: David Kniffen receiving award.

Islander wins film award

Pella, Iowa - Put-in-Bay High School graduate of the Class of 1997, and business owner David Kniffen was honored by the Iowa Motion Picture Association (IMPA) with an award of achievement for his film "#TroyfromTroy" on April 21, 2018. Kniffen graduated from the University of Michigan last spring with a degree in film and journalism and for his final project created the film about his best friend. "#TroyfromTroy" is an exposé documentary of one man's loss of his best friend to an unlikely addiction. The heartfelt story profiles their 33-year friendship and his journey to uncover what happened. The film serves as a metaphor for the opioid crisis; anyone from anywhere could be the next victim.

The IMPA has celebrated films for 27 years at annual gala. The only caveat is that the films they honor must have some connection to the state. In Kniffen's film, the title character, "Troy" and his family all hail from Davenport, Iowa, prior to relocating to Troy, Michigan. "#TroyfromTroy"

has received critical acclaim; winning 1st Place in the University of Michigan writing awards, becoming the official selection for multiple film festivals around the country and recently nominated by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Michigan Chapter for the Emmy of Student Production Award.

David Kniffen was accompanied by his wife Connie, and joined by the family of Troy Lemkau, who traveled from Florida and Michigan to attend the event. The twenty minute film can be viewed at www.vimeo.com/kniffen/TroyfromTroy

Two new oak trees in park

Once again, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to the goals and principles of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Put-in-Bay achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Put-in-Bay's Arbor Day Celebration took place in the downtown park on Friday, April 27, 2018. The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay allocated funds for the Arbor Day expenses.

On Arbor Day, two bur oak trees were planted in the Village Park. A bur oak is a hardy choice for island's rocky, shoreline soil.

Also on that day a third tree, a chinquapin oak, was planted in DeRivera Park by the Put-in-Bay Garden Club in memory of Danny French.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization whose mission is to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Information is available at arborday.org.

Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris and Kendra Koehler.



ABOVE: This home at Burgundy Bay was surrounded by the rising water of the northeast storm that hit the islands in mid-April. Years ago when Burgundy Bay was first developed, there was a swimming pool beside the clubhouse building a short distance from this home. When the storm was over, the pool was filled with beach stone. That pool had to be abandoned and moved.



ABOVE: L to R: Ethan Barr, Stewart Barr and Gordon Barr from Middle Bass inspect Stewart's favorite boat (a Lyman 26' hard top cruiser). Attention to his family and restoring Lyman's were Stewart's passion.

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ABOVE: The top photo shows the flooding on the Jet Express Dock in mid-April. The lower photo was taken at the then Parker's Dock during a storm in the early 1970s and shows the lake water was quite a bit higher.

Pooch Parade returns

Last year, the Pooch Parade did not take place, but happily, the event is a go this year, and the 12th Annual Island Pooch Parade will be held Saturday, June 16th, in DeRivera Park. Dogs of all kinds and sizes are encouraged to bring their owners and participate.

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

The \$10 entry fee makes your closest friend qualified to compete for prizes in one or more of the following categories: smallest, largest dog, most talented dog, individual best dressed dog, group best dressed dogs, and finally the dog that looks most like its owner.

Volunteer judges will ponder the pooches. The fun event is always a smooth, fast paced affair with no "paws".

This is always an enjoyable and entertaining event for the whole island and especially for the children. Put it on your calendar and we'll see you June 16th.

For more info, you can contact Kathy North at (614) 306-4376 or email Kathleen.north4@gmail.com

Question of the Month

I currently have a golf cart that has been licensed for road use at Put-in-Bay for the last ten years. It was licensed as a motor vehicle at that time. With the golf cart regulations which started a year ago, do I have to register or re-title my golf cart as an "under-speed" vehicle and have it inspected for use on the streets at Put-in-Bay?

Answer: Since your golf cart was licensed under the older motor vehicle code, you do not have to have it re-titled, registered or inspected. You can keep your current plates as long as you own the vehicle.

Put-in-Bay's new "under-speed" ordinance addresses only those golf carts which qualify as under speed in the Ohio Revised Code. If you buy a new cart and it qualifies as a under-speed vehicle, you will have to have it inspected by the Put-in-Bay Police Department for use here on the island. See Ohio Revised Code 4501.01 (XX) to see if your golf cart qualifies.

Part of the under-speed vehicle ordinance requires all drivers of these types of golf carts to have a valid drivers license.

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ABOVE LEFT: Paula Ziebarth helping clean in the woods on Earth Day. ABOVE: Left to right are Marty Faris, Kristin Stanford with Vivien Scarpelli, Matthew Newhouse, Travis Zawisza, Lisa Brohl kneeling, Todd Newhouse, Paula Ziebarth, Jennifer Newhouse, Roger Parker, Susan Bixler holding Vince Scarpelli, Steve Orlando holding Sienna Orlando (eight month old-youngest participant!) on Earth Day with their "SAVE COOPER'S WOODS!" signs. The more we find out about Cooper's Woods, the more we realize how important it is to save it for its enjoyment by future generations.

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Earth Day at Put-in-Bay

World Earth Day was held on Sunday, April 22, and individuals on South Bass Island joined in the international activity. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy held an Earth Day celebration at the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. Paula Ziebarth presented a program on purple martins and tree swallows. The martins and swallows have returned to the Preserve from their wintering in South America. Binoculars were available for closer looks at these early spring arrivals. Participants were provided garbage bags and buckets to clean up the Preserve. Garbage bags and water were provided by the Heineman Winery. The group also saw the recently built Chimney Swift Tower. Lake Erie islands Conservancy member Karen Jennings funded the construction of the tower, and Casey Carty built the structure, transporting it in three pieces to the island. Using tall ladders and a backhoe, Carty along with Eric Booker and Ken Farber erected the tower. After the clean-up at the Scheeff Preserve, many went to the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail to pull out invasive garlic mustard which is encroaching on the early spring wildflowers. Dutchmans breeches are growing along the wildflower trail.

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ABOVE: Casey Carty (on the ladder) and Ken Farber are shown here putting up the chimney swift tower at Scheeff's East Point Preserve last month. Thanks goes to them and to Richard Gump and Eric Booker who also help with the project. - Photo by Mary Myers



ABOVE: Joseph and Mike Byrnes helped clean up garlic mustard in the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail on Earth Day.

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ABOVE: Reading the Put-in-Bay Gazette at the Pine Club in Dayton, OH, are (left to right) Jane Bringardner from East Point, Maria and Jim Wehrheim from Fox's Den, Tom and Molly Fontana and Jeff Bringardner from East Point.



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This & That

HAVING TROUBLE GETTING STUDENT WORKERS FROM OVERSEAS

We've talked to some island employers who are having difficulty getting student workers from foreign countries who want to come to the U.S. to work for the summer. The government has been reducing the number of student workers in the last few years. Put-in-Bay businesses have grown to depend on these workers for the busy tourist season. They will just have to wait and see what happens this summer.

WE ARE TAKING UP CORN HOLE

If what we read is true, we are going to take up corn hole immediately. It seems the 7th Annual Ohio's Largest Corn Hole Tournament is taking place, as it usually does, on South Bass Island at the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center. We're going to win some of that \$2,000 cash and other prizes, or maybe even come home with the \$500 first prize. The tournament is on Friday, May 11th, and Saturday, May 12th, at the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center on their large pool deck. It is sponsored by Budweiser. On Saturday night, after the Kings (or Queens) of Cornhole are crowned, everyone is invited to Mr Ed's Bar & Grille for a fun party with live entertainment and reduced drink prices!

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Sheri Kowalski is storing the container we can use for transport at 419-285-7023. We wish to thank both Dustin Shaffer at the Island Air Taxi and Griffing Island Airlines for their help in transporting birds to the mainland for pickup. And a big thanks to Sandi Glauser for transporting the red-tailed hawk to Back to the Wild for us once the bird was on the mainland.

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