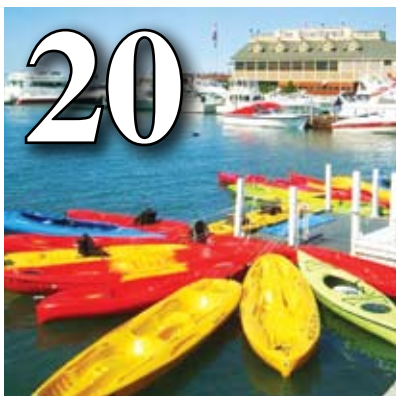
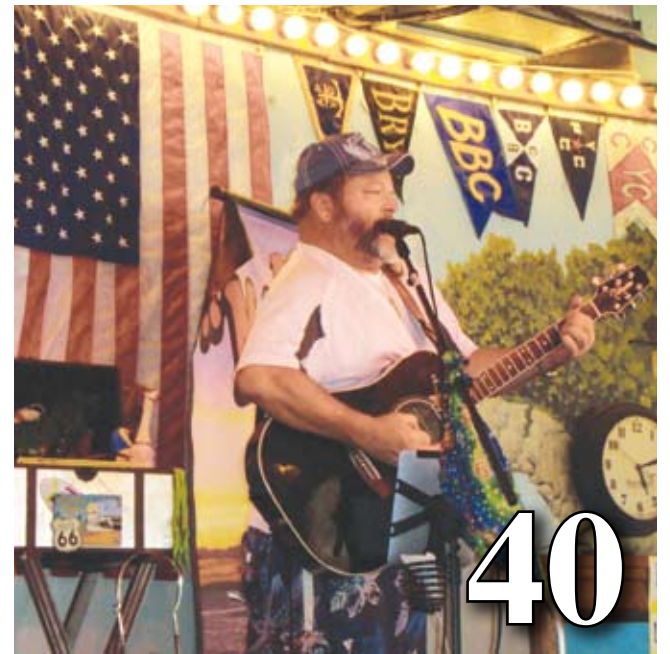


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## THE MANY MILESTONES OF 2019



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 June 21 - 23 - Put-in-Bay Pyrate Fest

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**Kayak the Bay** - Vicky Wigle has been renting kayaks to lake adventurers for 20 years.

**Mist** - This pool bar, located behind Mr. Ed's Bar, is celebrating 10 years of bathing suits and cocktails.

**John Salamon** - The piano man is celebrating his 40th year as an entertainer at the Boathouse.

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July 8, 9, 10 & 11 & 29, 30 & 31

August 1, 12, 13, 14 & 15

September 6, 7 & 8 & 21

May 2019

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## Garden Club News for May

The Garden Club will be planting the flower baskets for DeRivera Park on Tuesday, May 14th, and Wednesday, May 15th at 9 a.m. With our new baskets and brackets, our procedure will be a little different this year. We will be planting all of the baskets on the ground on Tuesday, so we will need the bulk of volunteers Tuesday, rather than on Wednesday as in previous years. Then on Wednesday, we will hang all of the baskets using a lift. Please plan to come on Tuesday and bring gloves, garden trowels, buckets, brooms and wheelbarrows.

The first Garden Club program will be on Thursday, May 23rd, at 4:30 p.m. at the PIB Yacht Club, and will explore Dividing and Transplanting Perennials. This will include demonstrations of dividing different types of perennials, time of year to transplant and much more. We will also have plant tags and some pots to distribute for the Plant Exchange on June 13th.

### Garden Club Program Schedule for 2019

Other programs planned for the 2019 Season are:

Jun 13 - 4:30 p.m. - Plant Exchange \*

Jun 27 - T B D - Garden Tour (mainland)

Jul 25 - 4:30 p.m. - Magical Mystery Garden Tour \*

Aug 22 - 4:30 p.m. - Succulents \*

Sep 12 - 4:30 p.m. - Meeting + Potluck \*

\* Meetings at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club

THANKS!!

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## American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive on the island at the town hall May 17, 2019 from 10am-4pm. All donors can sign up for the blood drive at 1-800-redcross or redcrossblood.org. The American Red Cross is in Emergency Need for blood. The hospital inventory levels are very low and they need to collect as much blood as possible to get the blood to the hospitals and the patients who need the product.

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May

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Sat & Sun, May 25-26, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar

June

Sat, June 1, 7pm @ Reel Bar

Sat, June 8, 7pm @ Reel Bar

Mon, June 10, 9pm @ Round House Bar Drag Show Emcee

Fri & Sat, June 14-15, 7pm @ Reel Bar

Fri & Sat, June 21-22, 7pm @ Reel Bar

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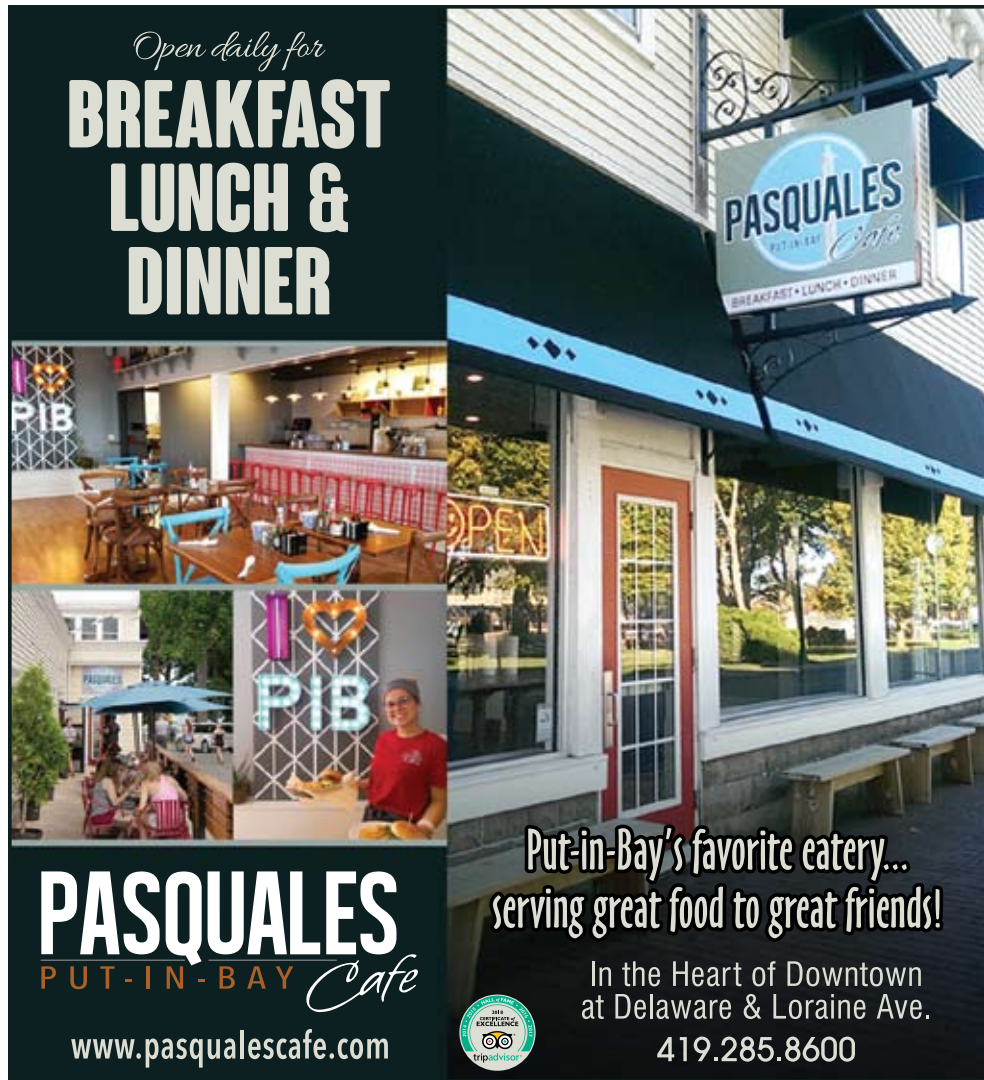
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ABOVE: Joe Byrnes paddles his kayak down Bayview Ave. during one of the high-water storms in April. - Photo by Susan Byrnes

### And High Water it is!

We've lived here a lot of years, but we never saw three high water events in a period of ten days before. Well, that's what happened in April. Fortunately, they were of a very short duration. The water came up relatively fast and went down the same way.

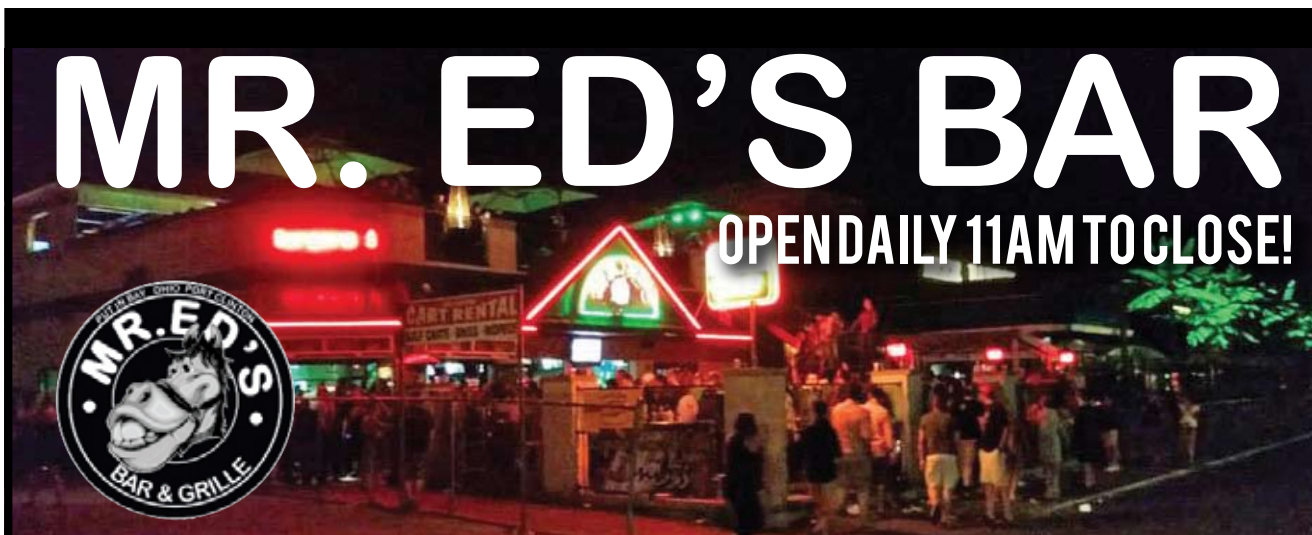

For anyone who hasn't been around the island for many years and who is surprised to see the island streets flooding as high as they did, they are still in more an even bigger surprise. The water level in Lake Erie is expected to rise several more inches between now and July before it starts tapering off. What that means is if we get a really big nor'easter of any real duration, you can expect to see record flooding water levels six or more inches higher than we experienced last month. That would be a repeat of some of the high water levels of the 1970s.

One of the problems of concern is getting from the main portion of South Bass to East Point. The nor'east winds push water over the back seawall of the Monument, then flows across the lawn and floods the road. When the water in the lake goes down, water is trapped behind the northern seawall and keeps the road impassible for many vehicles. The water is trapped because drain basins and lines which let the trapped water back in the lake are clogged with sand and gravel. Perhaps the roadway needs to be raised and scuppers need to be installed in the seawall.

Over on Middle Bass, East Pointers there are having a problem getting back and forth to civilization on the main part of the island. The strong winds build waves which push gravel onto Deist Rd., the narrow, two-lane road that connects the two portions of the island.

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- 24 -- 26 FRANKLY SPEAKING 4-8PM
- 24 -- MATCH CITY 9:30P
- 25-27 -- CHERRY ON TOP 9:30P
- 30 -- FRANKLY SPEAKING 9:30P
- 31 -- BAD CHARLOTTE/SPLENDID CHAOS 9:30P

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ABOVE: Rod Karr from the maintenance staff at Perry's Monument on the flooded lawn at the park after one of the April storms.

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## PIBIO - By Peter Huston Searching for Island Treasure

The "real treasure" of the Sierra Madre may very well be hidden here on in a barn on South Bass Island. Our very interesting and often partially untold past is stored in boxes in the attic, the shed out behind the house, or just gathering dust in back of the garage (like at my house).

TV producers have made a pretty good living out of this insatiable quest for treasure. From "The Curse of Oak Island," "Gold Rush," or the simmering fervor of finding the million dollar "Fenn Treasure," the excitement of the "hunt" is infectious.

**PETER HUSTON**

Luckily South Bass Island has not gotten on the radar of the Television treasure hunters or our island loot would be gone forever. (Although American Pickers did visit, we hid the loot). We would be loath to start a rumor that a special treasure just might be found on May 18th. So let's keep it to ourselves. Who will find the island's treasure, hopefully another islander?

We have the map here at the visitor center (available for pick up on May 16th), but you'll have to be a skilled treasure seeker to know the "treasure from the trash." More importantly, we need islanders ready to share in the bounty of this treasure seeking day by selling, recycling, or helping people ready to re purpose their otherwise valuable "stuff." This is a win-win-win for everyone involved. (Don't forget to register your treasure before May 11th or miss out on being in the hunt at the Chamber office).

So a great treasure hunter needs to think "Antique Roadshow" and be "that person" that finds the "Holy Grail" of barn finds. According to the website "Whatsellsbest.com" a few years ago "a person on "Antiques Roadshow" bought an antique card table for \$25 at a yard sale that later sold at a Sotheby's auction for \$490,000. That sale made a 1,900,000% return on their \$25 investment".

Now if you're like me, you have been hoarding, I mean saving stuff that you were sure to use some day. So there it sits not being used, under appreciated and overlooked. This is your chance to be a winner. Sign up today by calling 419-285-2832. You'll never know. Treasure hunters may just buy that old oil painting of dogs herding sheep that you got from Aunt Mary, unless you sign up.

I suggest studying up on the PBS.org website about the "top 10 garage sale finds of all time." So get out there on May 18th and start your hunt. You never know what you may see; Old cars, railroad lanterns, dogs playing poker. Get your treasure map here at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center or at locations around town on May 16th.

### A kids' treasure map, too

While you're in the visitor center pick up our all-new treasure map for kids called Kids Love Put-in-Bay. This great brochure will provide kids and their parents with days of exciting things to see and do while visiting Put-in-Bay. From the Lake Erie Islands Nature Center to Kimberly's Carousel at the Carriage House, there's no reason for kids to be left home or bored while visiting Put-in-Bay this summer.

There's treasure for all ages this season on South Bass Island.



ABOVE: Jim and Maria Wehrheim from Fox's Den read their PIB Gazette at Elbo Room in Ft. Lauderdale Beach, Florida, with Adam Blight, Annette Johnson's nephew. They just happened to start up a conversation and when Put-in-Bay came up, so did Annette's name. What a small world!



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7:30 pm	8:00 pm	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
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		9:30 pm	10:00 am

<b>Saturday, May 25 &amp; Sunday, May 26</b>		<b>Monday, May 27</b>	
<b>Depart MBI</b>	<b>Depart MBI</b>	<b>Depart MBI</b>	<b>Depart PIB</b>
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PAT SHEPARD (INSIDE) 2-6P  
DJ MIKE (INSIDE) 9:30P-CLOSE  
CHIEF (OUTSIDE) 9:30P-CLOSE •  
24TH • DJ MIKE (INSIDE) 9:30P-CLOSE  
CHIEF (OUTSIDE) 9:30P-CLOSE  
25TH & 26TH • MIKE DRUM (OUTSIDE) 2-6P  
PAT SHEPARD (INSIDE) 2-6P  
DJ MIKE (INSIDE) 9:30P-CLOSE  
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## Thank you for your support

On March 9th at Akron's Tangier nightclub it was "Island Time" with proceeds from this year's show to benefit the Danny French Scholarship Fund at St Ignatius High School.

Performing at the Event were the Flyin' Jays with Island originals and special guest Mojito Zane Coakley, the Reese Dailey Band with their guitar driven Southern Rock highlighting the All-man Brothers music and headliner Mike "Mad Dog" Adams keeping old songs alive plus his politically incorrect comedy. Over 215 people attended. All these entertainers can be heard at the Bay this summer.

Besides the \$7,000 check given to the Scholarship Fund and \$175 to Put In Bay Browns Backers (Danny would have liked keeping some of the money on the Island to support his Browns), one of the highlights was a \$75 check given to a Veteran for dinner to thank him for his service that was matched by an audience member so that 5 Veterans received a like check.



ABOVE: The Grand Finale at the March Tangier Show with the Reese Dailey Band, the Flyin' Jays and Mike "Mad Dog" Adams.

This was the 7th year Mad Dog has headlined the Event and his picture was put up in Tangier's wall of fame right between other Tangier performers Loni Anderson and Red Foxx - perfect place for the Old Dog.

Special thanks to the Entertainers, corporate contributors, Islanders who made the trip and Island businesses Jet Express, Reel Bar, Boathouse, Chicken Patio, RHB and the Miller Ferry for their support.

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## Case closed! An Editorial

At the end of March, former Put-in-Bay Mayor Mack McCann and his two adult children, current PIB Village Councilman Michael McCann and former PIB Village Councilwoman Melinda Myers, appeared in Ottawa County Municipal Court where they learned what their sentences would be after pleading to various misdemeanor conflict of issue charges were filed last fall. The charges came after a year-long investigation by several governmental agency including the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service and the Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC).

In a plea deal that included dropping two felony charges against Mayor McCann, it was agreed that he was to resign as mayor, plus plead guilty to lesser misdemeanor charges.

The visiting judge also fined each of the trio \$1000 and 180 days in jail. One hundred and thirty five days were suspended, plus upon completion of 100 hours of public service, the fine would be reduced to \$500

and the remaining 45 days in jail would be suspended.

Everyone will agree ethics and conflict of interest issues are important when it comes to public officials. They are complicated to say the least and sometimes interfere with what makes for common sense conducting the business of government.

In the former mayor's case, McCann's decision to recommend to Council that his business associate, Todd Blumensadt, install a portion of new waterline on Victory Ave. made a lot of common sense. The waterline replacement had been on the Village's burners for several years. Todd had the machinery, the equipment and the time to put the line in before the busy season began, plus it the work could be done with much less expense. Council members, following the mayor's recommendation, voted unanimously for the project knowing full well that Todd and McCann have had a business relationship over the years. The project made sense, but ethically it violated conflict of interest laws.

Had officials investigated the operations of past mayors and village council members, they more than likely would have found numerous examples of these kind of violations. Sometimes when you live on an island, it makes sense to do things differently than if you're in a community on the mainland. It becomes tougher in the eyes of the law when the island has such close knit family and business associates.

In the midst of the investigation, in April 2018, a representative from the Ohio Ethics Commission presented a two-hour program on ethics and conflict-of-interest issues for the island's elected officials. It was an eye-opener to say the least.

In retrospect, after seeing all this story play out, we wish investigating officials would have come to all the village officials and sat down with them and explained exactly what the issues were, how things should have been done and how to avoid these issues in the future. Island officials would have all learned something, and a prolonged, expensive legal battle could have been avoided.

Oh! And by the way, it's somewhat ironic that the three McCanns were sentenced to perform public service. Over the years, the McCanns have been champions of public service here on the island on a voluntary basis.

What do you think? If you have comments about this editorial or any other topic of island interest, please email your letters to [pibgazette@frontier.com](mailto:pibgazette@frontier.com).



ABOVE: It isn't often this happens. Here's the auto accident trifecta... A downed stop sign, a downed business sign and a toppled Road Race Reunion stone all at the corner of Meechen and Catawba. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

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# Moss on the Rock

## Safe Island Task Force Report to the Community

The Safe Island Task Force, the group established last year to look into issues associated with some of those wild weekends the island has experienced in recent years, will meet at the Senior Center on Tuesday, May 14th, from 5 to 7 p.m. to present its report to the community. Leaders from the SITF, Brad Ohlemacher, Todd Blumensaadt, Billy Market, and PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle will be on hand to present a progress report. Everyone is invited to attend both these meetings. The report will also be discussed on Saturday morning, May 18th, at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center during the Put-in-Bay Property Owners Association meeting.

### Who to Call in an Emergency

If you have an emergency here on Put-in-Bay, whether it be the need for medical, fire or police emergency assistance, always call 911. Please do not call local phone numbers for EMS, fire or police aid.

### House Numbers Available

The Put-in-Bay EMS is still offering free address signs for those who live in the township. Contact them at 419-285-2401 if you are interested. These green numbers help the island's responders to find your exact location when you need emergency help.

### Jet Trip from Detroit Yacht Club

The Detroit Power Squadron is sponsoring a one-day-excursion Jet Express trip from the Detroit Yacht Club to Put-in-Bay on Friday June 28, 2019. The Jet Express II Ferry will begin boarding at 8:30 a.m. and depart a half hour later for downtown Put-in-Bay for a day of touring, shopping, dining and fun. Return trip to Detroit will leave at 7 p.m. The cost is \$94 per person. For more information, contact Joe Tatham: Mobile (586) 871-9013 or Home (586) 997-3618 or commanderjoseph@gmail.com

### Reel Bar Stools

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### Map Deadline for

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 18th. As the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce has done in the past, they are putting together a map of sale locations. If someone wants on the map, the deadline is May 10th to allow for printing and editing. Please call the Chamber office at 419-285-2832 or email them at pibcc.coordinator@gmail.com to be added to the list. You can also stop by the office.

### Music Festivals

Start planning now for two wonderful music festivals that will take place early this season. The first is the Put-in-Bay Music Festival that will be held June 8th. It's a day of family fun, with six live bands, beer, wine and free admission on the expansive grounds of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. The second is the Middle Bass Island Music Festival on Saturday, July 13th, at Lonz Winery on Middle Bass. We'll have more details in next month's issue. Stay tuned!

### Good news, but confusing!

Last month we reported funding for the Great Lake had been gutted in President Trump's proposed budget request to Congress. All his proposed budgets since becoming President have all left out funding for the Great Lakes, but fortunately for those who live in this area, Congress has managed to keep the funding going. Trump, at a recent rally in Michigan, reversed his position.

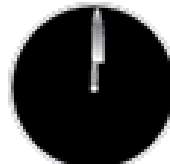
"You ready? Can you handle it? Trump asked the wound up wolverines. "I don't think you can handle it. I support the Great Lakes. Always have. They are beautiful. They are big, very deep, record deepness, right? And I am going to get, in honor of my friends, full funding of \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which you have been trying to get over 30 years. So we will get it done."

We have to ask, if Trump enthusiastically endorses this funding for the Great Lakes, why has it always been left out of his initial budget proposals?

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ABOVE: Some of the first island taxis lined up on Delaware Ave. in front of the old Colonial where the Beer Barrel is located today.



ABOVE: Here's one of Walt's Taxis in front of the home on Toledo Ave. where Bob Gatewood now rents golf carts. Jack Dugal is the driver and the lady on the left is Edna McKay. The photo was taken in August 1939. - Thanks to Linda Massie Stietz for the photo.

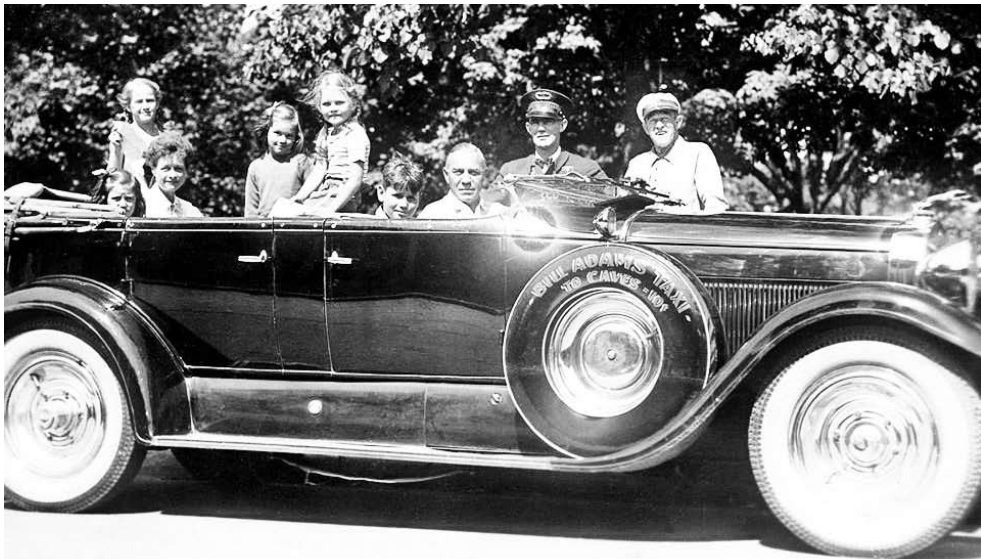
## Make Put-in-Bay Great Again!

One afternoon this past month, forty people gathered at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall for a public hearing concerning the number of taxis which should be licensed to operate on the island. Taxi company owners, taxi drivers and any interested parties spoke. The sworn testimony covered everything from the number of taxis on the road to having unlimited taxis on the island. Currently, the Village ordinance allows for 36 taxis to be licensed.

This public hearing was interesting to say the least, but it reminded us that there is a rich history of taxis on the island, one that makes us again wonder if the taxi service of the past or the taxi service of today is better.

### THE BEGINNING

The Hotel Victory was located where the South Bass State Park is now. You could disembark from one of the many steamers and catch a trolley which passed the island's biggest



ABOVE: Billy Adams on the right operated this shiny taxi back in the 1930s. The policeman next to him is John Nissen who later became caretaker of the Doller Estate (Put-in-Bay Winery today).

attractions, the caves and Heineman Winery on the way to the hotel. When the hotel burned in 1919, there was no longer a trolley, but the need to get people out to the caves and winery probably spurred the birth of taxi service on South Bass Island. There were no runs to the Lime Kiln Dock simply because there was no ferry service there. It was simply the end of the island. Like visitors of today, visitors then wanted to see the island. One of the big draws for the taxis were tours of the island. Remember, there was no tour train or golf cart rentals then, plus bicycling the dirt roads was not for everyone.

We don't know who decided to start driving taxi on the island, but whoever it was saw the need and started his engine and it has continued to this day.

### THE 1920s & PROHIBITION

One of the earliest photos of taxis is one taken out by Mammoth Cave and Heineman Winery. All the taxis and drivers are parked for one of Otto Herbster's panoramic photos. The one on this page shows the taxis lined up on Delaware Ave. by the old Colonial building. From the look of the dress and Model T-like taxis, we suspect the photo was taken in the 1920's.

During Prohibition, one taxi company owner, Fred Cooper, used his cab, not only to haul passengers, but also to procure customers who he would take to his home on Mitchell Rd. where they could purchase adult beverages made from the fruit from his vineyard. Fred's son, Gus, was the last Cooper to own Cooper's Restaurant, which islanders now know as the Goat Soup & Whiskey. The house on Mitchell Rd still stands and is the home of Capt. Russ and Lisa Brohl who still tend several rows of grapevines from which bootleg wine was once made.

### THE 1930s & 1940s

Moving forward to the 1930s and 1940s, things got a little fancier. The cab companies stepped it up a bit with big, open convertibles. These are the big classic cars collectors pay tens of thousands of dollars for today. You could pile a lot of riders into one of these land boats. The ride from downtown to the caves was 10¢, or in today's money just under \$2. The names of driver/owners Walt Smith and Billy Adams who ran cabs in the 1930s and 1940s are still heard to this day when islanders reminisce about the good old days.

We can only imagine the cabs lined up at the steamer dock when one of the big lake boats pulled in and discharged hundreds of passengers. Keep in mind, these were still the days when bikes and popular tandem bicycles could be rented to pedal around, but there were still no golf carts, mopeds and other means of easy transportation.

Larry Reinhard, the brother of the late Norma Wasson from East Point, ran cabs in the 1940s after the war. One of his drivers was Tom Lunt, who later owned Stonehenge.

### THE 1950s

Larry ended up selling out to Bob Ladd, the father of Paul, Chris and Shawn Ladd several years after World War II. Among Bob's drivers were his brother John Ladd and Mark Barnhill who spent their summer vacations earning money to attend Bowling Green State University. John said island tours for \$4 were popular. He also told how one of Bob's passengers was the infamous Sam Sheppard who made headlines in Cleveland over his wife's controversial murder. As the steamer age came to an end, there was still a need for taxi service. The last of the big open limo cabs started to disappear only to be replaced by more modern post-war vehicles. Riders could still pile in and ride seated on the top of the retracted convertible top with their feet nestled between fellow passengers seated on the back seat. It may not have been the most comfortable, but it was exciting and fun to say the least. Remember, back then you didn't have to buckle up or be as concerned about your safety as we are today.

Shortly after Mack McCann graduated from high school in 1954, he started a taxi company associated with the Park Hotel. One of his drivers was Jim Tobin who drove the company's huge red 1953 Packard convertible. The business only lasted a couple of summers until Mack went to work for Lee Miller on the ferry. He did, however, drive the Packard for the next ten years until he got rid of it. On his 60th birthday, Mack was presented with a restored red 1953 Packard convertible which he still has on the island.

### THE 1960s & 1970s

Mac McCluskey was running Mac's Cabs in the early 1960s. His home was the Delwood on East Point (the former group home). One of the memorable vehicles in his fleet was a red Cadillac convertible from the late 1940s. Every time Mac's cars broke down, he'd show up at Parker's Garage hoping Joe would drop everything and fix what was wrong so he could get back on the road to make a buck.

Mac's competition was Smiley's Cabs which had two brown 1960 Chevy Impala convertibles. Bill Timmerman and Bob Stone, aka the "Cargo Net Boys," bought out Smiley when they owned the Victory Park Resort and before they bought out Ken & Greta's, the souvenir shop downtown next to Frosty Bar. They had Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth convertibles which were driven by drivers dressed in red shirts with Victory Cab printed on them. Lee Miller, the owner of Miller Boat Line, was so impressed with how they looked and operated that he had a special pick up lane at the Lime Kiln for them. When they sold the Victory Park Resort to the Starners, the cabs were part of the deal.

About 1977, Matt Parker who is now the dockmaster for Miller Boat Line at Catawba and David Bianchi who now also works for Miller Boat Line partnered up to run Rock Cab. They used their personal vehicles, a 1964 4-door Buick Electra and a 1959 Mercury, to haul passengers anywhere on the island for a dollar per head. Matt said a bad day was \$45, but their highest was about \$350, except for one day when Skip closed up bus service to the Lime Kiln early. Matt says he raked in \$720 from one cab that day That's the equivalent of \$3200 today. A couple of the Rock Cab drivers were Jeff Bykowski and Howard Martens. Matt and David's competition was a short-lived cab operation run by Skip Duggan. Matt and David bought out Skip's operation, but Rock Cab was also doomed to be short-lived thanks to a little too much partying according to Matt. By the way, Rock Cab operated out of what is now Chris Krueger's Surf Shop next to Mojito Bay.

Dick Dysert and his partner, Ivy, started Put-in-Bay Taxi Co. in 1978. He used a fleet of yellow-painted vans with a professional-looking logo. One of Dick's memorable drivers was "Big John." He was well-known by the islanders and garnered their support for his dream of canoeing via the nation's waterways from Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico. There were fundraisers for his trip, but once he left, the trip quickly became a bust due to John being extremely overweight and out of shape. Dick sold what is now the oldest-existing cab company on the island to Larry Kowalski who runs year-round transporting people, hauling mailing between the post office and airport, plus transporting the kids and teachers who fly into Put-in-Bay for school from the other islands.

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ABOVE: One of the 1960 Chevrolet Impala convertibles used in the 1960s and 1970s. By this the late 1960s and 1970s, there were no more of the classic convertibles operating on the island.

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### THE 1990s & Into the 21st Century

Roy Steunenberg came to the island in 1997 after running a cab company on the mainland for a couple of years. He started Northcoast Cab which still operates today, but it is now owned by another party. Mary, Roy's widow, has been driving cabs on the island for 22 years and says she's got lots of tales to tell about her experiences.

The late Stan Snider also operated a cab company. In those days almost 20 years ago, the fare was \$2 a head and competition was fierce as other cab companies started up. Other memorable owner/drivers were John Pleva, Dave Washtock, Bruce Burkett and Brian Cultice. Today, Paul Jeris, owner of Island Club Taxis, is the oldest, original owner operating today.

For many years the taxis thrived because the bars downtown closed at 1 a.m. The bars outside of town stayed open until 2:30 a.m. for those whose thirst wasn't quite quenched.

Late night runs to the Castle Inn until it burned, Dailey's Tavern, and later to the Skyway until it closed were lucrative runs. "Late Nite" at the Skyway would see the cabs lined up out to Airport Rd at times when the bar closed. Once the bars started staying open downtown, those late night runs became trips back to the burgeoning number of out-of-town accommodations like the Island Club.

### REGULATION

Taxi owners were making the bulk of their money on the weekends, but problems came when drivers were bringing vans over from the mainland to compete for the big bucks. Drivers were found sleeping in their vans and then would leave the island once the weekend was over, while those who had a vested interest in the island struggled during the week. There were other complaints, too, and eventually the Village of Put-in-Bay decided it needed to pass an ordinance which had mandatory rules and regulations, including a limited number of taxi licenses that could be issued. Lawmakers took some time to pass taxi legislation, but eventually the problems were pretty much solved. The legislation requires background checks for drivers, insurance coverage, cleanliness of cabs and size of cabs and number of passengers, among many other things. The ordinance has been the law for the last several years



LEFT: Vans like this one are used today at Put-in-Bay.

### TODAY

Today there are eight taxi companies with 36 cabs servicing the island - Put-in-Bay Taxi Co., Checker, Monumental Productions, Island Club Taxi, Put-in-Bay Condo Taxi, North Coast Cab Co. and new this year Coop's Cab and Tony's Taxi. Competition is still stiff which is obvious if you've ever gotten off the ferry at the Lime Kiln and seen all the cabs lined up. As one operator recently said, there have been more than ten cab companies that have come and gone in the last several years.

Last month's public hearing at the Town Hall was to determine if fewer or more than 36 cabs should be licensed to operate on the island. During the testimony from those present, it was obvious that the Village's taxi ordinance needs to be amended to clarify some procedural problems.

We couldn't mention every company in this piece, but it does present enough information for the reader to decide whether to make Put-in-Bay great again and return to the good old days.

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This unique tribute features nine amazingly talented local musicians consisting of Pat McDonagh on lead guitar, Pistol Pete Robinson on drums, Mikey Blue Barone on harp, Mike Perzynski on bass, Zane Babylon on keyboard, Phil Barone as Jim, with an accomplished horn section led by John Grafing on trumpet, Melanie Case on trombone, and Bob Manley on sax. Guests can expect to hear many of the greatest hits by The Doors and a few tunes only true fans will know. Lights and special effects will be provided by the Wet Sun Light Show.

Phil Barone has opened for many well-known bands like Jefferson Starship, Foghat and Thin Lizzy and packed the house at the Crescent Tavern at Put-in-Bay for over 14 years! The Doors (and Jim Morrison) were known for their live performances that were energetic and even unpredictable. Phil Barone brings Jim back from the dessert with his charismatic reenactment of Morrison through music and personality.

"When I put on the leather pants, snakeskin boots, the belt buckles and the poet's shirt, I go into the Lizard King world." - Phil Barone

The festivities will take place on Saturday, June 8th, 2019, at The Sandusky State Theatre, located at 107 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870. This tribute concert will begin at 8pm and include an opening act by singer/songwriter Mikey Blue performing his original blues compositions.

Proceeds for this tribute concert in Sandusky will benefit The Sandusky Children's Museum. The Sandusky Children's Museum is an interactive science based children's museum based in downtown Sandusky. "It's a win-win situation. That's a cool thing - we give the money to charity and we get to entertain people," Barone said.

Tickets are available for purchase at the theatre's website at www.sanduskystate.com

For more information please contact Phil Barone or The Sandusky State Theatre.



**Thank you....**

I would like to thank everyone who donated to my Bike & Build fundraising page. Thank you so, so much. I am so lucky to be from such an amazing community. I could not be more grateful for Put-in-Bay and all of the friendships I have made. If you would like to follow me on my journey this summer, I will be posting to Instagram @miranda\_sus19 daily. In the words of Bob Gatewood (and one of my very favorite songs), "I know I'll be back for good times to come, let's raise a toast to tomorrow!" Cheers to a great 2019 season... see you all in August!! - Miranda Krueger

ABOVE: Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) with her bike that she will be riding this summer as she participates the Bike & Build program. You can follow her progress on Instagram @miranda\_sus19. Miranda is the daughter of Carl and Chris Krueger of the Put-in-Bay Brewing Co.

**April Fools Fun**

Every year, there are readers who bite on the April Fool nonsense that somehow is printed in the April issue. We understand Caiti Bolyard got a call from someone who was upset about changing the name of Miller's new ferry, the Mary Ann Market. Caiti had to explain to them it was an April Fool issue and not exactly true.

The editors also got a call from someone who asked if the changes for the new ferry, pictured on the front page, were for real.

Plus someone commented on Facebook that they were glad their boat was over 30 feet long so they could still sunbathe in the buff when out on the lake.



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ABOVE: This photo showing the Monument sticking out of the water appeared on Facebook shortly after one of the high-water storms in April. We know this couldn't possibly take place, but everyone should know that the Monument grounds are subject to flooding when the water is high.

## Don't Box Me In

Victory Avenue resident Kate Ptak is now a published author. She has written a book called "Don't Fence Me In" about an Eastern Box Turtle that gets taken from his home.

In Indiana, in the woods near a pond, there lives an Eastern Box Turtle. He is very happy in his home, but there's just one problem: people who visit the cottage nearby can't seem to leave him alone.

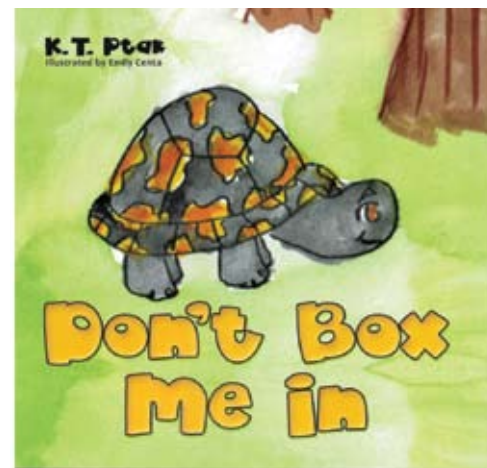
The book tells the story of how he is taken from his Indiana home to Ohio to be a family pet. Will he ever get back

home? Read about his adventures.

The publisher is Archway Publishing. The book, ISBN: 978-1-4808-7453-4 (sc), costs \$13.95, and is available now at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.archwaypublishing.com](http://www.archwaypublishing.com).

Kate Ptak also has some of the books available for sale. Any books bought at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center will earn \$5 for the building addition fund there.

Kate has been working on the building project for some time now. You can read more about the funding challenge on page 26-B6 of this issue.



LEFT: Kate Ptak's new book, Don't Box Me In. It's about a box turtle.

## Monument Opens

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial will reopen Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. to celebrate its 104th year in operation. The 352-foot tall structure is the world's largest Doric column and is made of pink granite from Milford, MA. The column has a wood base structure with an outer concrete core. Park Rangers in 1812 period military uniforms will fire a musket salute after the morning flag raising ceremony.

The 25-acre Park, Memorial Column and Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through September 8th. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 9th through September 30th, and weekends in October (Friday through Monday) until October 21th.

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- 4/27 THE PUBLIC HOUSE IN KAMMS CORNERS 9pm
- 5/17 MERRY ARTS IN LAKEWOOD 9:30pm
- 5/18 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 5/25 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 5/26 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 6/1 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 6/15 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 6/22 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
- 6/29 FROSTY BAR AT PUT-IN-BAY 2-6pm
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# Island Events in May 2019

## SPRING FLING

The Annual Spring Fling party is hosted at the Island Club Rentals subdivision and is exclusively for guests of the Island Club, Commodore Resort, Victory Station Hotel and Put-in-Bay Condos. Friday night, May 3rd, guests will gather with plenty of people for bonfires and complimentary beverages. On Saturday, May 4th, from 1 to 8 p.m., there is a street party with lunch and live music. Miller Ferry to Put-in-Bay will be offering \$1.00 off round trip passenger fare May 3rd thru 5th for Spring Fling attendees.

## WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

Mother Mary Staley tells us World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 4, 2019. Everyone is invited to walk St. Paul's labyrinth at 1 p.m. and sign the Labyrinth Day guest book. There will be a short presentation about labyrinths by Mo. Mary Staley, the island's resident labyrinth facilitator. World Labyrinth Day is designed to bring people from all over the planet in a celebration of the labyrinth as a practice for peace. The labyrinth community will "Walk as One at 1" as they join the global rolling wave of prayers for peace as the earth turns. You may choose to walk any time throughout the day knowing you are walking with people in another time zone. St. Paul's labyrinth is a Chartres-style brick labyrinth dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Rosemarie (Rory) Woischke. The original Chartres labyrinth is inside the cathedral in Chartres France where walkers will walk at 1 p.m. there which is 8 a.m. at PIB.

## EMS OPEN HOUSE

The Put-in-Bay EMS is planning an open house on Sunday, May 5th, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the EMS next to the school. There will be tacos (no take out orders) for those who attend the open house as a way to say thank you for the support. Lifeflight will possibly be joining us (as long as they have no calls). There will be no Taco Fundraiser this year.

## BLIND WHISKEY TASTING

Mark your calendars! There will be a casual "blind whiskey tasting" at Hooligans, on Monday, May 6th, starting at 6:30 p.m. There will be ten samples of Whiskey, Whisky and Bourbon and you try to guess what each one is. The top three people with "Golden Palates" will win a prize. Plus, there will be yummy food. What else do you have to do on a Monday? Come hang out at Hooligans Irish Pub. Tickets are \$40 tickets each and a limited number are available.

## BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The annual blessing of boats and aircraft servicing the Bass Islands will be held in the Put-in-Bay Harbor off Fox's Dock/Jet Dock on Tuesday, May 7th, at 11 a.m. Local clergy will bless the vessels, a centuries old tradition in ports worldwide. Ferry boats, water taxis, rescue vessels, commercial watercraft, commercial aircraft, and medical helicopters will be blessed for the 2019 season by clergy representing the island's three congregations from Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church and St. John's Lutheran Church.

## BACK TO THE WILD

Back to the Wild will present a program at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Wednesday, May 8th, at 3:20 p.m. Back To The Wild is a Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic in Castalia. They will bring their birds and critters for a live show. 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 Miller Boat Line.

## PLANT EXCHANGE

There will be an early-season Plant Exchange on Friday, May 10th, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Enjoy a little wine and cheese while getting rid of those prolific perennials from your yard. It's also OK to bring seeds, plant starts, tender bulbs etc. Take home your neighbor's productive perennials with a proven track record for growing on the island, and linger to "talk dirt" over wine and cheese.

## ISLAND-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Island-Wide Community Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 18th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Islanders and island businesses are offering bargains galore! Island residences and businesses are on the map for the annual Garage Sale. The map is available the day before the event at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce office, Miller Ferry docks and office, and several island restaurants that serve breakfast. We don't set the hours for the garage sale, but look

at the same time, for office space and to increase our local exhibits. Loyal Nature Center supporters over the last few years have donated baked goods, which can be dropped off Saturday, May 18th, around 10 a.m. If you leave a message at (419) 285-3037, we will pick them up at your house the day before.

## PLANTING SEEDS OF PEACE

On Saturday, May 18th, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., in celebration of Queen Victoria's birthday, and a nod to neighboring Canada, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Rangers will help kids make seed pots out of newspaper and give programs on proper planting techniques and on pollinators. Ranger Kathie will give a program emphasizing the importance of choosing native plants and of not introducing invasive plant species into the environment.

## PERRY EDUCATION DAYS

Perry Education Days will be Tuesday, May 21st through Thursday, May 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a hands-on educational experience for students to learn about the War of 1812, life during that period in the United States, and life on board the US vessels. An open invitation is extended to the first 3,000 students to enlist in Perry's Navy. Students will experience learning through a Living History camp that includes living conditions, cooking, 1812 medical practices and black powder demonstrations. The free program includes a trip to the 317-foot high, open air Observation Deck and a view of the Lake Erie Islands, and the site of the Battle of Lake Erie. School teachers should contact the Park at 419-285-2184, ext. 1237 to enroll their class. (EKIP funds available for under served school kids' transportation)

## CARRONADE WEEKEND

Park Rangers and volunteers at Perry's Monument will demonstrate firing Historic Firearms and the Park's carronade from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th. Ranger programs will cover the nuances of the 1812 military uniform, the proper handling of black powder and the steps to firing a musket. The carronade, a small short-barrel gun like those used IN THE Battle of Lake Erie, will be fired by the Park's Gun Crew. The Carronade program will discuss the proper steps in firing the short range gun and its limitations during the Battle of Lake Erie. Historic Firearms demonstrations will take place at 11 a.m., 3 and 5 p.m. Carronade demonstrations will be given at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. There will be a Junior Ranger program: "Join the Army" at 1 p.m.

## ANTIQUE CAR PARADES

There will be two Antique Car Parades over the Memorial Weekend. Parades will take place both Sunday and Monday feature many antique, classic and unique cars. The car parade generally starts around 2:30 p.m. The big hit with the kids is the candy truck at the end of the parade that tosses treats to the kids. Monday's parade will end up at the Goat Soup & Whiskey's Biergarten for free hotdogs and Polka Revolution playing live polka music.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, at 11 a.m., there will be a ceremony at the Monument to honor our fallen veterans, including the three American and three British Naval Officers beneath the Memorial's Rotunda, at a Day Service on the Plaza. The Memorial procession will depart the Visitor Center and make its way down the monument. At 3 p.m. will play Amazing Grace at the National Memorial.

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ABOVE LEFT: This was the crowded scene at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall at this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt was originally going to be held at the ball diamond, but bad weather changed that. ABOVE CENTER: Marisa Rence pulling out mustard weed at the Jane Coates Wildlife Trail on Arbor Day. ABOVE RIGHT: Kyle Wertenbach from Put-in-Bay Investments welding the new dock cribs on the Jet Dock for the Keys.

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- 23rd - Bayview Room Starts Spring Hours
- 24th - Friday Night Dinner
- 24th - Swim/Sail Online Registration Forms Due
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- 26th - Memorial Service, 12 pm Eye Opener Brunch, 12:30 pm
- 31st - Friday Night Dinner

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## Island Diary April 2019

**Mon., April 1st** - Usually there is a flurry of April Fool's stories from several sources, but this April 1st, there was nothing to be found. Everything you could find was true. Cantankerus makes its first trip to the mainland for fuel.

**Tues., April 2nd** - It's in the 50s on the island and really pleasant. The water level in the lake is just shy of covering the DeRivera Park Dock. It appears boaters this summer will treat to free foot washes when the water gets even higher in June.

**Wed. April 3rd** - About 40 people attend a public hearing at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall to voice their concerns about how many taxis should be licensed by the Village. Currently, the number is 36. Some wanted less, but some wanted unlimited. After school, the PIB High School Sailing Team is out in the harbor. One of the three sailboat tips over and the two sailors onboard are in the frigid water for about five minutes trying to get the boat upright. Luckily, they have cold water suits to keep them warm.

**Thurs., April 4th** - The weather cools a bit. Play group meets in the upstairs of the Town Hall for the little people on the island. Workers are putting on a new front porch on the old Nissen house behind Mossbacks.

**Fri., April 5th** - Things are starting to open. The Reel Bar, the Forge and Cameo Pizza are among the businesses that are coming to life for the 2019 season. Put-in-Bay Village Fiscal Officer Courtney Blumensaadt is in Toledo for 2019 Sunshine Laws training.

**Sat., April 6th** - Well, it's definitely starting! There are a few golf carts around, plus Mary Lou Mason is busy at the Put-in-Bay Winery as the first customers of the season enjoy a glass or two of wine on the front lawn of the Doller Estate. There's a happy third birthday party at Billy & Allie Market's home for Liam Market and Gemma Spatafore. All eleven kids who will be in Gemma's class are there for the fun! The doors are open at Muscle Bay Fitness for those who want to break the gym in before it officially opens on April 8th for the season. Mike "Mad Dog" Adams is entertaining on Kelleys Island at the West Bay Inn for all the early birds. A group of people takes it upon themselves to clean up the Civil War prison sites on Johnson's Island. They do this every year. It's a national event, it is sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust and hosted by The Friends and Descendants of Johnson's Island. Many Civil War reenactors attend.

**Sun., April 7th** - This nice spring day is followed by light rain in the afternoon. At Heineman Winery, they're bottling White Riesling.

**Mon., April 8th** - The Put-in-Bay

Chamber of Commerce holds its May meeting after lunch at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. Representatives of Great Lakes Publishing will be there to share exciting advertising opportunities in Lake Erie Living, Ohio Magazine and more. Some of the Crew's Nest crew are working on uprights out on the dock in front of the club.

**Tues., Apr. 9th** - The Bible Explorers have their sailboat races in the Undercroft of St. Paul's in the afternoon. Participation prizes were awarded, and post-race treats were offered as well.

**Wed., Apr. 10th** - It's cooled off a bit, but from the number of trucks and empty boat trailer parked around park, you'd think it was a perfect day for fishing.

A crew at the Round House is finishing up painting the outside of the building red. Mother Mary Staley dispels a rumor that she is leaving St. Paul's this spring. She says on social media, "My current letter of agreement runs through August 2019 and the Bishop has already signed a new letter of agreement beginning August 2019 and going into the future. Yes, I'll leave some day but there isn't a date on the calendar..."

**Thurs., April 11th** - Terry Jenkins from Ohio Edison is out getting the power back on after a vehicle hits some guide wires at the Joe's Bar corner after midnight. Winds and high water cancel ferry service for the day. The tug Leonard M., heading for Detroit, takes shelter off Stone Cove and waits for the lake to calm. Floating docks where Kayak the Bay is located on Squaw Harbor, are lifted by the high water and end up blocking half the road. They're bottling Pinot Noir at Heineman Winery. The State of the Island event takes place at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall in the evening. Patrick Myers from WPIB, the voice of Put-in-Bay, is on hand streaming live the State of the Island event live. Thanks goes to The Bird's Nest Resort for sponsoring this broadcast.

**Fri., April 12th** - Pasquale's opens for the season. The annual Frosty Pizza Buffet takes place in the evening. The Red Moon at the Park Hotel opens for season.

**Sat., April 13th** - A Mass of Resurrection for Denny Naylor are held at Mother of Sorrows. He is laid to rest in Maple Leaf Cemetery with military honors. Afterwards, there's a gathering at the Boathouse for his friends and family. Because of weather predicted for Sunday, the Round House holds the first of two Whiskey Light ceremonies to open the 2019 season. There's a birthday party for Barry Koehler at his home on Chapman Rd. The kids outnumber the adults. There's a beautiful red sunset. What's the saying, Red Sky at Night, Sailor's Delight. Looks like the morrow will be great weather.

**Sun., April 14th** - A sailor's delight indeed! The boats are cancelled after a few trips in the morning as another nor'easter, the second in four days, hits the island. The water comes up in the usual low spots in spite of the wind not lasting that long. In the afternoon, thunder is heard as a front rolls through. The wind shifts to the northwest and temperatures start to drop. The Palm Sunday procession at St. Paul's has to be moved indoors, and for the first time ever, a first-ever second Whiskey Light ceremony at the Round House takes place in the afternoon for the hard core who didn't care about getting back to the mainland. On stage with Ray Fogg is Joe Suttman who visiting Put-in-Bay with his lady friend Ute Wiesmayr from Austria. Justine Rhoad Cul-tice celebrates her 30th birthday with friends and family at the Round House.

**Mon., April 15th** - Wildflowers in Coopers Woods found in the morning include sharp-lobed hepatica, large-flowered trillium (almost open), bloodroot, rue anemone in bloom as well as Dutchmans breeches. The high school sailing team is practicing in the Bay. One of the boats flips and the sailors, after going in the water, are expected to be able to get the boat upright and sailing again. There's DeRivera Park Trust meeting at the Town Hall in the late afternoon. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy has signed their grant contracts, ordered a survey and are awaiting paperwork to close on the purchase of Cooper's Woods. Island Beverage Center clerk Kenny Dezsi is Lifeflighted off the island. At print time, we hear he is doing much better. Fencing is going in on the south end of the runway for the new dog park.

**Tues., April 16th** - Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial staff is working today to drain the remaining water on the lawn adjacent to the Village Bathing Beach and the end of Delaware Avenue. Park grounds were flooded twice within five days. Staff work diligently to protect trees in the flooded area, including two birch trees that are over 100 years old. The village has also been hard at work clearing the street and shift gravel and sand displaced by high winds and the power force of water. There's a new dog park meeting in the evening at the PIB Township building

**Wed., April 17th** - Chaperones JR Domer and Kristi Stacy leave the island with the Senior Class on their class trip to Alaska. Dan and Val Kowalski attend the Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet in Port Clinton. PIBHS Senior Max Schneider chose Dan as his honored educator. There's a late ferry to Put-in-Bay that leaves Catawba at 9:30 p.m.

**Thurs., April 18th** - The Put-in-Bay High School seniors take an early morning flight from Detroit to Seattle, Washington, and then on to Fairbanks, Alaska, to begin their class trip.

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ABOVE: Kids and families had an opportunity to have their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Town Hall the day before Easter. Seen here are Stephanie and Jeremy Berman with their son Parker.



ABOVE: Three nor'easter storms over a ten-day period this last month have pretty much left the Bathing Beach at the end of Delaware Ave. by the Monument pretty much a disaster. The Garden Club's plantings were washed out and debris and stones washed up into the picnic area. The Garden Club has decided not to replant anything there this season, due to the fact the high water will only wash things out in the next big storm.

## Island Diary April 2019

**Fri., April 19th** - They're stocking the shelves at the Country House. You can tell by looking at the stack of cardboard packing boxes that are piling up outside the back door. Windy conditions bring the lake level back up and flood the streets at Miller's corner and the Monument. This is the third time in ten days East Pointers hesitate to come into town because of flooding by the Monument.

**Sat., April 20th** - This is the year the Easter Egg Hunt will be remembered as the "Drive-By Easter Egg Hunt." Weather changes the original plans for the hunt to be at the ball diamond, and families are asked to drive by the bell tower and get their eggs before heading to the Town Hall for games and treats. CC Wisniewski is in Columbus with the Put-in-Bay High School Sailing Team. For those who can't make the Rec Committee's Easter Egg Hunt, an Eggstravaganza takes place at the Round House with Ray Fogg and his buddy Duff Spatafore.

**Sun., April 21st** - It's Easter Sunday and the weather has changed enough so that St. Paul's Episcopal Church can have sunrise services at the Monument.

**Mon., April 22nd** - Scott Pugh from Put-in-Bay Electric is upgrading to power outlets on the DeRivera Park dock to GFI breakers. The crew at Miller Boat Line is having "Man overboard" drills. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy celebrates Earth Day on with a beach cleanup at the Scheeff East Point Preserve and a garlic mustard pull at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail. Thanks to participants Lisa Brohl, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Sue Bixler and Kristin Stanford from Ohio State University Stone Lab and Sara Lowe from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Debris Program, Julene Market, and Melissa, Cody and Caleb Kowalski and Barb Mitchell. A special thanks goes to Marissa Rence for her help at Jane's trail.

**Tues. April 23rd** - The Rules and Ordinance Committee of the PIB Village Council meets in the morning to discuss taxi cabs issues, business license policy, parking and traffic direction on Village Streets.

**Wed., April 24th** - In the afternoon, there's a first demo skydiving jump at the Put-in-Bay airport by the professional skydiver who will be taking adventure seekers up this summer who want to sky dive over the island. Doug Wilhelm is at Put-in-Bay fire station doing a little spring clean-

ing. Kenny Fox is busy at Fox's Den getting things ready to open for the season.

**Thurs., April 25th** - Garden Club president Barb Hunter is busy opening up her place at Fox's Den for the 2019 season. Sonya Niese is the first parent to register online for the 2019 Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail Classes. The PIBHS Senior Class arrives back on the island after their class trip to Alaska.

**Fri., April 26th** - It's Arbor Day, and the PIB Village Tree Commission has a program in the afternoon at the Village housing behind the post office. Two new two native flowering trees-hoptree and shadbush trees are planted. The ferry schedule changes and adds more trips are added. -to celebrate Arbor Day with the Village Tree Commission.

**Sat., April 27th** - The 5th Annual Draft Day 5K hosted by Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers takes place in the morning. The 30th Annual Jet Express trip to Put-in-Bay from Toledo Yacht Club takes place. Some of those on the trip catch Mike "Mad Dog" Adams beginning his 40th consecutive year of performing at the famous round, red bar in the

heart of Put-in-Bay. Congrats, Mike!

**Sun., April 28th** - The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, an Assisting Bishop from the Diocese of Ohio, returned to St. Paul's on Sunday May 28th. He has been a frequent visitor to St. Paul's over the years. He and his wife Lynette enjoy the warm welcome they are always given on the island. You may have spotted him at one of our island restaurants on Sunday morning. The bird banders set up at the Middle Bass East Point Preserve for the next few days.

**Mon., April 29th** - A First Energy crew is busy replacing a pole at the intersection of Victory and Bayview. It's cool and rainy.

**Tues., April 30th** - The Goat Soup & Whiskey's annual island clean up takes place in the morning. to celebrate his 50th birthday, Robby Morrow raises a 20-ft. by 30-ft. flag on the new pole at the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doller Estate. Check it out! It's spectacular!



ABOVE: Dale and Sandy Freels from Peach Point read the Put-in-Bay Gazette at the Old Lahaina Luau while visiting Dale's brother Bruce and sister-in-law Dawn at their island home on Maui.

## News from St. Paul's Episcopal Church

### St. Paul's Summer Plans

St. Paul's vestry gathered for a vestry goal setting retreat at Bellwether Farm Camp, Retreat, and Education Center on Wednesday April 24th. The parish leaders enjoyed seeing the sheep, chickens and a couple of dogs who all live together at the site. The new cabins are ready for summer campers as well as other groups. During the retreat the vestry discussed goals for the next 12 months. In past years there has been a focus on the parish facility renovations and repairs. Now, with everything in good order the vestry hopes to focus the congregations energy and enthusiasm in three areas, St. Paul's will seek to Expand involvement in parish activities. The renovations completed last year will provide space for different types of activities. The intention is to use the facility including the kitchen space for God's glory. The vestry will seek to invite and welcome the community to St. Paul's events and also set a goal to find new ways to reach out to both summer and year around visitors and residents. One of the first Actions to support these goals will be to re-design the parish web page. It has been almost 10 years since it received the last major renovation so it is time to get a face lift! St. Paul's looks forward to the next few weeks when we will begin to make plans for additional activities.

Summer early bird worship services at 7:45am have appealed to many including those who need to go to work. The 7:45am service will resume on May 19th. Island employees may also find the Wednesday Morning worship is a better fit for their schedules. The 9:30am Wednesday Morning Prayer & Worship service will move to 9:00am in June.

### St. Paul's Makes Long Term Plans

On April 28th St. Paul's Vestry and Mother Mary shared some long term plans for St. Paul's during the worship service. Mo. Mary has served as St. Paul's priest-in-charge since August 2010. In the months ahead the parish will initiate a process for the call of another priest to serve the congregation. This process will be different than what is followed in most Episcopal churches since Mo. Mary will remain as the priest serving St. Paul's during most of the search process. This method will provide stability and continuity that is often

lost during the traditional transition process. The good news is there will be stability during this process which is outlined in the recent Letter of Agreement signed by Bishop Hollingsworth, St. Paul's wardens and Mother Mary. The new agreement goes into effect in August 2019 and continues until the next priest is identified.

Although there is no way to anticipate how long this transition process will take, most churches spend 2-3 years on all the steps to call a new rector from the time they begin conversations about transition. St. Paul's last transition took almost five years. One of the first steps is for the vestry to prepare a notional timeline and to invite input from members of the congregation on how they envision ministry at St. Paul's in future. The proposed timeline will be shared with the congregation once it is developed. There is a sense of relief that the congregation can take the time needed to imagine the parish vision for the future. Parishioners will be invited to contribute to this vision. After the parish vision is identified, the vestry will appoint a committee to share the vision with potential candidates, and plan to interview those who are interested in serving this unique island parish. In the Episcopal Church the vestry is responsible for the selection of clergy although all candidates must be approved by the Diocesan Bishop.

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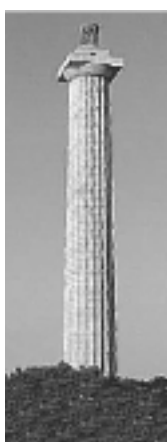
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# “Make it Happen Captain....”

**By: Gordy Barr**

The Pelee Passage, the Lake Erie waters between Point Pelee on the Canadian mainland and Pelee Island northwest of the Bass Islands, is storied water. It is one of the more tricky passages in the Great Lakes. During peak shipping season, several Lake Freighters run through every hour. That is a lot of tonnage passing through Lake Erie just north of the Lake Erie Islands.

I asked retired Interlake Steam Ship Captain Russ Brohl what would happen if I had engine failure or ran out of gas in the Pelee passage.

Would my Yamaha Jet Ski show up on an ore boat's radar or would a 1,500-ft. lake vessel filled with iron ore run me down?

“If the crew sees you they can avoid you. We used to dodge fishing boats all the time in the Pelee passage. You would never be run down by a 1,500-ft. ore boat.”

“Good to know,” I said.

“There are no 1,500-ft. vessels on the Great Lakes. You might get run down by a 1,013-ft. ore boat. In the Soo canal our vessels can't exceed 1,013 feet. There are 110 feet of width in the canal. Your largest boat is 105 feet wide, giving you clearance of 2.5 feet on each side. So, Genius, how many clear feet length wise in a lock?”

“Lots?” I said.

“1,200 feet, clear.”

“Good to know,” I said.

“Now the question is, will the freighter crew see you if you are stalled in front of them? A Yamaha Jet Ski is fiberglass, has low angles of deflection, and has a low boat aspect to radar ratio. If it is a windy day and there is a lot of sheet clutter (waves), the radar will not pick you up. So the crew needs to see you visually.

“They are normally good at spotting pleasure craft but if they have been drinking in Cleveland the night before and fought with their girlfriends, wives, or both, watch out. They are hung over and don't give a crap.”

“So, a 1,013-ft. ore boat is pretty nimble?”

“No, it is like trying to steer a pig down Euclid Avenue in Cleveland with a tooth pick.” Russ took a long pull from a bottle of Great Lakes Brewing Dortmund.

Why does the word Dortmund invoke imagery of a shipwreck in my mind, I thought?

Russ continued, “The pilot house is 900 feet from the bow, your line of sight is 1,500 feet beyond the bow. You have a blind spot of 1,500 feet.”

“Good to know,” I said.

“If you are really worried about staying visible you can buy radar reflectors from West Marine. Or, go old school. Buy a roll of tin foil from Bassett's market and unravel it. The worst they can get you for is littering.”

“Good to know.”

“You let me know the day. I will tell them to watch out for you.”

“Would you?”

“No.”

“Maybe you could teach me how to do signal flags.”

Russ continued. “The Pelee passage is a dangerous passages to pilot.

Navigable water narrows to about 10 miles between Point Pelee and Pelee Island. The wind funnels there during storms. A big ore boat has a tremendous amount of surface area. Roughly, 1,013' length X 22' of freeboard equals 22,000 square feet (loaded) of surface area.

The wind loves to play havoc with large boats in narrow channels.

“In addition the passage's rocky bottom has an average depth of 36'. Most of the big boats draw 28' loaded. We can't run our engines at speed. You nurse your way through the passage.



ABOVE: Crack Put-in-Bay Gazette Columnist Gordy Barr (left) and retired Great Lakes steamer captain Russ Brohl (obviously on the right) discussing jet ski safety in the Pelee Passage while enjoying a beer or two and pizza at Topsy Turvey's. After interviewing Capt. Brohl, Gordy reported he will be keeping his jet ski adventures to the confines of Pinky's Pond on South Bass Island.

“Canadian vessels have an easier time of it. Most Canadians are 740 feet max and have a 78-ft. width so they can pass through the Welland canal and access the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic. 70% of the American flagged Lakers are land locked by the Welland.”

“You drove the equivalent of a 1,013-ft. floating dump truck for 30 years.” I said looking up from my notes.

“Yes, you could say that. And I never got a DUI.”

“Really?”

“However, I was involved in a hit and run. We were waiting at the mouth of the Detroit River for three saltwater freighters, south bound, to clear in a heavy fog. It was December and they were trying to beat it out to the Atlantic before the Welland Canal closed for the season.

“One of the boats turned east too soon and glanced off us. A few bent frames but nothing below the waterline. We hailed them but they never responded. The Coast guard caught them at the Welland Canal, just west of Niagara Falls.”

“Not a clean getaway?”

“Where do you hide a 730-ft. saltwater vessel? I have to go.”

He took a final pull from his bottle and exited Topsy Turvey's Bar.

The retired ship's captain, once king of the Great Lakes, headed home to cut his lawn.

Russ's parting words, “There is a good chance the bow wake would push to the side if you weren't seen. On the other hand you might get sucked under...”

I left Topsy Turvey's, fired up my Jet Ski and headed for Leamington, Ontario confident in the knowledge that if I encountered engine trouble in the Pelee Passage I had a 50% chance that I would not get killed.

Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote in his essay, A Defense of Poetry, that “...poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world...”

I disagree.

Great Lakes ship captains like Russ Brohl are the unacknowledged legislators of the world...not only could Russ circumnavigate the globe in a freighter, he is really good at yard work. Most importantly, his command had survived the Pelee passage for 30 years without incident.

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## Island Cigar News

The Cigar meister of the island, Richard Warren, says he has something new for all you cigar smokers out there. Over the winter he was in the Dominican Republic and in China enjoying the aroma of his favorite cigars. He says he has some newly designed cigar boxes, plus a new Maduro-blend cigar for his customers. Corner him next time you see him, so he can tell you more!



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**Another Mother's Day**

by Woody Widmar

Another Mother's Day will pass  
 I'm holding back the tears  
 Cherishing the memories  
 We shared for all those years

Growing up in the sixties  
 I know I raised some hell  
 No matter how bad I got  
 My mother took it well

She stood by me through two divorces  
 And still would take me in  
 I wish she was here with me  
 So I could feel her hug again

One month in the hospital  
 Twenty days in a nursing home  
 I thought of my mother every day  
 So I wouldn't feel alone

She would brag about her son the chef  
 And wouldn't you just know it  
 She's the one who encouraged me  
 To try and be a poet

Another Mother's Day will pass  
 One last thing to say  
 Love your mother with all your heart  
 Happy Mother's Day !!

**Red Nose Day**  
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 Sunday, June 2nd



LEFT: The upstairs of the Put-in-Bay Town Hall was the place to be on Saturday, May 20th, the day before Easter. Pictured are volunteer helps Rachel, Taylor and Bree from the Boardwalk and Rec Committee member Angela Christensen with all the prizes that were handed out to those who found winning tickets in the plastic Easter eggs that were given out to the children there for the event.

**PIB Community Swim Sail**

The Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail (PIBCSS) program 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.

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 \$510 with options to add evening endurance and/or race team participation for an additional fee.

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.

For those who want to learn how to sail, there is a program for that. Various classes and levels are designed for those who are curious about sailboat 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.

SOS stands for Start Opti Sailing. This will be a one-week program for children aged 5 to 7 who will eventually be part of the learn to sail program. The

goal of this class is to get kids comfortable with the water, sailboats, and learn some sailing and water safety basics. They will not actually be sailing. Many other yacht clubs have similar programs, and we believe this is a great way to introduce the sport to our future sailors.

\* Children must be 4 by August 1st, 2019 to participate in the youth swimming lessons, and 5 by August

1st, 2019 for the SOS (Start children 8 years or older as Opti Sailing) program. Sailing lessons are available to

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## BIG CHANGES AT BOARDWALK GAS DOCK

This year, the Boardwalk installed all new pumps and hoses at the gas dock, plus updated all the underground hoses and equipment. This is a new state-of-the-art marine fuel system. The Boardwalk will be one of the only gas docks in a 30-miles radius that will be selling no ethanol 90-octane fuel. The Boardwalk's island customers have been asking for no-ethanol higher octane gasoline for their boats, and now they can fuel up at Put-in-Bay's only gas dock.

## MEGABITS - WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE

Megabits, LLC is the new wireless internet service provider (WISP) that will be bringing broadband high speed internet to Put-in-Bay. The service will be known as Megabits Island Internet, and will be marketed as Mi2. The company will have construction crews on the island in early May to erect its 140' tall radio communications tower. This new tower and another existing 120' tower on

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# ISLAND FOLK TRAVELING

In all the years we've been printing the Put-in-Bay Gazette, it is obvious island folk are travelling more and more during the off season.

This past season the Sheehan family, Trey, Sara, Audrey, Josie and Griffin were in Africa. Trey said he had no desire to go to Africa, but after being there, he said was amazing. Karyn Lyall from the West Shore and her three daughters Charlotte, Jacqueline, Madelyn, Maureen Dula and Mike Diskin (pictured above) were at the Atlantis Hotel in Nassau, Bahamas during spring break. Adam and Acka Riley were in Europe for a bit and then took off for a cruise in South America. David and Kathy Holscott (pictured below) from Mitchell Rd. traveled to India where they spent time teaching classes in writing, public speaking and philosophy in a private school in Udaipur, India, and later spent time in South Africa.



Paul Jeris from the Island Club was in Tunisia this winter. Joan and Roger Rhoad were on St. John's Island in the Caribbean for several weeks exploring beaches. Joe and Roberta Scarpelli were in Florida with their kids. Al and Maisie Ruchala spent their winter in Texas.



Gabriela Kaplan was in Latvia. Rich & Noreen Hahn from Mitchell Rd. were in Florida and Cuba. Peter and Amy Huston were in Eureka, California. Steve and Dawn Poe were in Punta Cana over the Easter break. Susan Market was in Italy. Kathie and Charles Holbrook from the Monument made it to the Dry Tortugas.

the island will enable the company to provide wireless internet service at speeds of 25-100 Mbps to residents and businesses. The company will also be installing a subscription based WiFi network to provide mobile internet to island residents and visitors.

Many island businesses have supported this initiative and will have Mi2 wifi connectivity available for their customers. Business owners can contact Mi2 to have WiFi hot spots installed at no charge. The initial installations will concentrate on the business district and residential installations will soon follow. Megabits owners have stated they plan on expanding to Middle Bass Island later in 2019. The company can be reached at 1-888-Mi2-3456 or online at [www.PiBwifi.com](http://www.PiBwifi.com). See the Megabit ad at the bottom of this page.

## LYMAN BEER

Look for Lyman Boat Beer this season on the island. It's named after the famous Lyman boats that built in Sandusky for many years. Founded in Cleveland, Ohio in 1875, and later relocated to Sandusky, Ohio, the Lyman Boat Works is known for building wooden, lapstrake "Clinker-Built" boats with legendary craftsmanship, unsurpassable utility, and steadfast seaworthiness in rough Lake Erie water. Lyman Boat Beer Works builds on this legacy through finely crafted, deliciously drinkable beer.

The beer is brewed by Sibling Revelry Brewing Company in Westlake, Ohio and is available in kegs and 6-packs for distribution throughout Ohio, including the islands. Please contact Ryan Koroknay at [ryank@lymanboatbeerworks.com](mailto:ryank@lymanboatbeerworks.com) for more information.

## THE TREE HOUSE BAR

The new Tree House is now under construction at the Mist/Mr. Ed's Bar/Commodore Resort. It's the biggest change to the downtown area this season. If you look behind Lovella, you'll see the construction going on. We understand there will be a new elevated walkway going from new Tree House Bar to Mist. Were not quite sure when the prospect will be complete, but keep your eyes and ears open for updates on the progress.

## HUGE FLAG AT DOLLER ESTATE

The new 20' by 30' flag on the 96'-high flagpole at the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doller Estate on Bayview Ave. is certain to become an island landmark and tourist attraction. It is spectacular!

## DOCKS AT KEYS

Those steel dock cribs you've seen on the Jet Dock are headed next door to The Keys where they will help reduce the lake surge when the island gets wind from the northeast. Watch for progress as the cribs are carefully placed and filled.

## MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

There are some new flower baskets on the lampposts around the downtown park, plus several newly repaired lampposts.

Did we hear correctly that there was going to be a Jumbotron at the Blue Marlin Bar at the Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center?

At the Roundhouse, the exterior has been painted red again. For the last several years, the exterior had a flag-themed paint job. The new red beer buckets at the bar will commemorate Mad Dog's 40th year entertaining there. Also at the Roundhouse, we understand new specially-designed LED lights will help reduce their electric bill, plus make the popular bar easier to keep cool in the summer.

One of the unfortunate changes this season is that Susan Market won't be opening Bayview Gifts & Apparel downtown at the Miller Marina. We're sorry to see this upscale shop go. The good news is that she has changed things around at Dockside at the Lime Kiln Dock and combining the best of both her shops. Stop in and see!

Workers have been busy in DeRivera park putting up a new memorial to honor those who have served in all the armed forces of our nation. The new memorial being put up by the island's American Legion Post, is just east of the doughboy statue honoring the veterans of World War I.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial has designed new banners that will welcome visitors to the park this year. They have the park name on one side and DONT GIVE UP THE SHIP on the other. You can see a full list of park events on their website at [NPS.gov/pevi](http://NPS.gov/pevi).

Next time you visit Das Lokal, the biergarten at the Goat Soup and Whiskey, check out the new steps leading down from the parking lot.

Other things we're hearing about are eBike rentals and a walking tour of the downtown.

Keep your eyes and ears open as we try and bring you news of the various new things on the island this season.

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ABOVE: The PIBVFD firemen in a car they recently practiced on. Seen are Terry Jenkins in the driver seat, Nate Jones in passenger seat, In the back right to left are Amanda McCann, Elizabeth McCann, Ryan Daugherty, Andy Shuttleworth, Austin Bolyard, and Anna Engel - Photo by JR Domer



ABOVE: This group read their Put-in-Bay Gazette at the Gateway to India in Mumbai last month. Left to right are Lynne Magnotto, Susan Fegen and her mother Sally Duffy, Pauline Garsteck from the bakery, Lillian Rosenlieb from the beauty shop, Noreen Roth, Rose Kahler from East Point, and Chuck Roth In the back row are Bob Smith and Dianne Smith from the South Shore, Tom Duffy and Kay Drake from the West Shore.

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SUN MAY 12 - 2 PM - JOE WOODS TRIO
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4 PM - BRAD MOORE
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## State of the Island

On Thursday evening, April 11th, island leaders and members of the business community attended the State of the Island function in the Assembly Room on the first floor of the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. At the State of the Island everyone learns about the political, organization and business news for the current new year. This event has taken place annually for more than 30 years.

### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

Mother Mary Staley opened the 2019 State of the Island with a benediction. She then told those gathered to visit the church and see the improvements and repairs that have been taking place the last few years. She said the church is in its best condition ever.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

After a social hour, Put-in-Bay's Island Ambassador Peter Huston from the PIB Chamber of Commerce opened the event with remarks about what that organization is doing this season. He talked about the Foodie Trail promotion for those who eat at island restaurants, the new Island Guide with an art-deco-style cover, the newly designed island map and the various events which will be taking place this season. He also discussed the Chamber's new "One island, one voice" concept which will hopefully will have everyone working together to share a common message with correct scheduling and information. He also talked about social media issues.

Caiti Bolyard, the Chamber's president was next up. She talked about the Chamber's board members and employees, the various committees which handle media, human resources and events. She talked about the Chamber's web site, visitputinbay.com emphasizing the correct and accurate information about what's going on on the island. She said the Chamber welcomes anyone's ideas for what the organization can do to help promote Put-in-Bay.

### LAKE ERIE ISLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Judy Kania from the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society spoke next. She talked about the Resale Shop and how volunteers are needed to help Marsha Baumert with a little of their time. She also talked about the 100th anniversary of the burning of the Hotel Victory this coming August. Details about a fundraiser cocktail party to remember the event will be forthcoming. Other fundraisers will be the Historic Auction on August 8th, plus an island artist auction featuring items from the now-gone home of Robert and Winifred Schmidt, Back Bay.

### SAFE ISLAND TASK FORCE

Billy Market brought everyone up to date on the progress being made by the "Safe Island Task Force." Members have been meeting on a regular basis since the group was formed last year with the goal of making every Put-in-Bay weekend safer and more fun by emphasizing good behavior, no open containers, pot smoking, littering and loud noise. The group has raised \$50,000 locally to help with the group's efforts to solve the serious issues at hand.

Billy credited Brad Ohlemacher for keeping the group on track and providing the continued leadership for the group. He also said the Safe Island Task Force will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 5 p.m. at the Senior center to discuss what it has been doing. He said the group welcomes everyone's input, but emphasized there is no magic fix and that progress will be seen in baby steps.



MOTHER MARY STALEY



PETER HUSTON



CAITI BOLYARD



JUDY KANIA



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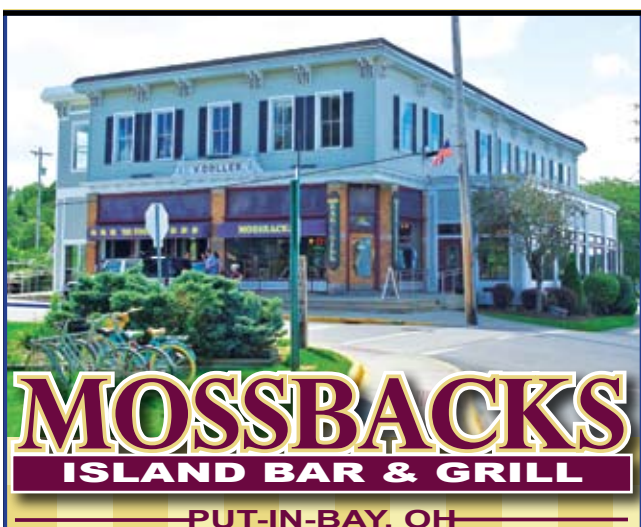


MAYOR JESSICA DRESS

### VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY

Put-in-Bay's mayor of two months, Jessica Dress, followed Billy with an assessment of what is going on in the Village. Among the topics she touched on were one island government, the police department, the resort and lodging taxes, long-term planning for utilities, the ozone project at the water treatment plant and the idea of a waterline from the mainland. She said she's here for the long run and welcomes everyone's input.

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## VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY

Put-in-Bay's Police Chief Steve Riddle talked about getting a new police vehicle and four new golf carts for the department, officer training, hiring new officers for the season, a new machine to check alcohol levels, zero-tolerance for bad golf cart operation this season and funding for new bulletproof vests for officers. He also emphasized how new officers will be trained in crowd control and the use of mace. He also referenced some interesting citation figures - in 2016, there were 439 citations, 91 for open container; in 2017, the figures were 780 and 407 respectively; and in 2018, 597 and 219.

## LAKE ERIE SHORES & ISLANDS

Larry Fletcher from Lake Erie Shore & Islands presented a video about the bureau's

2018 accomplishments. He mentioned the importance of a Put-in-Bay presence on the various LES&S boards, marketing techniques, media and its special support for the Pyrate Fest XI here on the island this summer.

## PUT-IN-BAY SCHOOL

Steve Poe, Superintendent of Put-in-Bay School, thanked various groups for their support of school activities. Among them were the police department, Parry's Victory & International Peace Memorial, Pasquale's and Mossbacks, and the community Science Fair judges among others. He also recognized the dedicated teachers at PIB School. He also mentioned this coming December's basketball tournament with Washington, Beaver and Mackinac Islands. It will be on Mackinac Island this year, so make your plans accordingly if you plan on attending. Poe also mentioned how this year's graduation ceremony will be on Friday of Memorial Day Weekend.

## PUT-IN-BAY TOWNSHIP

Township Trustee Chris Cooper talked about the increase in cardboard recycling at the transfer station and need to fund new recycling equipment. He also mentioned a recycling survey which is being conducted. He mentioned that Trenton Ave. (aka Dump Rd.) will be repaved this year, plus the township is working with the county on other roads. He also discussed the cemetery lottery for plots in Crown Hill.

## PIB EMS

Patrick Rogers from the Put-in-Bay EMS talked about having a bit more coverage on Middle Bass this season. He added that it is important to call 911 and not the EMS office if you have a medical emergency. 911 has professional



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dispatchers that trained to get a quick response to an emergency call even faster than someone who picks up a phone here on the island..

## PUT-IN-BAY PORT AUTHORITY

Rosann Kaiser spoke on behalf of the Put-in-Bay Port Authority. There is always something needed when it comes to operating three airports. This year, starting in late September, considerable improvement work will be done on the North Bass runway. The runway will be closed for about 30 days for the work to be completed. She talked about the Kid Rock concert at the end of August and the road races in September which will close the airport for a few days, but which will bring in nice bit of money for the Port Authority to do its job. She reported that last year's public hangar project will allow for the Ford Trimotor from the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton to come over to the islands and offer rides. The hangar provides shelter for the Ford in case of bad weather. Dates for rides are in early August, so watch for details as more info becomes available. She also mentioned the new dog park at the south end of the runway and thanked June Stoiber for her generous donation for the project. The Port Authority is planning an open house on Sunday, May 19th at 3 p.m. at the new dog park at the south end of the runway.

## ISLAND GREEN WEEK

Renee Market, the new director of Island Green Week, talked about what is planned for the event this season. This great family event will take place from August 3rd to 14th. She mentioned that one of the events this year will be a re-kindling the memory of the Hotel Victory fire which took place on August 14th in 1919.

## NATURE & WILDLIFE CENTER

Kate Ptak spoke on behalf of the Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center, announcing that Allison Wright will be the new director. Former director Jackie Taylor will still

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be helping out with Nature Camp. Watch for a schedule of all the fun and educational plant and animal programs which will be available this coming summer. Kate also talked about the need for more space at the center and



KATE PTAK



LISA BROHL

told about a new fund matching challenge to raise money for this project. See the separate article with more details about this on page 26-B6.

## LAKE ERIE ISLANDS CONSERVANCY

Lisa Brohl, representing the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Park District, discussed the progress on the purchase of Cooper's Woods from the DeRivera Park Trustees. She also mentioned Earth Day and Arbor Day activities on the island. One of the interesting items she discussed was a group which was recently on the island to study bat activity. Also of note is that since the beginning of the Put-in-Bay Township Park District in 2006, around 78 acres on Middle Bass and South Bass Islands, have been preserved for park use. The Park District's annual report is available for anyone who wants one by contacting Lisa. She also said the Story Walk in Dodge Woods had 400 signatures in its guest book in just a couple of weeks last year. One of the last things she mentioned was the water trail established for canoes and kayaks in the island area will becoming part of the State of Ohio's official water trail system.



DEACON MIKE LEAHY

## DEACON MIKE WINDS THINGS UP

Deacon Mike Leahy from Mother of Sorrows closed the meeting, but not before talking about the church schedule and some of the church's activities this summer like the Pooch Parade in June and the Miller Boat Line 5K in September, plus the weekly BINGO games at the Town Hall.



LEFT: A pickup full of stuff, plus all those black bags, were collected by this group who took part in the Goat Soup & Whiskey's annual island clean up on April 30th. Left to right are Acka Riley, Mariah Loud, Caroline and Scott Jackson, Nick Kujala and Kip Long. Thanks to Lake Disposal for donating their service to take the trash off the island.



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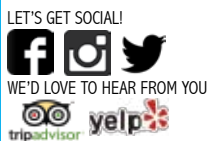


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ABOVE: Left to right are Agnes Uszak, Michelle O'Donnell, Angela Christensen and Chontel Shaffer, the four of the ladies from the Recreation Committee who worked so hard putting the Easter Egg Hunt together last month. They did a great job shifting the venue from the ball diamond to the Town Hall at the last minute due to the weather.

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ABOVE: Justine Rhoad Cultice was celebrated her 30th birthday at the newly painted Round House this year's Whiskey Light Ceremony.

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ABOVE: Tonda Zelms

## First National Bank Announces Promotion

Bellevue, Ohio - Dean Miller, President and CEO of First National Bank is announcing the following staffing promotion at the Bank:

Tonda Zelms has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Port Clinton and Put-in-Bay offices. She has been Lead CSR of the Put-In-Bay office since January 2018 where she was instrumental in fostering new relationships as well as continuing the excellent customer experience with our existing clients. She has been with the bank for over three years. Tonda and her family live in Marblehead.

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LEFT: This hand-drawn map is the first-known map that shows the Lake Erie Islands. They're the little dots to the lower left. The map is not terribly accurate. Mike Gora from Middle Bass has been doing extensive research and finds that explorers were visiting Lake Erie several years before La Salle and Fr. Hennepin sailed along the north shore of Lake Erie in 1679. Early explorers avoided the south shore of Lake Erie due to the hostile nature of the Indians who resided there.



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## The First Boat Trip Across Lake Erie in 1669

By Michael Gora

It's time to celebrate the 350th anniversary this year of the first boat trip across Lake Erie, and the first appearance of the Lake Erie Islands on a map. The trip continued on to the northernmost points of Lake Huron, a trip made by canoe. The French priests Dollier and Galinée accomplished this in 1669-1670. Even though Rene Robert Cavelier de la Salle and Father Louis Hennepin are often regarded as the first explorers to navigate Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, in 1679, and the first to produce a map naming Lake Erie with its current name. Both of those claims are wrong.

The Griffon built by de la Salle was in fact the first sailing ship to navigate Lake Erie and the upper lakes, but Francois Dollier de Casson and René de Bréhant de Galinée navigated the entire length of Lake Erie, near the north shore, in canoes in 1669 and 1670 and continued on to the northwest tips of Lake Huron at Sault Ste. Marie and also Mackinac Island. Their map is the very first showing the Lake Erie Islands. In 1669, Adrien Jolliet (this is the French spelling - in English it is usually Joliet) had traversed the north shore west to east by land. That year two Sulpician priests, Dollier and Galinée, met Jolliet who told them of his passage along the lake and they planned their own trip.

We will never know for certain which explorers first discovered Lake Erie, but we are reasonably certain that all the other Great Lakes were discovered earlier, because they appear on maps before Lake Erie does. Lake Erie itself first appears quite accurately on the 1650 Sanson map of the New World beside the label "N. (Nation) du Chat" and subsequently on Sanson's 1656 map as "Erie ou du Chat". It appears for the third time on the 1660 Du Creux Map in Latin as "LACUS ERIUS seu FELIS". The word Chat or Cat refers to the Cat Tribe of Indians on part of the south shore of Lake Erie. There is an earlier map, the 1643 map by Jean Boisseau, that shows a tiny "Lac Derie" but this map is so grossly inaccurate that it can't be considered a decent map of Lake Erie. The name Erie is generally thought to come from the American Indian tribe of this name, and the name Erie means "long tail" as well as "cat". The tribe is thought to come from the

Iroquoian branch ethnically, and from Hoka-Siouan stock linguistically, and lived on the south side of the lake.

After those first four maps showing Lake Erie, the 1669 Galinée Map is the first to show the Lake Erie Islands, even though they just appear as tiny specks at the bottom. The copy of the map shown here is a small piece of a bigger map

of the trip, but all known copies are tracings of the original which disappeared in the second half of the 19th century.

A longer article with 11 different maps and much more information including references will appear in the summer edition of Inland Seas magazine, the quarterly journal of the National Museum of the Great Lakes.



ABOVE: Ed Gudenas from St. Hazards on Middle Bass read his PIB Gazette in March at Le Select in St. Barth under the St. Hazards flag that has been there for many years. Le Select celebrates its 70th anniversary this November. Jimmy Buffet, a friend of the owner, at Le Select for the 60th anniversary celebration

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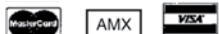
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RIGHT: CC Wisniewski was interviewed by the Detroit PBS station for a story in the series "Great Lakes Now." She talked about "island living" on Kelleys and Put-in-Bay and the high school sailing team. CC not only coaches the Put-in-Bay High School Sailing Team, but commutes to Kelleys Island to teach music. Among the students interviewed for the part filmed at Put-in-Bay were Alexandra Knauer and Talii Steidl. - Photo by Susan Byrnes



**Lake Erie walleye limit to be increased for 2020**

Here's some great news for walleye fishermen! For the March 1 through April 30 period next year, the walleye bag limit will increase from four fish to six fish daily in the Ohio waters of Lake Erie, including the Maumee River. In the Sandusky River, the four fish daily bag limit will remain in place.



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**PIB Police Department receives funds from law enforcement program**

On Thursday, February 14, 2019, the Put-in-Bay Police Department was awarded \$4,263.00 to purchase body armor for their officers as part of the recently announced Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program.

The Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program was created to help Ohio's local law enforcement agencies to purchase body armor vests. In June 2018, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation announced that it would dedicate a portion of safety grants to prevent injuries and fatalities among law enforcement officers. Under an agreement between the Attorney General and BWC, the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program will be eligible for these funds through June 2019. Ohio's law enforcement agencies can apply for the program through an application form on the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) website.

"We filled out the forms, submitted them, and received the acceptance letter fairly quickly," stated Chief Steve Riddle, Put-in-Bay Police Department. "After the Ottawa County Safety Council told us about the program and how to apply, we contacted OHLEG. The time frame is about one month." The Village of Put-in-Bay is a member of the Ottawa County Safety Council.

Recently, BWC Administrator/CEO Stephanie McCloud, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and State Attorney General Dave Yost recently announced an additional \$500,000 to fund the Attorney General's Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program. This is on top of an initial \$2 million previously announced for fiscal year 2019.

The Ottawa County Safety Council is sponsored by the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. For more information about the Ottawa County Safety Council or how to join, please contact Jessica Kowalski at 419-898-6242 or visit [www.ocic.biz/safety-council](http://www.ocic.biz/safety-council).

**LEINWC Dream Within Reach**

Zoe and Brad Titchener have offered us a new challenge grant for the LEINWC building addition fund. They will match up to \$30,000.00 received in donations in 2019. If we meet that challenge, we will have \$60,000.00 to add to the \$129,000.00 we have already raised and we will be able to begin construction. Our architect is finalizing plans, and we are itching to break ground this season!

Now we need your help to make the dream come true. Come and support our Pig Roast, the Stargazing Cruise, and other events we will be hosting at the center this year. If you haven't purchased your square meter of land or adopted an animal yet, this year would be a great time to do so. Straight donations to the building addition fund will always be gratefully accepted - the more the merrier!

Several donations recently were the result of Facebook requests for Birthday donations; LEINWC is a choice you can make when shopping at Krogers and Amazon (choose LEINWC from the Amazon Smile list).

We again want to acknowledge and thank the many donors who contributed to our new Porch project and last year's Matching Grant Challenge. Your generosity is a shining example to those who will also be helping us this year.

**Clipping from 1917**

**STORM DID DAMAGE.**

Special to The Star-Journal.  
PUT-IN BAY, O., May 7—One of the worst storms that has visited the island region in years was that of Friday and Friday night. Docks along the bay front were washed away, not a private dock being left undamaged. The new wall at the monument grounds suffered to a considerable extent. The grading had just been completed and the damage will cause an immense expense. The platform and buildings at the bathing beach were damaged, some beyond repair. The Shearwater and Perry were in danger for a time and were moved by their captains. The boat house of J. J. Day was tossing during the night as if it rode every sea. The Kirby came from Detroit, having left there at 3 p. m. and arrived here about 8:30, where she remained over night. The Louise arrived during the afternoon and towed a scow load of coal. It seemed that she could not possibly live in the storm. Repair work is now in order.

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# Village Council Notes

The Put-in-Bay Village Council met twice in April, first at its workshop meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd, and on Wednesday, April 17th, for its regular meeting. The Council also held a public hearing in April to hear comments on the number of taxis which should be licensed to operate on the island.

Council passed an amended Pedicab ordinance, but did not pass the map which is required to limit the route of such vehicles. That was sent to committee for further consideration once members of Council realized the route did not include most of the major streets in the Village.

A temporary moratorium on roving entertainment businesses was passed. The ordinance addressed businesses like the karaoke golf cart that applied to operate in the Village last season.

A "Small Cell Design Guidelines" ordinance had its second of three readings, plus there was a third and final reading of an ordinance which authorizes internet auctions of surplus Village property.

One of the bills which was authorized to be paid was one for Walter-Haverfield in the amount of \$54,220.31 for the period December 2018 through February 2019. This is the legal firm which provides legal service for the Village and the Planning Commission.

## 2019 BUSINESS LICENSES

Tony White has received a business license to operate a taxi company. Jeff Jankowski has applied for a business license to bring "E-Bikes" to the Island, primarily to give tours around the island. The Mayor and the Fiscal Officer will review Mr. Jankowski's business license. A fixed location was missing from the application; making it incomplete.

## LAKE ERIE LOVE SIGN:

Council approved the installation of a 4-ft. by 13-ft. "Lake Erie Love" sign along the lake front by the city docks. The sign is not only an advertisement for the visitors bureau, but when installed, will also be a photo opportunity location.

## VILLAGE HOUSING

Approval was given for the installation hookup for TV and wifi for the police housing at the Fredrick's House. The money will be paid out of the general fund. Any monthly charges that are incurred will be tenant's responsibility. Mayor Dress started a discussion of Employee Housing Agreements and Rent per unit. Both were referred to Property/Town Hall Committee for further review.

## MERGER COMMISSION

Legal counsel was directed to review process for creating a Merger Commission which would look into establishing one government entity for the islands. Councilman Kelly Faris has been recommending this for some time now. Voters would have to vote on establishing a commission unless both the Township and the Village would agree to establish one. The commission would consist of five people from the Village and five people from the Township who would look into the issues. After the commission has finished its work, the voters would determine if the two island governments would merge into one.

## FLAGS

Approve was given for the purchase of flags for the Village in the amount of \$1,207.00. These Village burgee flags have been sold at the Village in the past. Retail outlets have also sold them before. An inventory will be needed to be taken on how many flags are in stock. The Fiscal Officer will take inventory, contact manufacturer, and present council with quote at the May meeting.

## WARNING SIGNS

Approval was given for the purchase of 75 electrical shock warning stickers for the Village's A and C Docks. DeRiviera Park is interested in purchasing 25 from the Village for their own "B" Dock. The total amount would be \$129.75.

## ZONING BOARD

Councilman Boyles will remain on the Planning Commission Board.

## UTILITY UPDATE

There was a discussion at one of the April meetings about extending sewer into areas of the village that currently do not have sewer access. Council was assured that the current sewage treatment plant could easily handle not only the homes in the village, but also many homes in the township portion of the island. One of the interesting options for the Village is to allow low-pressure systems rather than gravity sewer lines.

There was also a discussion about properties on Detroit Ave. tying into the sewer system which serviced the Morgan Park Subdivision on East Point.

Council also approved the payment of \$20,000 to the EPA for the utility violation fines which were assessed last summer before new management came in and began working on turning things around at the water treatment plant.

Mayor Dress recommended a pay raise for Mr. Jaime Mendoza, the Village's water treatment plant operator.

**FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Council granted Put-in-Bay School a temporary easement; up to 180 days; to be drafted by legal counsel, for the specific purpose of moving tree trimming and lawn mowing equipment to a rear portion of the Frederick property which they purchased from the Village.

Anne Auger will be meeting with John Galvin John Galvin from DeRivera Park and Barb Hunter from the Garden Club to discuss the future of the Bathing Beach and the flower baskets and planting in the downtown park.

The Village Dock Committee will come up with a revision of the dockage rates. Last year, the city docks took in \$60,000 less than the previous summer.

At the water treatment plant, the Ozone project is underway. Kirk Brothers have completed a sight survey, Poggemeyer Design Group, the Village engineers, has staked the property. The EPA will be coming out to the island to check progress of project. All parties are aware of a timeline that has been established for the completion of the project.

The administrator requested the approval of council to donate an unused junk vehicle at Utilities Department to the Fire Department for training purposes. Legal Counsel will draw up a resolution declaring the vehicle unfit and/or obsolete.

## POSSIBLE PARKING / TRAFFIC CHANGES

Councilman Faris has proposed removing the yellow parking curbs on Delaware Ave. between Toledo Ave. and the bathing beach, plus changing Delaware Ave. to one way. These topics were referred to the Rules and Ordinance Committee to review and revise. The committee met several days later.

## FISCAL OFFICER

The Fiscal Officer Courtney Blumensadt gave an explanation of the 2018

dockage receipts and why there are discrepancies in cash and credit card totals. She is also working on better collections of the Resort Tax.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal counsel requests council to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of Pending and Threatened Litigation.

## ADVERTISING POSITION

Mr. Boyles requested that the Village advertise for the Village Administrator Position. Anne Auger is currently the acting Village Administrator, the position she has held for the last several months. It is up to the mayor to bring a candidate to the Council for its approval.

## Bell Choir Rings Out

The young bell choir at St. Paul's continues to perfect their skills. In May they plan to share their skills with the members of American Legion Post 542 during their monthly meeting. In March, they played in the Talent show and in April they played on Palm Sunday in the church. For Palm Sunday they played during the congregation's response to the Prayers of the People. The words to the response was written by Archbishop Tutu: "Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death." The bell choir will conclude their practices in May, but plan to resume in the fall. St. Paul's Bible Explorers will also conclude their activities in May.

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# Island Calendar May 2019

Schedule Subject to Change  
 TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Ctr • MBI = Middle Bass  
 TwpH = Township Hall • MOS - Mother of Sorrows  
 PMVC = Perry Monument Visitors Center

## MAY EVENT SCHEDULE

- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE THIS PAGE
- LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE • SEE THIS PAGE
- PIB YACHT CLUB EVENTS • SEE PAGE 14
- RESALE SHOP OPEN DAILY 11a to 5p
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Sr Ctr
- First National Bank Open • Mon, Wed & Fri - 9:30a 3:30p
- Media Day • May 3
- Fishbowl & Mossbacks Open • May 2
- Media Day • May 3
- Crew's Nest Opening • May 3 - 5p • Crew's Nest
- Spring Fling Weekend • May 3 & 4
- Derby Day @ Island Bars • May 3 & 4
- Clean Up Day • May 4 • PIBYC
- World Labyrinth Day • May 4 - 1p • St Paul's
- Bird Banding • May 5 thru 8 • Vineyard B&B
- PIBEMS Open House • May 5 - 2 to 5p • EMS Office
- Blessing of the Fleet • May 7 - 11a • Jet Express Dock
- Back to the Wild • May 8 - 3:20p • Town Hall
- Island Vaccination Clinic for Pets • May 9 - Noon to 4p  
• Kowalski's Mike's Drive on East Point
- Deadline to get on Island Wide Garage Sale Map • May 10
- Plant Exchange • May 10 - 4 to 5:30p • Nature Center
- Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel Opens • May 10
- Pelee Island Winery Opens • May 11 (FYI - Joan & Roger)
- Bird Banding • May 13 thru 17 • Vineyard B&B
- DeRivera Park Flower Basket Planting • May 14 & 15 - 9a
- Safe Island Task Force Presentation  
• May 14 - 5 to 7p • Senior Center
- Spring Concert & Art Show • May 14 - 6:30p • School
- Red Cross Blood Drive • May 17 - 10a to 4p • Town Hall
- PIB School Awards Day - May 17 • School
- GOAT & Biergarten Open Daily for Season - May 17 - 5p
- Perry Monument Visitor Center Opens • May 18
- Victoria Day Weekend • May 18 - 21
- Island-wide Garage Sale • May 18 - 10a to 4p
- Bake Sale • May 18 - 10a to ? • Nature & Wildlife Ctr
- Planting Seeds of Peace - May 18 - 11a, 2 & 4p • PM Vis Ctr
- Annie Parker 90th Birthday • May 18 - Noon to 6p • Sr Ctr
- Dog Park Open House • May 19 - 3p • South End Runway
- Leash Cutting Ceremony and Hotdogs Served
- Perry Education Days • May 21 - 23 • Perry Monument
- Red Nose Day • May 23
- PIBHS Graduation • May 24 - 6:30p • Monument
- Swim/Sail Online Registration Deadline • May 24
- Memorial Day Weekend • May 24 - 27
- Musket & Carronade Wkend • May 25 & 26 • PM
- Sharpening • May 25 - 10a to 4p • Hardware Store  
(Bring in just about anything you need sharpened)
- Eye Opener Brunch • May 26 • PIBYC
- Alumni Banquet Buffet • May 26 - 11:30a • Crew's Nest
- Memorial Day Service • May 27 - 11a • Perry Monument
- Live Polka Band - Polka Revolution • May 27 - 2p  
• Goat Biergarten
- Legion Picnic • May 27 - 5p • SBI State Park
- Wine Tasting • May 29 • Reel Bar

## MAY MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Twp Zoning Commission • May 2 - 3p • Twp Hall
- PIB Rec Com Mtg • May 6 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • May 6 - 7p • Fire Station
- Put-in-Bay Village Council • May 8 - 9a • TH
- Bd of Education • May 8 - 7p • School
- PIB Chamber of Commerce • May 13 - 1p • Mr Ed's
- Village Tree Commission • May 14 - 9:45a • TH
- Park District Meeting • May 14 - 10a • TH
- PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • May 14 - 10a • Twp Hall
- LEI Conservancy • May 14 - 7p • TH
- Legion • May 16 • St Paul's Undercroft
- PIB Property Owners Assoc • May 18 - 10a • Sr Ctr
- PIB Twp Port Authority • May 20 - 5p • Twp Hall
- PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • May 21 - 7p • Twp Hall
- Garden Club Mtg • May 23 - 4:30p • PIBYC
- LEIML Softball Captains Mtg • May 27 - 6p • Mr Ed's

## MAY CHURCH SCHEDULES

- Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- PIB Mass • Sun. 10:30a
- PIB Mass • Sat. 5:30p • Begins May 18
- Mass • Sun., May 26 - 8:30a • Mid Bass Town Hall
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- Holy Eucharist and Church School • Sunday 10:30a
- Holy Eucharist Sundays Starting May 19 - 7:45a
- Wednesday Morning Prayer & Worship - 9:30a
- Church of Middle Bass**
- Services • Sundays - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall
- St. John @ the Bay**
- Services • May 12 & 19 - 3p / May 26 - 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 2019

- Middle Bass Island Open Volleyball Tournament • Jun 1
- LEIML Softball Doubleheader Season Opener • June 2 - 6p  
• Ball Diamond
- Put-in-Bay Music Festival • June 8 • Monument Grounds
- 11th Annual Drag Show • June 10 • Round House
- Will's Day at the Bay • June 12
- Pooch Parade • June 15 - Registration 9:30a/Parade 10a • De Rivera Park
- Founder's Day • June 15 • De Rivera Park
- Pyrate Fest • June 22 & 23

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## PUT-IN-BAY PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Saturday, May 18th - 10 a.m.**

**at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center**

**Guests Include Representatives**

from the

**Safe Island Task Force**

&

**Kelly Faris Discussing Village & Township  
 Government Merging Commission**

## It's happening at the Erie Island Library in May!

### Ceramic Bowl Craft

**Wednesday, May 8th at 1pm**

Come in and paint a design on a bowl. We will supply the bowls and paint. This is a very easy craft and the bowl can be used for plants, candy dish or even a wonderful Mother's Day gift.

### Origami Butterflies

**Wednesday, May 8th at 3:15pm**

Sue Duff will be showing us how to make these beautiful butterflies. This is another easy craft and a fun way to spend the afternoon.

### Wine and Words Book Club

**Thursday, May 9th at 5pm**

Grab the current book you are reading or a favorite that you have read and join us for a discussion. Pair your book with a glass of wine and have a relaxing evening. This is a great way to learn about new books that you might be interested in.

### Preschool Story Time

**Monday, May 13th at 11am**

Our theme is "Bugs." Children 6months through preschool age are welcome to join us as we read a story, sing a song and hunt for bugs.

### Movie and Popcorn Night

**Thursday, May 16th at 5pm**

We will be showing "Over The Hedge". Popcorn and drinks will be served to those attending. Come for a fun night out with the family!

### Book Signing

**Saturday, May 25th 10am-Noon**

Author Jim VanKeuren will be at the library signing his book "WWII POW CAMPS IN OHIO." Stop in and meet Jim and hear all about his new book.

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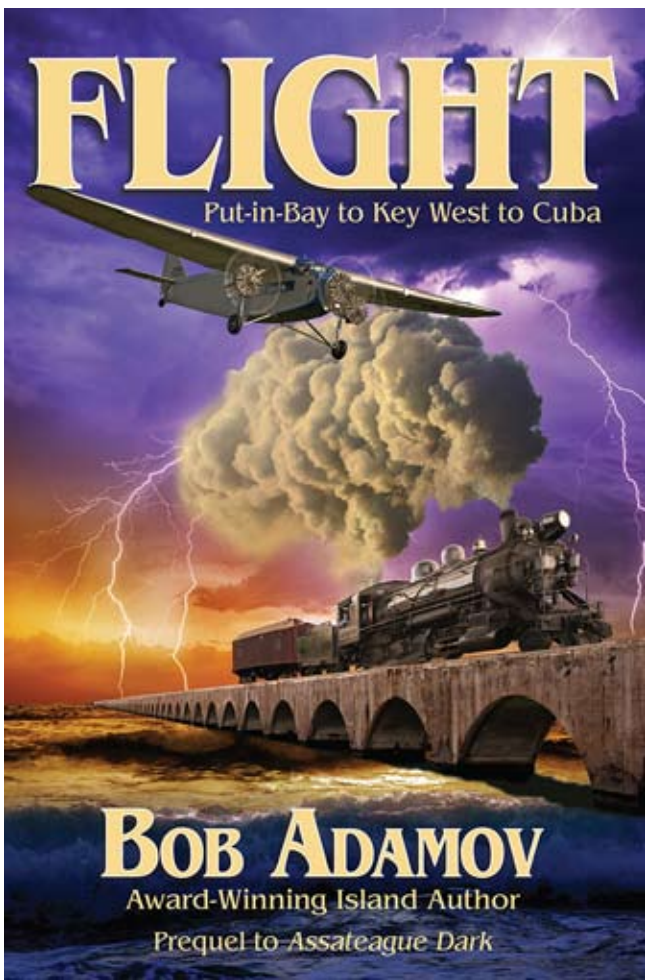


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Wednesday, May 1st - Senior Day at Camp Perry Thursday, May 2nd - National Day of Prayer and Holocaust Remembrance Day. Sunday, May 12th - Mother's Day May 15th, Senior Day @ Mud Hens Game Saturday, May 18th - Armed Forces Day Monday, May 27th - CLOSED - Memorial Day	<b>6</b> 8:15am AerobicDance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures	<b>1</b> 10-2PM SPECIAL EVENT! Everyone Join Us: Cost: \$6 SENIOR DAY AT CAMP PERRY "Slumber Party Theme"	<b>2</b> 9 AM Aerobics 1pm Mah Jongg 4pm Yoga	<b>3</b> 8:15A AerobicDance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Site Manager</u> Christine Joyce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Lunch @ Reel Bar                      TUESDAY @ 12pm                      Suggested Donation \$4.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CUT OFF TIME FOR                      RESERVATIONS</u>                      Mon. @ 12 pm for Tues.                      Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please make your lunch                      reservation by signing up at                      the Sr. Center                      or by calling: 419-285-5501</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>60+ CLINIC:</b>                      For Reservations call:                      (419) 734-6800</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Put-in-Bay Senior                      Center</u>                      195 Concord Ave.                      Put-in-Bay, OH 43456                      419-285-5501                      pibseniorcenter.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Don't forget to check                      out this months                      highlighted "Special                      Programs/Events"</i></p>
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## Flight - Put-in-Bay to Key West to Cuba - the latest novel from Bob Adamov

You can pre-order an autographed copy of my new book "Flight" at [www.BobAdamov.com](http://www.BobAdamov.com) for \$24.95 with free shipping. The books will be shipped in early May.

As usual, you'll see some familiar locals in this adventure - Mad Dog Mike Adams, Billy Market and Liam, Cory Sipert, Lindsay Marie, Peter Huston, Carl the Limoman, Clay Cozart, Greg Peiffer and Larry Fletcher. You're going to love meeting Big Daddy Chuck Meier (more about him tomorrow).

The story in brief:

In 1928, a Pinkerton detective in a Ford trimotor plane chases a Flagler treasure train to Key West during the Okeechobee Hurricane. Neither makes their destination.

Put-in-Bay's investigative reporter, Emerson Moore, learns of this mystery during a visit to Bellevue, Ohio's train museum. Working on a Cuba to Key West drug trafficking story, Moore goes undercover in a Key West bar, hoping to connect with a powerful Cuban drug lord while he also investigates the plane's and train's disappearance.

Amidst several murder attempts, Moore finds himself challenged to survive - especially when two characters appear from Moore's past who could reveal his true identity.

Assisted by a Cudjoe Key defense contractor (Big Daddy Chuck Meier), Moore is transported covertly to Cuba. There he encounters a seductive Georgia woman searching for her lost brother, a DEA agent, and the two team up to infiltrate the drug lord's lair in the towering Sierra Maestra mountains.

After a series of mishaps, a seriously wounded and barely alive Moore flees down the mountainside into the jungle with his pursuers hot on his heels. Will he survive this deadly adventure?

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LEFT: Lost and Found - Fish head in lawn between the Twine Shanty and Island Bike & Cart Rental building by Lime Kiln Dock in April. It's not a perch or carp. Finder would love to know how it got to where it was found. Please contact IBR manager Adam Riley if you are the owner.

## Fish and get college credit

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The two-semester-hour Lake Erie Sport Fishing course is scheduled to run from June 3rd to 9th. It combines extensive on-water training in fishing techniques with classroom sessions to teach anglers how to increase fishing success by understanding fish ecology and behavior.

Students will be taught to use GPS, sonar and internet resources; learn to rig and operate popular styles of fishing gear such as diving planers and side planer boards; and learn sonar structure fishing.

The course's daily field trips will feature drifting and casting and trolling for walleyes; structure fishing for small mouth bass; searching for open water white bass and anchoring for yellow perch. Evening lectures, lure-making sessions and rowboat fishing in Put-in-Bay Harbor are included.

Housing and tuition rates apply. Stone Laboratory is open to college students from any educational institution.

A three-day, non-credit Sport Fishing Workshop is being offered May 17th through 19th for \$450. It includes housing and meals on Gibraltar Island.

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RIGHT: The Put-in-Bay High School Sailing Team isn't just fun and games. Coach CC Wisniewski in the small boat on the right watches as two member of the team, Kate Byrnes and Emil Michael, attempt to upright their sailboat after it tipped over in the frigid harbor water in early April. The team members all wear dry suits to keep them from getting cold. Learning to upright an overturned sailboat is a necessity if you're going to master this sport.



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



Paul Bolden

I AM BACK ON THE ISLAND! Finally it's that time of year again...Boating Season! After one long hard Winter (for those of us who didn't head south), it's time to get things thawed out and shipshape. One of the keys to safe boating is making sure that your vessel is seaworthy and compliant with current boating laws governing the Great Lakes (where I presume that most of us do our boating). I STRONGLY, STRONGLY, STRONGLY urge that you have a vessel exam (called a Vessel Safety Check) performed by the USCG-AUX before you head out on to the water this season.

### NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Vessel Safety Checks performed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary ARE NOT a law enforcement action and you WILL NOT be cited if your vessel should happen to fail. Rather, these courtesy checks give you an opportunity to correct any issues or violations in advance of being stopped and perhaps fined by the Coast Guard while you are underway. If you do pass our safety check, you will receive a window decal to be affixed to your vessel alerting the Coast Guard that you have been inspected and perhaps averting a boarding.

### PIB RESIDENTS CAN CALL ME

I am officially back on the Island from now through October and I'm available to personally inspect your vessel free of charge. The best way to reach me is via email: paulbolden.uscgauaux@gmail.com.

You can also call me at 419-379-9000 stating your name, your phone number, that you're at Put-in-Bay and would like to have a Vessel Safety Check.

### HOW TO PASS A VESSEL INSPECTION (VSC) PART 1 OF 3

In this three part series, we are going to cover everything needed for PIB residents to pass a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). By understanding the examination requirements in advance, it is much more likely that your boat (or jet ski, etc) will pass the inspection which will also make the job a lot easier on the vessel examiner. Lets get started

1) Registration. Make sure that the correct vessel registration is on board and is current. In addition to a valid date, the vessel's state registration numbers, and hull identification number must match the registration document exactly.

FOR DOCUMENTED VESSELS: Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and hailing port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

You would be surprised at the number of people that I've encountered who can't produce their boat registration or not even sure which document it is. Not producing the correct documentation has us off to a bad start and it's usually downhill from there. PLEASE have your correct documentation on board.

2) Display of Numbers. This is the number one violation that I see around PIB. Numbers must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel. The numbers must be read from left to right, and of a color that is contrasting with the background color; for example, black numbers on a white hull. Lettering must be in plain, vertical block characters of not less than 3 inches in height. Spaces or hyphens between letter and number groupings must be equal to the width of a letter other than "I" or a number other than "1." The validation stickers must be affixed within six inches of the registration numbers.

NOTE: The letters/numbers should be a plain block font like "Arial" not cursive, swirly or otherwise. The letters/numbers should not be multiple colors, fancy fadings, shadows or outlines. Caution: Even though there are local stores willing to sell you these types of lettering does not make it legal to display on your vessel.

3) Personal Flotation Devices. The USCG requires that there be a USCG approved PFD (in good condition) on board for each passenger. Vessels 16' - 65' must also carry a Type IV throwable device such as a cushion or ring buoy. Children must have a PFD suitable for their size. In the state of Ohio, children under the age of 10 must be wearing their PFD while on board vessels 18' or less.

4) Visual Distress Signals. Here are the basics. For vessels less than 16' distress signals are only required when operating between sunset and sunrise. 3 combination day/night red flares or 1 electric distress light are required. For vessels 16' or longer you are required to have 3 handheld or floating orange smoke signals and 3 night flares or 3 combination day/night flares, hand-held, meteor or parachute type or 1 orange distress flag and 1 electric distress light or 3 handheld or floating orange smoke signals and one electric distress light or flare gun with 3 day/night cartridges. NOTE: Make sure that your flares are not expired.

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ABOVE: A group of friends gathered at Mr. Ed's Bar on April 13th to surprise Meri Thomas. Meri has been battling cancer for quite some time and this group knew how much Whiskey Light Weekend meant to her so they planned this special surprise and even made shirts that say, "I Know Meri," Meri also had the honor of flipping the Whiskey Light switch at the Round House on Sunday. "For me, it symbolizes the re-kindling of friendships old and new, the start of an awesome island season and it reminds me of the love so many have for this special place," Meri says about the weekend. Pictured from left to right: Justin Davoll, Kaleigh Porter, Daniel Niese, Ashley Marie Mann, Teodora Ivanova, Nate Jones, Randi Pfeiffer, Meri Thomas, Aaron Schroeder, Jennifer Bruder, Chuck Schweinsberg, Fred Cerny, Hollie Cerny, Mike Kosec, Dee Kosec, Jeff Bast, Mike Rumph, Sherry Rumph, Bryan Kasper, Maureen Toth-Ganim, Diana Whatmough, and Albert Whatmough.

## New Advertisers this month

We have several new advertisers this month in the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

Phil Barone, the entertainer from Cleveland who put on the Jim Morrison impersonator show at the Crescent Tavern a few years back is putting on a benefit show in Sandusky in June. See his ad and an article about the show on page 12 of the first section of this issue.

If you're interested in blinds, shades and window treatments, the Blind Shoppe has an ad on page 17. They been doing custom and specialty work for 40 years.

Mike McGlothlin, who worked on Put-in-Bay for his uncle Todd Blumen-saadt years ago, is now doing vinyl and upholstery work including boat seating. He has an ad on page 30-B10

Neidecker, Leveck & Crosser Funeral Home in Port Clinton has a an ad in the Milestones section of this issue.

If you can't afford a real safari in Africa, there is a discount coupon in the African Lion Safari ad on page 7 so you can take an affordable one right across the lake on the mainland.

If you are planning on doing a promoting of your business with specials items, take a look at the ad on page 20 for Imprint Logo. They have a show right on the peninsula on the mainland where you can stop in and see samples of ex-

## Commander...Ahoy!

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There are other combinations possible. If you have any questions contact the USCG-AUX at 419-379-9000.

5) Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists:

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6) VENTILATION: Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have natural or powered ventilation. The ventilation system is designed to remove potentially dangerous fumes.

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ADDITIONALLY: Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a "certificate of compliance." Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment. Outboard equipped vessels are exempt.

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Diesel engines are exempt.

8) Sound Producing Device. This one is simple. All vessels to 65' are required to have a sounding device such as an installed boat horn, whistle or air horn, etc. capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile. Vessels 65' feet or more in length are required to carry a whistle or horn and a bell that are audible for 1 mile.

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NEXT MONTH

Next month, part two of this series will cover Pollution Placards, Marpol Placards, Navigation Rules, State and Local requirements and overall vessel condition. Lets make this boating season on the waters around PIB safe and accident free.

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## Listen to Larry by Larry Schrader

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

At first I thought I was dreaming, but then I heard it again. I opened my eyes, the morning sky was just beginning to brighten, but the sound was unmistakable; a chirping bird. It was the first one of the season, perhaps up early to find a juicy worm, maybe build a nest in the big pine by the shed, or possibly searching for a mate to share some springtime romance, or perhaps to remind me that it is time to head for the island, another cottage season was about to begin. It was mid-March, on the mainland the landscape was cool, gray, soggy, gloomy. I had already started to gather supplies for my first trip. I was anxious to get started – but I knew not to risk going up too early – a Spring freeze, frozen pipes, the cold lake winds, and with the unusually high water levels, the possibility of being stranded for a few days in the cold cottage.

But as I sat on the edge of the bed looking out into the back yard, the chirping continued. It's time to go, like Christmas Eve, a flurry of anticipation, excitement, and in the end, something magical. Like a 7-year-old, I jumped up and sprung to action. First, I studied the weather forecasts, radar images, and satellite maps; searching for a window of opportunity to make my first trip – soon, I had a plan.

This year, I had some extra work to do before turning on the water – lots of new pieces and parts for the well, now spread across a large table in the basement, a new toilet for the upstairs bathroom, a new faucet for the kitchen sink – all this in addition to the usual routine of leaves, gutters, windows, and more. I hoped to have a day and a half of decent weather to make the trip and get my first wave of projects completed.

Over the next few days, as the birds continued to call my name, I packed, prepared, and finally, planned my escape. My "weather window" would begin with a warm, sunny day in the 60's, after that, a jumbled mix of typical northern Ohio gloom, anything goes. I was off!

I boarded the 9:30 ferry. It was chilly, but comfortable, I hoped to have running water by the end of the day. By about 4:00, I primed the pump and hoped for the best – the sun popped out from behind the clouds – I peeled off my sweatshirt. Perhaps this unexpected burst of warmth and brightness is a good omen. Water flowed and I quickly found a few small leaks in some of my new connections – but within a few minutes I was able to tighten things up and was ready to try again. I opened the cold water valve to fill the hot water tank and let pressure build into the cottage. My tired body ached as I scampered inside to check for leaks. Everything seemed good as I opened the hot water valve and again ran inside.

I heard water running as I first stepped into the kitchen, but the faucet was off – what was I hearing? Moving to the center of the cottage now, I stopped and listened. In the bedroom, behind the kitchen wall – I grabbed the heavy bunk bed and pulled it away from the wall. Water was everywhere! Fortunately, a nearby valve allowed me to turn off the gusher – apparently, an old fitting had corroded – a flood!

Now, tired, creaky, a little cranky, I had to repair the pipe, pull the water-soaked rug out of the room, move furniture, and mop up the mess. Soon, the carpet was stretched out in the late-day sun, the broken pipe repaired, and Larry was in the old green chair by the lake, reflecting on a full day, feeling good, satisfied, at home.

The next day arrived quickly, with cooler temperatures, the adventure continued. My body still ached from the bending, lifting, and crawling of Day One; so most of this day would be spent putting away tools and organizing the chaos after yesterday's cyclone of activity. On the third day, I pattered about, chipping away at my list, and enjoying the solitude of a near-deserted West Shore. A cold northwest wind chased me inside. I was ready for an early bedtime.

I heard the waves crash all through the night, it was just 33 degrees when I climbed out of bed. Outside, the trees and lawn by the shore glistened with a thin coating of ice. The spray from the angry lake began to coat the windows. The cold was expected. I hoped it would not get any colder.

I walked around the cottage. It seemed different, unfamiliar, the frozen landscape outside, occasional squalls of icy snow, the constant pounding of the

waves, the temperature continuing an ominous decent. I began to think of frozen pipes – I stared at the thermometer. I needed a plan. By 9:30, the temperature had dropped to 27°. I ran the water in the bathrooms, in the kitchen. I let the faucet run until I could here the pump kick on at the well. I knew as long as I kept the water moving through the pipes it wouldn't freeze. But how cold would it get?

By noon, I had gained a degree, now 28° and a steady, light snow blew in from the lake. I pattered about, continued to run the water every hour, flushing toilets, showers, and watching the thermometer – 29° by 1:00; 30 at 2:00; 31 at 4:00; 32 at 6:00; and finally, 33°, above freezing, at 8:00! The barometer was slowly rising, the skies were expected to clear, I checked the forecast: How cold would it get overnight? Most of my weather apps predicted overnight lows near 30. Then, I looked at the NWS Marine forecast – low 22°!

My mind raced. Should I shut down the pump and try to drain the pipes now? I sat down, peered out at the lake through the ice covered windows, collecting my thoughts. I've made it this far, almost all day below freezing, stay the course, this is not the time to abandon ship! I made my hourly rounds, running water, checking heaters, making sure the pump cycled on and off. I moved an extra heater into the bathroom, another into the kitchen. Outside, the wind howled; snow bounced off the frozen cottage; the ice on the windows, in the yard, and on the trees thickened.

Bedtime, still 33°. I'll be fine. I turned on a couple faucets, just a drip, enough to keep the water moving. I couldn't sleep. Tossing and turning, listening for water, the heaters, the waves ... finally, I jumped out of bed. Again, I made my rounds, running water, checking the heaters, the pump. I picked up my phone to set the alarm – I will only sleep an hour at a time – through the night I would climb out of bed, make my rounds, check the temperature, and go back to sleep – I slept like a newborn baby, an hour at a time! For most of the night, the thermometer hovered around 33° – the little cottage survived!

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 The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay will hold a Public Hearing on May 15th, 2019 at 1:00 PM, at the Village Town Hall, 435 Catawba Avenue, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456.  
 The purpose of the Public Hearing is:  
 To introduce Ordinance 1212-19; An Ordinance Amending Sections 1260(41), 1288.04(j) and 1292.03 of the Planning And Zoning Code Of The Village Of Put-In-Bay Regarding Swimming Pools; And Hold It's First Reading.  
 A copy of Ordinance 1212-19 is available for public examination in the office of the Fiscal Officer during regular business hours, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
 This notice is published in accordance with Section 1260.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Village of Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

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 RIGHT: These runners got off to a good start at this year's Browns Backer 5K race. Oliver Thwaite, the owner of the company. All Sports Timing & Race Management / All Sport Fundamentals, that puts on this race, graduated from Put-in-Bay High School in 2008 and promotes all kinds of sporting events and races all over the state.  
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## Milestones

### AWARDED Meredith Engel

Midshipman 2/C Meredith Engel, PIBHS Class of 2016, was recently awarded the Clifford Garland scholarship for her academic achievements over the past year in the Naval ROTC program at the Presidential Review at Miami University. The Presidential Review is a yearly event that celebrates the accomplishments of Naval ROTC midshipmen and Air Force ROTC cadets in a joint awards ceremony with the president of Miami University and distinguished alumni in attendance. Among those present were Meredith's father Eric Engel and family friend Jack Zimmerman.

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### ENGAGED

#### Jessica Kowalski & Brandon Grzechowiak

Jessica Kowalski and Brandon Grzechowiak are happy to announce their engagement. Brandon is the son of Julie Grzechowiak (Toledo) and David Grzechowiak (California). Jessica is the daughter of Wendy Kowalski (Port Clinton) and the late Bobert Kowalski (Put-in-Bay). Brandon graduated from the Air Force Security Forces Academy at Lackland Air Force Base. He currently works for Ottawa County. Jessica graduated from Owens Community College with a degree in Office Administration. She is the Program & Office Coordinator for the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation. An October wedding is planned.



DANIEL DUGGAN

### DREAM JOB Daniel Duggan

Daniel Duggan, the son of Chip Duggan from Island Transportation, recently started a new job with the Alliance for the Great Lakes, an organization that does policy, advocacy and outreach for Great Lakes water issues. Dan is overjoyed to pursue what is a dream career for him and work directly for the good of his friends, family and communities. Dan's historical family is made up of lighthouse keepers, farmers, fishermen, ferry boat skippers and entrepreneurs from the Lake Erie Islands.

At this point it is a family tradition to love and make their livelihood on the lakes. He is honored to carry on that tradition.

### MARRIED Bokb Mittler & Katy Greene

Bokb Mittler and Katy Greene were married on April 13th aboard the Indian River Queen out of Cocoa, Florida. The bride is a civil engineer for a branch of the USDA. Some years ago, she worked for Put-in-Bay Village. Her sister, Jessie Greene, resides on Put-in-Bay. Bokb has worked on the island since 1986, most recently at Topsy Turvey's. Last season he was one of the artists who created pieces of art from the wood from the Jose DeRivera tree carving in the downtown Park. The pieces were sold at a fundraiser auction for the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society at held at the Crew's Nest. He is trying to start a sustainable woodworking shop, and builds zip lines world wide. The wedding was attended by approximately 80 people, but would have numbered around 300 if they had not had limited space on board the vessel. Bokb and Katy reside in Florida, where they spend free time snorkeling in local springs, fishing, wake boarding, surfing and exploring the state. They have been together for a decade and have travelled much and lived in Hawaii for about four years. The couple plans on taking a split honeymoon with a week in California, swimming with whale sharks and sea lions and exploring South California. In the fall a trip to Europe is planned. They have plans to



KATY & BOKB MITTLER



MARK BARNHILL

have a party at Bokb's cottage in mid September to celebrate with all their northern friends. Islanders in attendance included the bride's sister, Jessie, David and Aaron Hill and Oliver and Brian Thwaite. Guests came from as far as Sweden and nationalities included Swedish, Russian, Mexican and Californian.

### OBITUARIES MARK BARNHILL



The Barnhill family wishes to express with great sadness the passing of Mark Barnhill, 86, on April 24, 2019, in Pemberville, Ohio. Mark was born in Lakewood, Ohio, and while attending Bowling Green State University, he worked as a PIB cab driver during the summers, which is how he met his future wife Barbi. Mark served the country he loved for 20 years in the US Air Force, retiring as Lt. Col, and another 11 years working for the US Government in the FAA. If you knew Mark you



ABOVE: Mark in his East Point vineyard during harvest with longtime B&B guest and grape picker Ben Burke in the trailer. The inflatable snake was one of many things Mark would place in the vineyard to try to scare birds from eating the crop.

would know that he never really retired, as he devoted himself to the family farm and vineyard on East Point, and served the Put-in-Bay community as a little league coach, member of the American Legion, PIB Airport Authority, participant and promoter of the various Barbershop and volleyball events, and, with wife Barbi, started the first B&B on the island in 1984, bringing a modest but steady flow of visitors and business to the island over the years. Mark is survived by his loving wife Barbara, sister Carolyn Gorsuch, daughter Chandra (Ken) Fuss, daughter Andrea, son Bruce (Linda), and daughter Belinda (Steve) Bengry. Thank you Put-in-Bay for adopting Mark into your community, a community he truly loved and was honored to serve.

### John Gorski

John Gorski was born on August 8, 1946, and passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. John was a resident of Put-in-Bay, Ohio at the time of passing. He graduated from Admiral King High School in 1964 and earned his BA from Ohio University and MBA from Baldwin Wallace University. John served with the US Army in the 9th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. He also served in the honor guard for the burial of President Dwight Eisenhower in Kansas. John was a resident of Toledo Ave. for the last 15 years.

### Liz Wilhelm

Elizabeth A. "Liz" Wilhelm, 64, of Marblehead and formerly of Put-in-Bay, passed away Friday, April 26, 2019 at Edgewood Manor Nursing Center, Port Clinton, OH. She was born Feb. 3, 1955, the daughter of Paul and Ruth Lieber. She married Gary Wilhelm on August 11, 1984. Liz worked for Terry Heidenreich at Terry's Skyway before marrying Gary Wilhelm. Liz was a homemaker and she loved her husband, her dogs, growing flowers and traveling. The couple moved off the island to Marblehead 17 years ago. Surviving are her husband Gary; her lab Dill; and her brother Paul Lieber of Bellevue. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother: Mike Lieber and her labs Jem and Scout. Private graveside services will be conducted at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Put-in-Bay with Deacon Mike Leahy officiating. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com](http://www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com). Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Peninsula Chapel is handling the services.



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# Milestones

## OBITUARY Terry Heidenreich

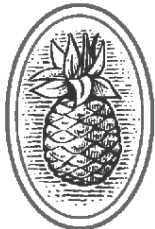


Islanders were saddened to learn of the passing of Terry Heidenreich on Sunday, April 7th, in St. Petersburg, Florida. Terry operated Terry's Skyway from 1980 to 1998 with a flare and pazazz have been remembered and retold on the island more than 20 years after the business changed hands. Terry was born in Batavia, New York, to parents Harold and Shirley Flattery (McClure) Heidenreich. He was raised in West Seneca, NY, and Rocky River, OH, where he graduated from Rocky River High School in 1972. He headed to Florida where he graduated from St. Petersburg College with degrees in food service and business. In 1978, Terry's father, Harold, and his wife Ann who were Crew's Nest boating members purchased the Doller Estate on Bayview Ave. from John Nissen. Terry would visit them there. Then in 1980, he, his father and step-mother purchased the Skyway and Terry was the obvious choice run it. Among his staff during those early years were Marge Smiley and Dirty Girty. Everyone still remembers how good Terry's sticky buns were. Terry's reputation for outrageous antics endeared himself to his customers and employees. Among the more suitable for print is the story about a birthday party some of the island ladies were having for one of their friends. As so often was the case, a pre-bought, beautifully decorated cake was brought to the Skyway before dinner and was served for dessert after one of Terry's great dinners. In this particular case when the time came to serve the cake, Terry came out of the kitchen with a big slice already cut out which he proclaimed was his piece. His sister Linda also had a cute story about Terry being stopped by the island police one snowy New Years. When asked why he was driving so erratically, he told the officers he was trying to keep his champagne from spilling. They let him go and sent him on his way. At closing time on a busy night, Terry would often sing with glee "get out, get out, get your butts out - right now!" Bob Gatewood recounted how Terry would stand on the skyway roof at closing time and sing the oldies song Nobody But Me, but instead of singing "no-no-no-no-no no no no." he would sing "go go go go go go go!" Amy Huston recalled how one New Year's eve, she was with a group of island girls celebrating at the Skyway. At midnight, Terry poured each of them a glass of champagne, then walked down the barstools kissing each of the girls in turn, right down the line! You never knew what Terry was going to come up with, but you can bet your bottom dollar he was one of those island characters who made people smile and laugh hilariously. While Terry lived in the Doller Estate, he had several spooky experiences. In the middle of the night, he reported he would awake in his bedroom in the older part of the home and there would be an unseen force holding him down on the bed. This would last three or four minutes at a time. His story is told in William Krejci's book, Haunted Put-in-Bay. At the Skyway, Terry could do the things he loved best, cooking, dancing and helping people. After Terry's father died in 1997, the Skyway was sold to Sue and Don Thwaite. Terry spent time in Florida, in both Bonita Springs and St. Petersburg, but eventually gravitated back to the island where he worked summers at the Erie Island Tavern, Mossbacks and most recently at the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doller Estate which had been owned by the Heidenreich Family for more than 25 years. Terry, who loved to travel, continued to spend his winters in Florida, and one year had a contest with the Scott and Linda Buttrey to see who could take the most cruises. Even though he went on seven cruises, the Buttreys beat him. Many of Terry's employees became his lifelong friends right up until he passed away. As one friend posted on Facebook "Rest In Peace Terry. Thank you for all the laughs and making everyone smile. You will be forever missed." Another post read "Put-in-Bay has lost another one-of-a-kind. I'm sad to hear about Terry Heidenreich passing away. So many funny stories that make people say, "He really did that?!" RIP Terry!" Terry is survived by stepmother Ann Heidenreich, sister Linda Mansell (Ed), brothers David and Randy, stepbrother John Hillman (Jeanneanne), many nieces and nephews and many great friends on Put-in-Bay. Terry was cremated and there are plans for a party at the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Doller Estate which will be announced at a later date.

**TERRY HEIDENREICH**

### Memorial Service for Joe Dopps

A Memorial Service for Joe Dopps will be held at the North Bass Chapel on Sat., May 11th at 11 a.m. Luncheon immediately following at North Bass School. Details please call Kerry Burris 419-967-0022.



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# Kelleys Is. News

by Leslie Korenko

We don't know about that whole "in like a lion and out like a lamb" thing but the winds have been howling up here. Once the ground softened up and a few heavy rains fell, so did a lot of trees as dead trees tumbled and roots pulled right out of the ground. And not all were Ash trees. Most have been cleaned up, but you can really see the impact in the wooded areas alongside many of our roads.

### EVENTS

May 5 – Cops & Bobbers, May 9 – Council switches to Thursdays at 7 pm, May 11 – EMS spaghetti dinner, May 16 the first KI Audubon Club pot luck at the school at 6:00, speaker at 7:00 kicks off Nest with the Birds, May 18 – the KI museum opens for International Museum Day, May 19 – Police Car Wash & Active Shooter training at the school, May 28 - Safety Services Day at the Casino Dock. The Police Dept. will be serving hot dogs, May 29 is Kelleys Island day for Bike Week, June 1 – Scrap Metal day at the Transfer Station.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Tom will be back to band birds on May 19-24, May 27-31 and June 3-4. Watch for the signs in front of the Stone Church on Division Street. An interesting fact about the new HANCOCK WOOD SUBMARINE CABLE – when they pulled up the old cable, there were three dozen anchors stuck to the cable. One lonely ice shanty still sits on the sand at the State Park beach. Optimism is great, but we think the season is officially over.

### ELECTIONS

This year is an election year for the MAYOR (Ron Ehrbar) and two COUNCIL persons (currently Mike Feyedelem and Scott Smith). The ballot would normally include the CLERK/TREASURER position (currently held by Claudia Brown) however, at the April Council meeting, after three readings, this position was combined into a new one named the VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER. The Mayor makes the appointment with Council's approval. The new Fiscal Officer does not need to be a resident of the Island, but must become one within six months of appointment. The ordinance is effective April 1, 2020. Speaking of the elections, rumors are already circulating about who might be running – at last count there were a dozen people in the rumor mill.

### DSL/TELECOM UPDATE

People on the west end of the Island began signing up for the FRONTIER DSL \$20 upgrade that promised substantial increased speeds thanks to the booster unit located on Pauline. There are 93 ports available and would free up ports at the Island's central building for new customers. Two additional repeaters will be installed at the other end of the Island this year. UNFORTUNATELY we have just been advised that this service is currently offline and for those who signed up already, they are out of luck as they cannot be switched back to the main station. We are back in the dark ages again. Dial-up anyone?

### COUNCIL NOTES

All five of the new recruits to the EMS SQUAD have completed their training and testing and are now certified by the State of Ohio. The FIRE DEPT. has begun training again. A live fire training was scheduled for April 27. Procedures call for substantial prep work to remove hazardous materials before the burn can be permitted by the Ohio EPA. KIFD and KIEMS along with the Danbury Twp. Fire Dept. will work together on this training. Council approved the purchase of a multi gas meter and combustible gas detector and a new thermal imaging device (the old one has been used in every fire we had). Chief Skeans also received approval for the 'I Am Responding' phone app which will streamline and coordinate responses. The POLICE DEPT. will hold an Active Shooter Training exercise at the school on May 19 at 11:00 am. Expect some rerouting as our Safety Services respond, treating this as an actual emergency. Chief Craig received permission to secure a grant for bullet proof vests (the Village cost is just 10% of the total cost).

Rates at the TRANSFER STATION will be going up; the last increase was in 2005. On the list of improvements that are needed is the paving or improving of the road access to the Transfer Station. The Antenna people (McKay) have offered a nice donation for this project. RECYCLING is, once again, off the table; the costs being too high to justify a program.

Historic Kelley's Hall will be getting some upgrades too, including replacing the ceiling lights with energy saving lights and ceiling fans to circulate the warm air, particularly in the winter. The Village will be taking advantage of some rebates for the project. Tom Pieratt was appointed to the Park Board; Debra Haig and Eric Longbrake are appointed to the BZA; and Ron Doe to the Refuse Board.

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# Green Woods

by McKenna Stacy

Finally the woods are looking green. The empty trees are filling with color! Every day when I go to school the woods look greener and greener. I can't wait for summer because I get to work, go swimming, and go golf carting. Also the weather will be warmer! This winter felt so long, and I never realized the beauty of our island when it's spring! On April 18 I went on a nature walk in Cooper's Woods. I am so glad that Cooper's Woods wasn't cut down. I hope that it stays a woods preserve forever. When I was walking through it I saw a deer. I was surprised that there was only one deer. Usually when I see deer there are 3 or more. There are so many plants that are growing again, and it is really pretty outside. I see bunnies everywhere now too, along with birds. All of the restaurants are opening and tourists are coming. Usually Tipper's is open in the winter but this year they closed, so this year a few other restaurants stayed open on the weekends. In the winter you really start to miss the summer, especially if it has been a long winter. I love the summer, but it can also be really busy. Some weekends it is so busy so it takes forever to get from place to place. Well, anyway I am so happy that the woods are green again after what felt like forever!



Leslie Korenko

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Lindsay Pierce Lauria  
Maisy Ruchala  
Dominic Ballas  
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Kaylyn Goebel
- 2nd Nancy Batchelor
- 3rd Scott Sadowsky  
Susie Cooper  
Lisa Kehoe
- 4th Kim Morrisson  
Nikki Booker  
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Lora Mycoskie  
Laura Fogg  
Allie Market
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Shannon Myers  
Andy Christianson  
Casey Pippert Ladd
- 7th Cinnamon Morris Groot  
Maggie Beckford  
Tracy Skoufos  
Jack Klingner
- 8th Tip Boyles  
MaryAnn Wilhelm  
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Dominic Sergi  
Dan Drake
- 17th Caleigh Eriksen  
Adam Riley
- 18th Craig Eriksen  
Zac Peters
- 19th Dan Kowalski  
Mark Kirsch  
Holly Patton  
Sarah Bastian
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Kurt Rosenwald  
Christine Keyes  
Shawn Seaberg  
Tony Lawson  
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Bart Barnes
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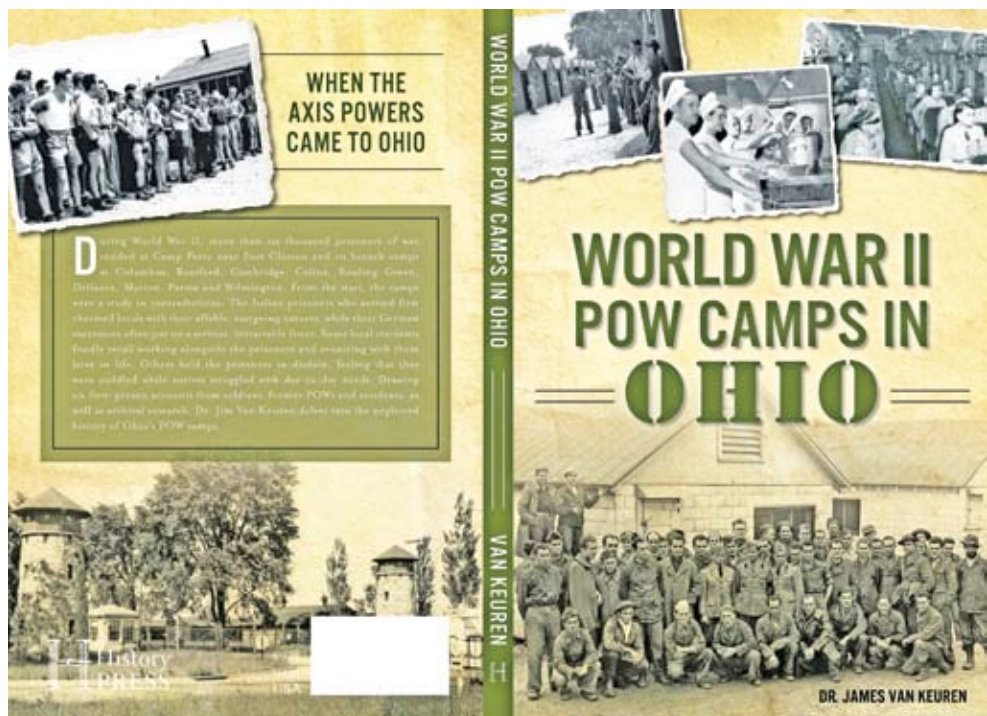
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ABOVE: This is the front and back cover of Dr. James Van Keuren's book, World War II POW Camps in Ohio, about the POW camp at Camp Perry during World War II. It is a very interesting read if you enjoy World War II or local history topics.

## Book documents Camp Perry POW camp during WWII

During World War II, more than six thousand prisoners of war resided at Camp Perry west of the islands on the mainland and its branch camps at Columbus, Rossford, Cambridge, Celina, Bowling Green, Defiance, Marion, Parma and Wilmington, Ohio. Island summer home owner Dr. Jim Van Keuren has written a fascinating book about the camps drawing on first-person accounts from soldiers, former POWs and residents, as well as archival research, to delve into the neglected history of Ohio's POW camps.

From the start, the camps were a study in contradictions. The Italian prisoners who arrived first charmed locals with their affable, easygoing natures, while their German successors often put on a serious, intractable front. Some local residents fondly recall working alongside the prisoners and reuniting with them later in life. Others held the prisoners in disdain, feeling they were coddled while natives struggled with day-to-day needs.

Although islanders weren't concerned with the POW camp at Camp Perry, they did have to contend with years of the artillery testing that took place. Ask anyone who lived on the islands years ago, and they can tell you about hearing the guns and the shaking of windows here on South Bass when the tests were conducted.

Jim and his wife, Pat, have had a cottage on the island for many years, and for a time, had shops at Harbor Square.

Jim will be signing copies of his book at the Erie Islands Library on Saturday, May 25th, from 10 a.m. to noon. Stop by and check it out.

### This & That

Due to complications with logistics we have cancelled the Perry's Victory Triathlon. If you have this event listed in your calendar of events please remove it.

### Thumbs Up!

One of the things we think will be great for Put-in-Bay is recent legislation that was passed which has Ohio vehicles not requiring front license plates starting in 2020. We predict there will be a great market for souvenir and specialty license plates featuring island themes.

### Thumbs Down!

The recent rise in the state gasoline tax by 10¢ per gallon, plus the sanctions put on Iranian oil production, may be good news for environmentalists, but in the short run have a detrimental impact on tourism and boating here in the islands. Higher fuel prices impact transportation costs for getting to the islands, plus for those providing transportation on the island. For the bus company, the taxi companies and the golf cart renters, higher fuel costs hurt.

We're hearing that there are businesses operating on the island that aren't paying their Island Gross Receipts Tax or Resort Tax. It isn't fair to those who are following the law, and you can't blame them for raising hedges about this.

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# 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 have their prom on May 4th. The Spring Concert and Art Show is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m. and the annual Awards Day is set for Friday, May 17. These events are sure signs that we are closing in on another school year. Completing the school year will be Graduation on Friday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Monument. Congratulations to Max Schneider for being this year's senior class Valedictorian. He is the son of John and Katie Schneider. Max was recognized for his academic accomplishments at last month's Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet. His honored educator is Mr. Dan Kowalski, Max's math teacher. Lauren Peter is the Salutatorian this year. Lauren is the daughter of Tony and Darla Peter. Each of these students will speak at graduation. Congratulations!

Max Schneider, Alexandra Knauer, and Elena Schroeder will compete against the top science minds in Ohio on May 11 at the State Science Fair. Congratulations on a tremendous accomplishment and good luck in Columbus!

Elena Schroeder will be attending the "National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine" from June 23 to July 1 at the University of Maryland. This highly selective week-long program will allow her the opportunity to explore the many careers in the medical profession. Congratulations Elena!

The Vanguard Tech Center recently announced that junior Morgan Stacy was one of April's "Star Students!" Morgan's hard work ethic and attitude in the culinary program earned her this recognition. Congratulations Morgan!

On April 25 our seniors returned from their senior class trip to Alaska. All agreed, this was an unbelievable experience! All this was made possible from six years of fund raising. The seniors thank everyone who supported their efforts over the years!

On April 30 our eighth graders travelled 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 ac-



ABOVE: The Put-in-Bay High School seniors, (left to right) Lauren Peter, Jack Booker, Max Schneider and Matthew Stacy read their PIB Gazette while on their class trip to Alaska in April. Chaperones for the trip were Kristi Kowalski and JR Domer.

companies our students each year on this fantastic opportunity. We would like to thank the Seneca East 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 Wednesday, May 15. 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 15.

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 24th, school will be dismissed at noon for Memorial Day weekend. Graduation will be held that evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Monument.

## Mother of Sorrows in May

On Saturday, May 4th, Macy Ladd, Alice Lentz and McKenna Stacy will be confirmed at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

Masses at Mother of Sorrows this month will be on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on May 5th and 12th with Fr. Sikorski and on May 19th and May 26th with Fr. Kehres Mass at 10:30 A.M. Mother of Sorrows Church.

On Saturday, May 18th, Mass at Mother of Sorrows will be held at 5:30 p.m. with Fr. Kehres, and on Saturday, May 25th, Mass will be held with Fr. Sikorski at 5:30 p.m.

Parish Council will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5th, in the Corner Stone Room.

The Blessing of the Fleet will take place at 11 a.m. at Fox Dock/Jet Express Dock on Tuesday, May 7th.

On Saturday, May 11th, there will be a 5K meeting at Bob Reuter's House at 9:30 a.m. It's time to start planning for this event that will take place on Saturday, September 21st, the year.

On Friday, May 17th, a group of 18 students will tour Mother of Sorrows. Again on May 30th, a Saturday, a group of 20 students will tour the church. On Wednesday, May 22nd, the Road Scholar group will tour Mother of Sorrows at 1 p.m. Deacon Mike generally gives these tours.

On Sunday, May 26th, Mass will be held at Town Hall Middle Bass Island 8:30 a.m. by Fr. Kehres.

Masses will be held May 17th and May 25th at St. Michael's on Kelleys Island at 4 p.m. The first will be held by Fr. Sikorski and the second by Fr. Kehres.

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Your Put-in-Bay Gazette may have arrived later than usual this month due to the fact it was mailed after May 1st. Sorry for the delay, but this happens sometimes.



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ABOVE: Bob "Werty" Wertebach, nurse Jane, Ray Traverso and Mack McCann pose for a reunion handshake at Port Clinton's Edgewood healthcare facility before Easter. Other Put-in-Bay islanders at Edgewater are Roy McGary and Woody Widmar. Woody was there for rehab for his knee that gave out a few weeks ago. Woody is back on the island now and ready to start a new season.

## Put-in-Bay Sr. Center News

by Chris Joyce

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.

In April, we enjoyed a "Soup & Show Pajama Party" and our monthly off season "Senior Social at Topsy's."

The month of May also has several special events planned: On Weds., May 1st from 10-2pm the "Spring Senior Day" is being held at the Camp Perry Clubhouse with an "Pajama Party" 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. Then on Wednesday, May 15th, 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](http://www.PIBseniorcenter.org).

The Senior Center will also be closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Please note a couple of changes to our Senior Lunches: They are now being held at the Reel Bar every Tuesday 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 the Reel Bar's kitchen know the count of those planning to attend by noon on Monday, so please make your reservation for these delicious and fun Senior Lunches!

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 and over and is held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month. The date for May is Thursday, May 23rd.

The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities. Stop in and see what we're all about!



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## Start getting ready now

Someone asked if we were getting ready for all the fun events this summer at Put-in-Bay. We started to think ahead a bit to June (we're hardly ready for all the events in May). There's Founders Day and the Music Festival on June 8th, the Pooch Parade on June 15th, and the Pyrate Fest on June 22nd and 23rd. We've got to read up on the history of the island before going to Founders Day (we can simply hum along at the Music Festival. Our dog needs a bath we parade him/her (not sure which) around DeRivera Park in front of everyone. And those old pirate outfits that we wore to costume parties back in the day have to be let out. There's obviously no way we can be ready, especially since there are many other events in June we have to go to, too. But look for us! We'll be at all of them, ready or not!

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## Numbers

The Road Race Reunion track at Put-in-Bay Airport is 1.2 miles long and has 12 corners.  
 Numbers islanders had to dial on their phones to call each other in the 1960s. 5  
 Number of people who work at Stone Lab as part of Ohio Sea Grant. 7  
 Number of men on the Put-in-Bay Village Council. 5

Number of women on Put-in-Bay Village Council. 1  
 Number Put-in-Bay Township Trustees who are men. 3  
 Number of women who are Put-in-Bay Township Trustees. 0  
 Number of women who are on the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee. 12 (we hear)  
 Number of men on the PIB Recreation Committee. 0

Number of gallons the EPA says the Put-in-Bay sewage treatment plant can treat per day. 500,000  
 Number of Lake Erie water snakes that have been captured over 38 years and used for population size, growth rate, survival and other study data. 35,000  
 Number of police officers on the PIBPD roster as of April 30th. - 37

## This & That

In honor of Mike "Mad Dog" Adams 40th Anniversary entertaining at the Round House, the management will be serving their beer in a limited edition commemorative bucket this season. Mad Dog says, "To me, this is better than a Grammy!!!"

Did you know that the Mackinac Bridge that connects upper and lower Michigan is five miles long? The distance from Catawba to South Bass is slightly less than three miles.

Annie Parker asked if anyone noticed that the cupola on the bank building is no longer there and wonders what happened to it. Maybe it blew off in one of those wind storms we had.

May 1st is here and it's time to put the ATVs away until November. We're trading our ATV in for a jet ski this summer so we can get to East Point when the road floods.

We noticed Marisa Rence was out pulling garlic mustard along the Jane Coates Wildlife Trail on Earth Day. Thank you, Marissa. We wonder if she tried any of the snacks made with garlic mustard that the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy provided for the event. We're wondering what they were like.

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