

## Puppy Love on the Island!



ABOVE: And they call it puppy love! There a half dozen new puppies on Put-in-Bay this fall. Left to right are Benny and Kira Hubner, Ringo and Kate Byrnes, Fisher and C.C. Wisniewski, Whiskey and Anna Engel, Mocha and Mark Keiser and Winnie with Hope Cooks. CC, who loves to sail, has already had her puppy Fisher out on his first boat ride recently. Anna purchased her black lab puppy from Royalty Labrador Kennel which has an ad in this issue of the paper on page 14. Photo compliments of Susan Byrnes of Put-in-Bay Studios.

### On the Island Calendar.....

#### Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner will take place on Friday evening, November 2nd at Tipper's from 5 to 7 p.m. This traditional turkey dinner supports the Gustav Heineman Scholarship. Dinner prices are adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children twelve and under, \$6.

#### Heineman Winery Close Down Party

The Heineman Winery close down party with those great deep-fried turkeys will be held on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 3rd in the afternoon. Come join the fun!

#### Feather Party Nov. 9th at Town Hall

Make sure you attend the American Legion's annual Feather Party at the Town Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 9th. BINGO starts at 7 p.m. and there will be plenty of prizes. Everyone is welcome!

#### Christmas Bazaar Nov. 15th

This year's Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center will be held on Thursday, Nov 15th, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Mark your calendar for early local holiday shopping. Also open that night are the Butterfly House Gift Shop, the Reel Bar, the Resale Shop, Tipper's and Topsy Turvey's.

Local crafters and artisans are needed as well as local businesses with Put-in-Bay merchandise. If you would like to reserve a table or need additional information, please contact Susan Byrnes by email byrnespib@frontier.com or Amy Huston firstislandsonbnb@gmail.com. Let's make this year's bazaar a huge success!

#### Ladies Night at Island Hardware

Island Hardware will be holding it's 11th Annual Ladies Night on Saturday evening, November 17th, from 6 to 9 p.m. in all their shops. Come out, take advantage of their "Super Sales" as you do some holiday gift shopping.

## Indictments come down after year-ago raids

Put-in-Bay village mayor Mack McCann, 82, his son, councilman Michael McCann, and his daughter, former village council president Melinda McCann Myers, are facing multiple conflict of interest charges following a year-long investigation. Also indicted this past month is former village clerk/treasurer Kelly Niese.

The mayor was indicted on six counts, two felonies and four misdemeanors. According to the indictment, McCann's charges stem from incidents that occurred on approximately May 2, 2016 and January 21, 2017. The two felony violations fall under ORC Section 2921.42(A)(1) which reads, "2921.42 Having an unlawful interest in a public contract. (A) No public official shall knowingly do any of the following: (1) Authorize, or employ the authority or influence of the public official's office to secure authorization of any public contract in which the public official, a member of the public official's family, or any of the public official's business associates has an interest." The four misdemeanors are of Section 102.03(D) and 102.03(E) Representation by present or former public official or employee prohibited, and read "(D) No public official or employee shall use or authorize the use of the authority or influence of office or employment to secure anything of value or the promise or offer of anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties. (E) No public official or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value that is of such a character as to manifest a substantial and improper influence upon the public official or employee with respect to that person's duties." McCann was charged for allegedly using his position to secure waterline contracts for a business associate. Mayor McCann plead not guilty and a jury trial has been set for January 15th, 2019, in Ottawa County Common Pleas Court.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office filed a notice with the Ohio Supreme Court on October 30th to begin suspension hearings for McCann. This is mandatory under Ohio law. The process can take anywhere from anywhere from a few weeks to a few months and can be contested. If suspended from his mayoral duties, McCann would continue to receive compensation from the Village.

Attorney John McCaffrey reportedly emailed a statement on behalf of Mayor McCann to the Sandusky Register which read:

"The conduct at issue concerns separate contracts the village of Put-in-Bay entered into with PIB Investments. One contract involved work on the Victory Avenue water line, while the other involved the repair and installation of a manhole on Delaware Avenue," an excerpt from the statement reads. "Mayor McCann, and no member of Mayor McCann's family, has any business interest in PIB Investments ... We strongly disagree with the state's interpretation and application of the facts to the charged offenses."

Both projects were approved by a vote of the Village Council. Councilman Jeff Koehler said they were approved because PIB Investments was the only company on the island that had the



ABOVE: This group gathered on Friday evening, October 5th, to follow Perry Monument Ranger and "Haunted Put-in-Bay" author William Krejci on a haunted Put-in-Bay bar crawl. Boo!

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## Islanders' grocery bills plummeted in October

Everyone we know on the island seems to like food. We have the Island General Store right here on the island to buy groceries, plus if one ventures off the island, there always seems to be a load of shopping bags in the backseat when returning to Put-in-Bay. Groceries aren't cheap, so when our grocery bill for last month was added up, we found it had dropped tremendously. We asked around, and everyone we talked to confirmed their grocery bills had taken a steep slide, too.

Being inquisitive, we naturally sent out feelers to see why this was. Wow! We found out quickly, and the results of what we found out we are sure will not surprise you.

There are just too many parties and social events on South Bass and the other islands. And, of course, with parties and events come food and drink.

We started thinking....Food and drink at the Wine Festival at the Put-in-Bay Winery the first weekend of the month.

Chef F from Frosty's, Pauline from the Bakery and Mike Catey from the Keys were among those offering food as we sipped creations from the latest vintages.

After the Wine Festival Weekend, there was a great potluck lunch at the Senior Center the day they were pressing apples to make apple cider.

The benefit for Katrina Spatafore was another foodfest and a great evening of fun. What a great job the Forge did serving a delicious spread.

That was followed by food and drink at the Oktoberfest the second weekend of the month. All the good ethnic food tasted even better with a beer or two, or three.

If you attended the Chamber of Commerce's Reverse Raffle, you had a great spread brought in by Kevin Dailey's cooks at the Boathouse.

Some islanders attended weddings and rehearsal dinners in October, where the food was plentiful, to say nothing about the drink. Mind you, this was pretty much gratis!

The Oktgoaterfest at the Goat had food aplenty, too.... and again washed down with beer.

Tipper's party on Halloween topped off the month with a free buffet. Tipper's treats, plus the other candy island kids garnered that night going house to house on the island are certainly enough to keep the Put-in-Bay kids on a sugar buzz until Thanksgiving!


We can guarantee this wasn't everything that saved us on our grocery bill in October, but we have run out of room for anymore.



ABOVE: Jean Hilt and Barb Mehling enjoyed the potluck lunch at the Senior Center the day they were pressing apples for apple cider there. If you haven't been to one of these Senior Center potlucks, you're really missing some great food. Unfortunately, there seem to be fewer and fewer potlucks than there were in years past. We got our favorite things to look for, but best of all is when you try something new and it's really good. Thankfully, there are usually enough for seconds.

Island Hardware's 11th Annual

# Ladies Night



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Sat. 3: Easy Street Band Reunion  
Weekend 7 PM  
Tangier Sultan's Cabaret  
West Market St. in Akron  
Doors open at 6:15 PM

**December 2018**  
Sat. 2: Firehouse Grill 8:30 PM  
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LEFT: So what do you do when you back to the island after a Sunday afternoon of stomping grapes at a United Way fundraiser at Mon Ami on the mainland, have two new chairs and there are no cars on the ferry? Linda Rence (left), a teacher at PIB School, and her daughter Marisa Rence (right) from the Yellow Tree B&B, instinctively knew they should set the chairs on the deck and enjoy the ferry ride home.

## Village Council News

Put-in-Bay Village Council dealt with several issues in recent weeks. One of the first decisions was to make Anne Auger the acting Village Administrator since Glenn Basting was off on medical leave. Shortly afterwards, the Village Council voted to remove Basting from the position permanently. No specific cause was given, but under Basting's tenure, the Put-in-Bay Water Dept. received multiple violations from the EPA.

To help with the Water Dept.'s situation, Council voted to hire Mr. Darrel Blanchard, a Class IV operator with years of experience to help correct the EPA violation issues. Good progress has been made in doing so. Later in the month it also hired back Dave Dezeeuw, the water department's former operator. Dave has the Class III license needed to be the operator of record for the plant. Council also approved hiring former Village Administrator Doug Knauer on an as-needed basis to work on the sewer impact fees and fill in at the water plant. A zoning request from Tracy Schork to rezone her property on Doller Ave. to heavy commercial was not approved by Council.

PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle requested promotions and salary increases for some of his officers. He is looking for a replacement for officer Woodside who recently announced he would be leaving the department for a position on the mainland.

Council allocated \$160 for Wreaths Across American which is a program putting wreaths on the grave sites of veterans in all the islands' cemeteries.

There was a Mayor's proclamation to make September 30th, Ray Fogg, Jr. Day. Spending for winter fuel for the police department and the utility department was approved.

There was also discussion about the proposed ozone project at the water plant, plus a waterline to the mainland.

## Shipwreck could be oldest found in Lake Erie

Shipwreck hunters believe a discovery made off Kelleys Island in 2015 may be the Lake Serpent, a ship which went down in 1829 while making a voyage from the islands to Cleveland. Dives over the last couple of years, plus the researching of historic records have led to this conclusion.

The Lake Serpent was built in Cleveland in 1821. The Lake Serpent carried cargo for eight years until it sank in late September or early October 1829. It is unknown what caused the ship to sink, but some experts believe it may have been the result of a bad storm. If this is true, the wreckage is the oldest ever found in the shallowest of the Great Lakes.

On October 8, 1829, the Cleveland Weekly Herald reported that the Lake Serpent had left four weeks earlier to get stone from Put-In-Bay on the lake's South Bass Island. This is rather interesting, because there is nothing in the history books about stone being quarried on Put-in-Bay. It may be more likely that the stone was loaded from Kelleys Island. Exact knowledge of where the ship went down when it was returning to Cleveland might give clues as to where the ship was coming from.

In any case, the size of the wreck, the stone cargo, and what appears to be a carving at the ship's bow all point to it being Lake Serpent. Historical records show the ship had a serpent's head carved near the front — an unusual feature for a vessel of that era.

It was also reported that the bodies of the vessel's captain and his brother, Ezra and Robert Wright, washed ashore in Lorain County, Ohio in the first week of October 1829.

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## Indictments continued from page 1

equipment to do the work, the job was cost effective for the community, plus the work could be completed before the busy season began.

Michael McCann, 54, was charged with four counts and Myers, 52, was charged with six counts, all first-degree misdemeanors, in Ottawa County Municipal Court. Both are alleged to have violated Ohio law regarding prohibited representation by public officials - Michael in February 2014 and May 2016, and Melinda in October 2015 and twice in May 2016. These are the same misdemeanors sections Mayor McCann was charged with, but it is unknown what the violations details actually involve. In a joint statement Melinda and Michael disputed and strongly disagreed with the State's characterization of their conduct while serving on Village Council. The statement read, "They await the opportunity to properly explain the appropriateness of their actions and defend against the allegations of misconduct."

Kelly Niese, 49, the village's former fiscal officer, was charged with theft in office and grand theft, both felonies. Niese allegedly disbursed village funds to herself without an authorization from village council, according to the Ohio Attorney General's Office. She was replaced by Council late this last spring.

A spokesman for the Ohio Attorney General's Office said the charges are related to an ongoing joint investigation of the Village of Put-in-Bay, but did not elaborate about any future actions.

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**Miller  
Ferries  
Put-in-Bay  
November Schedules**

November 5 thru November 21

Leave Put-in-Bay (Island)		Leave Catawba (Mainland)
8:00 am	Daily Except Sunday	8:30 am
9:00 am	Daily	9:30 am
10:00 am	Daily	10:30 am
11:00 am	Daily	11:30 am
1:30 pm	Daily	2:00 pm
2:30 pm	Daily	3:00 pm
3:30 pm	Daily	4:00 pm
4:30 pm	Daily	5:00 pm

**Thanksgiving Day  
November 22**

Leave Put-in-Bay (Island)		Leave Catawba (Mainland)
8:30 am		9:00 am
4:00 pm		4:30 pm

**Extended Schedule  
November 23 - Until Weather Permits**

Leave Put-in-Bay (Island)		Leave Catawba (Mainland)
8:30 am	Daily	9:00 am
9:30 am	Daily	10:00 am
10:30 am	Daily	11:00 am
2:00 pm	Daily	2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Daily	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Daily	4:30 pm

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RIGHT: For you island ghost busters, here is a photo taken the night of Perry Monument Ranger William Krejci conducted his Haunted Put-in-Bay Bar Crawl. The stop in front of the Put-in-Bay Winery at the Century-plus-old Doller Estate produced this spooky photo. If you look closely, you might see Olga Doller, the last of the Doller sisters, looking out of one of the windows in the tower. Bill is in the center holding the lantern. Among the other stops on the tour were the Crescent Tavern (T&J's), the Park Hotel, Pasquale's, Tipper's and more.



**Moss on the Rock**

**Louise Titchener Receives Literary Prize**

Louise Titchener of Shore Villas recently returned from the Florida Writers Association Conference in Orlando. At the exciting weekend capped by an awards dinner, she was delighted that her Oliver Redcastle historical mystery won the second place award in its mixed genre category of the Royal Palm Literary Award Competition. She said that she was hoping to be carried off the stage on the shoulders of a dozen handsome NFL quarterbacks and fed champagne and chocolate on a bed of roses, but that didn't happen. She did get a fabulous chocolate dessert--a chocolate Aladdins lamp stuffed with raspberry mousse. You can't beat that!

**Best Wishes Go Out to....**

Best wishes for good health go out to Bob "Werty" Wertenbach from Thompson Rd., Mike Buttrey who was hospitalized for heart issues, and to Gary Lockwood from the Red Moon Saloon who was injured with friends when a huge rock fell on him.

Chris Joyce from the Senior Center will miss a few days on the job due to knee surgery in November. We wish her well and say, "Hurry back soon!"

**Top Honors to Jet Express**

For the second year in a row, Jet Express brought home top honors for its Digital Marketing Campaign, at the annual Ohio Travel Association's Conference on Tourism. Jet Express received the Ruby Award for Digital Marketing and the Citation of Excellence for Radio Advertising.

**Road Race Reunion**

The 2019 Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion has tentatively been scheduled for September 24th through 27th, with racing on Wednesday and Thursday the 25th and 26th. All you island racers, you'd better start getting your engines warmed up.

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**Blake at Oak Harbor**

Blake Booker, the son of Eric and Jen Booker from the Boardwalk, is attending school this year in Oak Harbor where he is playing on the school basketball team. Blake even did a video interview to promote the school levy on this November ballot.

**Traveling Islanders**

Julene Market was on a week-long Snake and Columbia River cruise that followed the route taken by Lewis and Clark in the early 1800s. Richard and Joan French were in Hawaii. Jenny Robinson from The Forge is in Nepal. Mike and Jean Gora from Middle Bass traveled through the countries that formerly made up Yugoslavia.

**LEIC Christmas Potluck**

The Ohio State University Stone Lab has agreed to let the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy hold their Christmas potluck at the South Bass Island Lighthouse again this year on Monday evening, December 10th.

**New Wind Tower**

Bob Bahney as a new tower for his anemometer. His old tower went down in a heavy wind a few weeks back. Put-in-Bay wouldn't be the same without the wind reports he posts on Facebook. He probably gets the most wind of anyone on the island simply because he has nothing to block the wind at his house at the end of Peach Point.



ABOVE: This past summer, American Legion members Ed Hubner (left) and Dave Warga (center) raised Woody Widmar's (right) father's American Flag at one of the island softball league games. With Veteran's Day this month, it is appropriate to again remember all those who served our country. Ed also wants to remind everyone that the annual Feather Party (BINGO) will be held at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Friday evening, Nov. 9th, at the Town Hall at 7 p.m.



ABOVE: Lake Erie Islands Museum secretary Cindy Clausen turned 70 this past month. She is shown here at the museum Hotel Victory display, and wants to remind everyone that in August it will be the 100th anniversary of the hotel burning to the ground.

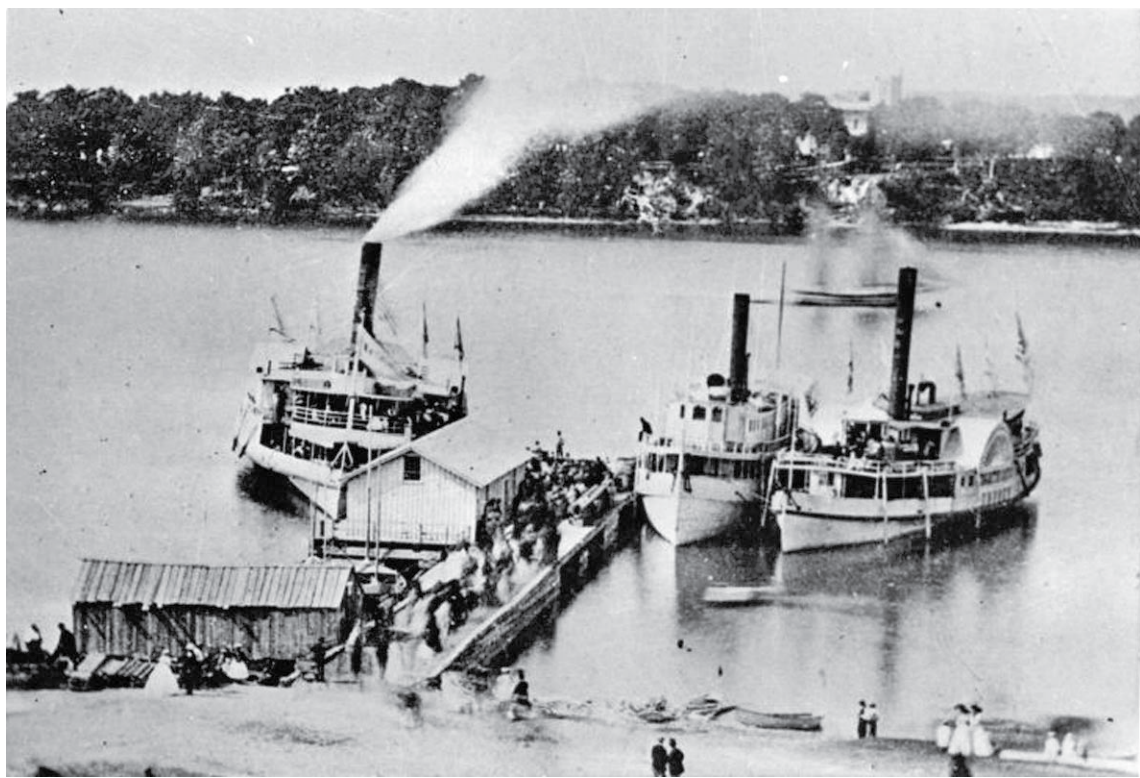
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LEFT: For you island history buffs out there, here's a photo of what is now the Boardwalk Dock taken 150 years ago in 1868. Over the years, the dock has been enlarged and improved. You can see the newly-built Cooke's Castle in the distance on Gibraltar Island. The photo was taken from the tower of the first Put-in-Bay House which was located on Delaware Ave. where the Beer Barrel Saloon, Mr. Ed's Bar and Delaware Carts are today.

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## Cell Service & High Speed Internet Update

Technology is great! There are more people than ever using the Internet and cell phones, and that includes those of us on the island. Among those at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce meeting to help with islander Internet needs were Tom LaPlante and Bruce Sundman from Megabits, LLC, who gave a presentation about a new high-speed, wireless Internet service coming to the island. The Put-in-Bay Village Council was also approached in October by Sundman who talked about their Ohio company formed by three independent businessmen who recognized the need to bring high-speed broadband Internet service to Put-in-Bay and the Lake Erie Islands.

Two partners, Tadd Schwarz and Tom LaPlante are third generation Put-in-Bay property owners. The third partner, Sundman brings 40 years of wireless communication experience to the project.

Megabits, LLC is seeking a long-term agreement with the Village of Put-in Bay to allow the placement of antennas and transmitter equipment on the Village water tower, Village structures, docks and properties. This equipment will allow Megabits, LLC to quickly expand its new wireless Internet network which will be providing fixed and mobile broadband Internet services on the Island.

Megabits also sought permission to investigate where the Village could utilize valuable high-speed internet connectivity within all departments so that we may offer and negotiate a service proposal to the Village. The company is prepared upon the Village's request to propose payment of an industry competitive site rental fee for use of the Water Tower.

Megabits has additionally negotiated 20-year agreements with American Tower Corporation to rent space on one commercial tower on the island and two on Catawba Island. These towers will be used for the radio link that will bring connectivity to the island.

Megabits would install multiple antennas on the unused antenna mounts located below the base of the ball of the water tower. These antennas would allow Megabits to provide an extremely high level of service to the Village, its businesses and residents. The equipment and frequencies that will be used are all regulated or licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. As such they will not adversely impact any other wireless services on the Island.

The Federal Communications Commission has currently defined "broadband" internet as a fixed Internet connection which provides speeds of 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. This is level of service that is not dependably available from any service provider on the Islands. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration stated "Broadband connectivity is essential to the nation's economic growth and social advancement. It is the conduit for economic and social opportunities for U.S. households and a gateway to increased productivity, growth and market access for businesses of all sizes."

Last fall, the Megabits partners began meeting informally with residents, business owners, government and public safety officials to develop a plan that will best support the needs of the islands. They are pleased to announce that they will begin construction on the Megabits Island Internet (Mi2) wireless network this fall!

- o The Mi2 network is engineered using multiple tower sites and the latest dependable carrier grade wireless technology.

- o Subscribers will be able to select symmetric service from 25 Mbps to 100+ Mbps starting at \$49.00 per month.

- o The Mi2 network is engineered to support 10 Gigabits (Gbps) of traffic and is connected to a 100 Gbps fiber optic business-only Internet network.

- o The Mi2 network will support VOIP telephony, CCTV cameras, security systems, public safety communications and mobile data.

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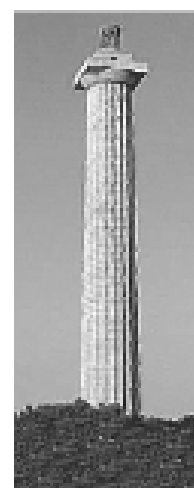
Megabits is looking forward to further discussion and the opportunity of providing high-speed Internet services to the Village.

If you are interested in more information about Megabits, LLC, and their service, their address is P.O. Box 324, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456. Their email is Sales@PIBWifi.com, and their phone number is 888-Mi2-3456 (888-642-3456). Their ad is on this page of this issue of the Put-in-Bay Gazette.

## Keith Blumensaadt remains behind bars

Rumors about Keith Blumensaadt getting out of the Ottawa County Jail are not true. Keith was arrested in late June of 2017 on a variety of charges that began with a traffic stop, a stand off with island police and a search of his home where guns and ammunition were found.

On Friday, October 19th, Keith appeared before Ottawa County Common Pleas Court Judge Bruce Winters requesting a reduction in his bond from \$750,000 to \$50,000. The county prosecutor, James VanEerten, argued against the reduction and proposed it be reduced to \$500,000, no ten percent. Release would have been contingent on Keith being under house arrest at his mother's house in the Cleveland area. Winters ruled in VanEerten's favor, so it appears, Keith and his family will not be able to raise the money and he will remain in jail until such time he is tried.



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## Corps predicts lake level for 2019

The Army Corps of Engineers is forecasting continued high water in Lake Erie for next year. The prediction ranges shows the possibility of a bit higher level than this past season to one that is about a foot and a half lower. The lake level is contingent on both rain and snowfall, temperature and winter ice coverage. It is not controlled by man.



LEFT: These five young ladies were at the Town Hall one day in October to help reactivate an island Girl Scout Troop. Left to right are Meredith Cooper, Piper Koehler, Harper Scarpelli, Sophia Warren and Brynn Marshall.

## Kid Rock concert will test the system

On Saturday, Oct. 20th, the Put-in-Bay Twp. Port Authority held a public meeting to discuss the Kid Rock concert scheduled for the end of next August at the Put-in-Bay Airport. With reports of the concert being sold out with 14,500 tickets being sold, the concert will definitely be a test as to whether such a crowd can be accommodated and served. Promoter Tim Niese was at the meeting and he told the members of the PA board that about 9,500 fans attended the Toby Keith concert and that this year's concert with Rascal Flatts only drew about 7,500. In any case, the Kid Rock concert will add about 50% more people to the mix than the Toby Keith concert had.

Peter Huston from the PIB Chamber of Commerce figures there are around 5,000 beds for those who want to spend that night on the island. That leaves about 9,500 people who need transportation back to the mainland when the concert is over at 10 p.m.

Other topics concerned security, weather events, on island transportation and more. Having been involved in two concerts already, Niese seemed confident about handling any issues that might arise.

To date, the Port Authority must still get permission from the FAA to close the airport for the concert. So far, the FAA has approved the closure for the first two concerts and will more than likely approve the Kid Rock one in 2019. The Port Authority makes more than \$30,000 from each concert.

# NOVEMBER 2018 PUT-IN-BAY SENIOR CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<b>1</b> 12pm Sr. Lunch/Tipplers 1pm Mah Jongg  4pm Yoga	<b>2</b> 8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social  1pm Bridge
<b>5</b> 8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures	<b>6</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <i>No Scheduled Activities</i> <b>6:30am - 7:30pm</b> <b>*VOTE HERE AT SENIOR CENTER*</b>	<b>7</b> 8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social	<b>8</b> 12pm Sr. Lunch/Tipplers 1pm Mah Jongg  4pm Yoga	<b>9</b> 8am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social  1pm Bridge
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**Other Dates to Remember**  
**Sun. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Daylight Savings Time Ends



ABOVE: Winners of the best homemade costume award at the kids' Halloween party at the Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 27th, were Elora Hubner, Mia Hristovski, Kennedy Butler and Ella Kostura. Battered, bruised and bloody Mia was on a gurney with questionable medical help coming from the other three girls dressed as medical personnel. In a crowded emergency room in some hospital somewhere, you would never have known they didn't belong.

## Thank you from the Spatafore Family!

To The Market Family, Miller Ferry, The Reel Bar & The Forge,  
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LEFT: Ryan Daugherty from the Bird's Nest and event emcee Duff Spatafore were the last two left standing at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's Reverse Raffle on Monday evening, Oct. 15th. Duff defied all odds, but won the big prize of \$4,000. He didn't win with his original ticket, so he bought a second-chance ticket from Woody Widmar and went all the way to win the grand prize.

## Island Diary October 2018

**Mon., Oct. 1st** - Lisa and Russ Brohl are picking grapes from their vines. Neighbors David and Kat Holscott and Monk Nemecek help pick the Catawba grapes. Barb Cooper is Lifelighted off the island with a broken shoulder after a fall. Get better soon, Barb!

**Tues., Oct. 2nd** - Dawn Schill from Perry's Cave and Family Fun Center is in Cleveland at the Sycow food show. Earl Parker's home on Lorain Ave. is torn down by the crew from Fox Stone. American Legion post 542 provides military honors at Larry Parsons graveside service at Maple Leaf Cemetery in the morning. There are 24 cars in the antique car parade.

**Wed., Oct. 3rd** - There's more talk at the Council meeting about a waterline from the mainland. It's 70 degrees on the island, but someone reminds us that in 1974, a record low of 23 degrees was recorded. Someone else spots a Mayfly.

**Thurs., Oct. 4th** - There's a pre-70th birthday party at the museum for secretary Cindy Clausen. A group is there putting baskets together for the silent auction at the Wine Festival. A north wind makes for a bit cooler weather.

**Fri., Oct. 5th** - It's Tanya Burgess Bender's (PIBHS Class of 1985) 50th birthday. Ouch! Rangers from Perry's Monument take their carronade to Camp Perry for the Ottawa County Career Showcase. They are sharing the jobs of the National Park Service with 9th graders from Ottawa County. The Internet is alive with reports about the "indictments" (See story page 1). Reporters from the mainland are on the island trying to get info on what islanders think about the indictments. Dave Holscott reports avoiding reporters's questions. Monument Ranger William G. Krejci conducts a Haunted Put-in-Bay Bar Crawl in the evening. More than 50 people take the tour.

**Sat., Oct. 6th** - There are only 13 of the 350 PIB Chamber of Commerce's Reverse Raffle tickets left to sell. Kevin "Dotts" Day's funeral service at Mother of Sorrows is followed by a funeral reception at Boathouse's biergarten. At the Put-in-Bay Wine Co. at the Doller Estate, the tents are packed with people wanting to sample all kinds of wines.

**Sun., Oct. 7th** - There are only seven cars in the first official, unofficial antique car parade of the fall season. The Blessing of the Pets takes place at St. Paul's in the afternoon.

**Mon., Oct. 8th** - It's really foggy in the morning. The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce holds its meeting at Hooligans late in the afternoon. There is a presentation by representatives from AT&T who discuss cell phone service on the island. They say their coverage of Put-in-Bay is superior to that of Verizon. There is also a presentation by representatives from Megabits, a company that wants to bring high-speed, wireless internet to the island.

**Tues., Oct. 9th** - Cindy Clausen, whose birthday was celebrated at the museum several days before, actually turns 70. The tent for Oktoberfest is going up in the Park. At the Senior Center, they are pressing apples and enjoying a great potluck lunch. There's an evening picnic at Scott and Caroline Jackson's stone wine cellar home near the airport. Among those there are Nick Cartwright

from the Blue Marlin Bar, Jill Guseman from Splash and the Goat, and Roberta Scarpelli from Ibis St.

**Wed., Oct. 10th** - An absolutely wonderful fundraiser for Katrina Spatafore and her family takes place at the Forge and Reel Bar. The two places were packed. Great food was served at the Forge, and the auction took place at the Reel Bar.

**Thurs., Oct. 11th** - The library sponsored Words and Wine Book Club meets at Heineman Winery. We're assuming they are reading books about wine.

**Fri., Oct. 12th** - You can tell it isn't summer anymore. There's a baby shower for Michala Wertenbach (PIBHS Class of 2011) at the Fishbowl in the afternoon, and, as is now in vogue, there was a diaper party for the new-father-to-be, Mike Buttrey, at the Goat. The power goes out in the area around St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Bay Lodging House. There was a loud boom when the power went off. As whenever the power goes off on the island, Edison's Terry Jenkins goes quickly to work and soon gets it back on. There's rain in the evening.

**Sat., Oct. 13th** - There's plenty of beer to go around in the Oktoberfest tent in the park across from the Boathouse.

**Sun., Oct. 14th** - On this October morning Julene Market reports autumn tones, a faint aroma of wood smoke and golden bronze leaves along the paths in Cooper's Woods. It's the second day of the Oktoberfest in the Village Park, plus the Verhoff Scholarship Fundraiser perch dinner takes place at the Boardwalk.

**Mon., Oct. 15th** - There is a light drizzling rain in the morning. The PIB School Senior Class is presented with \$500 check from Great Lake Grillers for helping serve Nathan's Brats and hot-dogs at the Music Festival in June. Several young ladies meet at the Town Hall to begin reactivating a Girl Scout Troop on the island. The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's annual Reverse Raffle takes place in the Village park. Ray Fogg and Duff Spatafore emcee the event.

**Tues., Oct. 16th** - Put-in-Bay Village's fiscal officer, Courtney Blumen-saadt was off the island attending a fiscal officer conference in Perrysburg. There is a Book Fair at the school library.

**Wed., Oct. 17th** - Workers have a huge hole in the front yard beneath the Doller house tower. We'll have to wait and see what it's all about.

**Thurs., Oct 18** - Council meets to rehire Dave

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Dezeeuw and Doug Knauer to help operate the Put-in-Bay water plant. There's a Chicken paprikash special at Hooligans where Mark Myers is celebrating his birthday with fam-

ily and friends. The temperature dips below 40 degrees for first time this fall.

**Fri., Oct. 19th** - The younger students at PIB School head to Toledo where they enjoy a play. Before coming back to the island, they have lunch at Tony Packo's, one of Toledo's famous restaurant.

**Sat., Oct. 20th** - Christine Ontko and her helper Anne Singler attend Vendor Day at Bassett's Market. They are selling the products Christie makes in her shop, Freshwater Retreat & Remedies. The PIB Twp Port Authority's meeting lasts about four and a half hours. The Reel Bar holds its third annual Southern Boil with clams, shrimp, sausage, potatoes and corn. Yum! There quite a crowd at the Goat for the Oktgoaterfest. A cold strong wind makes for some hairy ferry rides.

**Sun., Oct. 21st** - Jeremy Berman hosts an end-of-season party for his fellow Put-in-Bay police officers at his home at the airport. Highlights from body cams videos taken in 2017 and 2018 were fun to watch, but at the same time show the reality of some of the potentially dangerous situations our island police officers face.

**Mon., Oct. 22nd** - Heineman Winery has a crew picking grapes in Barnhill's vineyard on East Point. According to Diane Bianchi, the yield looks pretty good.

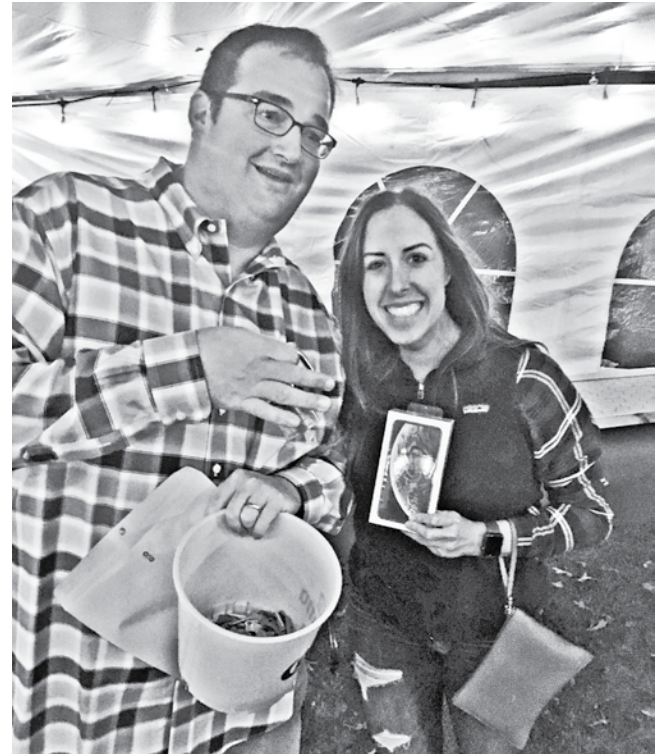
**Tues., Oct. 23rd** - It's come dressed as a nerd day at Put-in-Bay School. Mary Myers picks up her mail at the post office shortly before it closes at 5 p.m. Uno is the game of choice for the island teens who gathered for Game & Pizza night at the library. This informal game night for teens is going to be a monthly event through March.

**Wed., Oct. 24th** - The first Storybook Halloreads Walk takes place in the Dodge Woods Nature Preserve at the corner of Thompson and Airport Rds. The event featured the story "Peppa Pig and the Halloween Costume." There were treats (cupcakes made by Roberta Scarpelli and cookies from Bassetts on the mainland) handed out to the 66 people who came out to walk the trail.

**Thurs., Oct. 25th** - It's come dressed as a super hero day at Put-in-Bay School. There's a 12th birthday party for Ava Heineman at the winery.

**Fri., Oct. 26th** - It's the second day of the Fall Pheasant Hunt #2 on Pelee Island. In spite of the cold and rain there are already a few costumed people bar hopping downtown in the evening.

**Sat., Oct. 27th** - The island kids'



ABOVE: Ryan Stoiber presents a happy Jill Guseman from Splash and the Goat with the \$1100 iPhone she won at the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce's Reverse Raffle on Monday evening, Oct. 15th. They are seen here in the tent used for the Oktoberfest in the Village Park across from the Boat-house. As the evening progressed, it turned a bit nippy inside!

Halloween costume parade and contest is held at the Town Hall due to cold rainy weather. The event is sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Rec Committee. Kudos to Chontel Shaffer, the PIB Rec Committees chairperson for the event, her family who put the haunted house together behind the stage, and the ladies of the Rec Committee who all did a bang up job changing everything over from an outdoor venue to a great event in the Town Hall due the weather.

**Sun., Oct. 29th** - Put-in-Bay Resort and Conference Center closes for the season. Cameo Pizza is also done for the season. The Forge has a closedown brunch in the morning. The Whiskey Light at the Round House goes off for the 2018 season. The 25th Annual Pumpkin Bowl is rained out. In the evening, there's a fundraiser party for the Owen and Danny French Fund and the PIB Vol. Fire Dept. at the Boat-house, plus a Ryte Spyder Nyte party at the Goat.

**Mon., Oct. 29th** - Hooligans has its closedown party. What a spread! No more green and orange until next spring.

**Tues., Oct. 30th** - Dave and Kathy Holscott have friends and coworkers to their Mitchell Rd. home for some delicious chili, Reuben and turkey sliders and dessert in the evening. We found out one thing for sure...Kathy really likes cheese cake

**Wed., Oct. 31st** - It's the last day to get nominations in for the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Executive Board. Kim Morrisson's and Dustin Heineman's term are up. Kim has, however, agreed to continue and manage the Chamber's bills and money. The island kids are out in full force trick or treating. With that and a lot more treats at Tipper's annual Halloween party, the island kids will be on a sugar buzz until Thanksgiving. Contankerus, the fuel boat, comes into the harbor at the same time the kids are out triik or treating.

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ABOVE: Volunteers at the Wine Festival in October included (left to right) Joe Fink, Sue Savage from East Point, Tom Rogge, Kendall Rogge, Jacqueline Rogge, Sherri Rogge, Dave Wyderka and Martha Baumert from the Resale Shop. They all had a great time at the Wine Festival even before they started sampling the wine. Jacqueline especially enjoyed several favorite samples.





ABOVE: Auctioneer Greg Peiffer from WPIB.com, Billy Market from Miller Boat Line and Ashley "Vanna" Rill from the Round House were on stage at the Reel Bar auctioning off numerous items to benefit Katrina Spatafore and her family on Wednesday evening, Oct. 10th. The event, which took place at the Reel Bar and the Forge, was packed and very successful. A big thank you goes out to all those who helped make the evening a memorable Put-in-Bay event. The trio is seen here auctioning off a fishing trip to Costa Rica.



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## Island Girl "Party Like an Islander" By Christine L. Ontko

After a hard summer filled with hours of long working days, it was as if the whole island got together for a family reunion minus all the family drama. Everywhere you turned there was a familiar face. Not just locals, either. Visitors who love the island and visit often, were also in attendance. Past summer employees, former islanders and friends were all around! People who hadn't seen each other all summer, due to busy schedules, got to catch up. I even got to see my mom and my daughter – all in the SAME night! All the fun and laughter experienced was because of a woman and her family. You see, Katrina Spatafore found out she has breast cancer. Katrina, even though a private woman, is a most-loved and adored island girl. Her dear friends Billy and Allie Market decided to organize a fund-raising event in an effort to help with all the added expenses of conquering this illness. Reel Bar and The Forge also pitched in, along with local musicians who volunteered their talents for an evening of island fun.



CHRISTIE ONTKO

It began inside The Forge with food, prizes and people. Little tickets were purchased and along with everyone else, Cliff and I began dropping ours inside the red Round House buckets beside each prize, hoping to win its contents. Items such as a gorgeous geode from Mr. Kindt's rock collection, a telescope from Anne and Pat Dailey, and cookies made by June Stoiber were all a part of the raffle. Merchandise from local gift shops and island businesses were also part of the prizes. There was also some kind of raffle going on for a golf cart – I'm serious! A golf cart! I didn't get in on that quickly enough, those tickets sold out in a hurry! Kim Morrison won the scooter that was being raffled off, and I knew this because her hubby Skip ordered a fancy bottle of wine – or was it champagne? - to celebrate her win and he forgot to offer Cliff and me a glass. One of my favorite items being raffled off was ice cream every week for the entire summer of 2019 from The Candy Bar. AND GUESS WHO WON IT.....? Me.....!!!!!! So many generously donated, allowing wishes to come true for many in attendance.

Then, the party continued over in The Reel Bar where some serious excitement took place. A real live auction! How exciting!! The auction began with Billy Market behind the microphone on the stage. I gotta' say he did an AMAZING job of keeping the party movin'. I witnessed others helping him, too: daughter Caiti and her mom Jane, along with Round House Paula and Ashley from the Round House, just to name a few. Cliff and I took a seat at the family table of the Market clan, and anytime I can, I love to sit with them, because they're hil-ar-ious! Julene + Scott beside one another = funny.

I heard about an old Parker Boat sign that was going to be auctioned off. (Alfred Parker was my grandpa who used to own Parker Boat Line, where the Jet Express is now.) Then, just to get my facts straight, I walked over to Bob Staumire for information. He used to work for my grandpa, and I knew he'd know about this mystery sign. And, it turned out, it WAS indeed from the side of the boat named The Yankee Clipper, and Bob knew this because he was the one who actually made the sign! In those days, they were hand-painted on a wooden board and attached to the side of the ferry.

My cousin Debby Parker took a seat behind me and we discussed our strategy for getting that sign. We agreed Debby should get it, (because she had more money to bid than I.) The bidding began and Debby put her hand up. It's nothing like an island auction to get your blood pumping, your adrenaline rushing and senses on high-alert. It's like chocolate! We did our best to help Debby win that sign, but another island collector bid more. Oh well. There was MORE to bid on! YAY!

A guitar signed by Pat Dailey, a fishing trip on a fancy boat in Costa Rica, and a private party at Jack and Lorain's house, and lots, lots more. With each item being auctioned off you could feel the generosity of the island people. We all knew with every transaction taking place, that Katrina, Duff and their two gorgeous young daughters would benefit from all our fun that night.

Billy said it beautifully, "We can't take away your cancer, but we can help lighten your load."

There was no sadness that night. Only a feeling of giving, giving and more giving with lots and lots of laughter. Cancer is no fun. I have witnessed this disease in too many friends and too many family members. And I gotta' believe that we're already on the road to beating this illness because of the goodness and love I felt that night on this tiny little island in Lake Erie. Because, folks, we Islanders know how to party.



ABOVE: Caiti Bolyard (PIBHS Class of 2010) checking one of the tickets at the bucket raffle at the fundraiser for Katrina Spatafore at the Reel Bar.

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## Pelee Island Official Election Results

For all you readers who follow politics on Pelee Island, you'll be happy to know the results of their October 22nd election. According to Township of Pelee Declaration of Election Results, David Allan Dawson is the new Deputy Mayor, and David Joel DeLellis, Dayne Malloch and Sherri Smith-Ouellette were high vote getters for the other Councillor positions. No one ran against Raymond Durocher who will now become Pelee Island's new mayor.

Sherri Smith-Ouellette visits Put-in-Bay during the boating season and shops for treasures to take back to Pelee Island at our museum's Resale Shop.



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# Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader

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

It begins with a few pieces of lawn furniture, or perhaps a couple window screens, hosed off, wiped down, stowed away in the garage – closing the cottage. It's an annual process for the cottager, a labor of love – packing, plumbing, winterizing, drained pipes, antifreeze, locked doors and windows, saying good-bye, another season of memories.

There is much to do, I like to clean the screens when I take them down, wiped clean of spider gunk and bird droppings, ready to go back up with the first warm breezes of Spring. I start with a few, early in October. Then, as the days shorten, I'll do a few more. And finally, late in October, the last few screens from the bedroom, the sun porch, and the kitchen will go – when the weatherman has officially called an end to Indian Summer. I'll remember when I put up the first screen in April, excited to fill the musty cottage with the invigorating, Erie air. I will think of August, every window open, fans roaring, almost too hot to breathe. And now, too cold – watching the early sunset from the couch, inside, windows locked, the space heater humming.

Mrs. Larry has often suggested I make a list, add a more structured, thorough approach to my closing operation. But I prefer to move based on weather and whim, to chip away at my random list as the mood strikes. After all, closing for the Winter is unique to cottagers, something to be enjoyed, a way to mark the end of another year, to look back, reminisce, romance, before being swept back to the pace of the mainland.

We have little lawn chairs for the grandchildren. As I clean and put them away over the garage, I recall smiling faces around a roaring fire, roasting marshmallows, jumping up when they spot a lightning bug, then rushing back for just one more s'more! Or, circled around a table, painting rocks collected by the lake, showing off their masterpieces to an attentive Grammy, always ready with fresh brushes, a damp rag, and new supplies. Later, cleaning the grill, I'm reminded of the many meals we shared with family and friends. I think of granddaughter Emma, begging for one more lamb-bone, her favorite; or her friend, Audrey, declaring my grilled chicken to be "the best she ever had".

As days pass, the island begins to shut down, temperatures drop, wind howls, Mrs. Larry will often escape to our mainland home, beginning the process of settling back in, waiting for the next warm front to move through the islands before she returns to cover beds and furniture, pack the remaining food from the pantry and refrigerator, and prepare her flower boxes, pots, and garden for the cold. While she's away, I'll dig through the freezer, looking for whatever might remain, something that will allow me to spend a few hours in the tiny, cottage kitchen – cutting, chopping, a big pot on the stove or maybe something in the oven, soon filling the place with a comforting aroma! It might be a simple pot of chili, maybe pork chops and sauerkraut, or if I'm lucky, short ribs with my Dortmund gravy. While dinner bubbles, I will poke around, maybe packing a few boxes or organizing some tools in the garage. But often I find myself lingering, stopping to take in the change – the personality of the cottage is different, the cozy interior warm and welcoming, almost as if it is tempting me to stay, to stretch

the season a few more days. It is easy to find a peaceful spot, to linger, to get lost in the moment looking out over the lake.

Hours slip by, I rarely look at the clock. I remind myself there is much to do, the days are ticking by. My boat and sails have been put away, I still need to service the golf cart and pull the battery, and I have yet to buy the antifreeze for the traps and toilets, I need to clean the grill, the gutters, and maybe rake a few leaves.

Last week, I started to take down the bird houses – there are two out on the fence by the street, a couple hang in the big lilac bush, and another hangs from the Linden tree by the lake. The martens and swallows usually leave in late-August, so I clean the old nests out and store the houses out of the weather until Spring. As I approached the

one by the lake, I was surprised to see a tiny face peeking back at me. Did his friends and family leave him behind when they headed south? Or perhaps it is a different kind of bird, a species that winters in the north? He looked like the other birds that were around all Summer. I looked again – he just looked back at me, almost to say "I know what I'm doing."

Over the next few days I watched him, looking to see what he was up to. Each time, he just looked back, calm, relaxed, seemingly content. He rarely ventured out for food or even for additional nesting materials to prepare for the cold. He just sat, and looked. Finally, I found some seed in the garage and spread some on the bench by the tree. Again, he sat and looked.

Later, I watched from inside as my little friend ventured out for some of the seed I had left. He seemed to look toward the window where I watched, but quickly he was back to his house, sitting, looking. For the next few days, I continued to look for him as I chipped away at my chores – each time, it was the same – he sat, he looked, watching the season close around us. I left more food. He ate, he watched me work. I worried, concerned my little friend was not ready for the long Winter ahead – I checked on him every day. But finally, it dawned on me, maybe, just maybe, like me, he wanted just a few more days, a bit more time, stretching the season, reluctant to leave, comfortable and content, happy to be in a little wood house by the lake.



LARRY SCHRADER



ABOVE: Mike and Jean Gora from Middle Bass read their PIB Gazette while vacationing in the countries that once made up Yugoslavia. They are seen here with St. George Island in Montenegro in the background. The island is home to Benedictine monastery that dates back to the 12th century.



ABOVE: Sheryl Patry and Gretchen Brubaker from Bayview Ave. at the Goat's Oktgoaterfest. Love the band!

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## Basketball Season

By McKenna Stacy

As cross country and volleyball seasons come to an end, basketball and cheerleading seasons begin! I cannot wait to be on the basketball team once again! I am on the junior high team this year because I am in eighth grade. I got a basketball sweatshirt to support the team! Last year the junior high team did not win any games, but this year I feel like we can! We have a couple games so make sure to come watch them at the school gym. I can't wait for practice to begin this year too! Our first practice is on November 5. In practice we get to play games, but we also work really hard. We practice shooting and defensive stances. Sometimes we get to scrimmage, or play basketball against each other in practice. It is so fun when everybody is out on the court listening for direction from the coach. My favorite part is when we are warming up right before the game, because the music is playing and it is almost time to go out and try your best. This year's basketball season is going to be great!

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RIGHT: Left to right are PIB High School Quiz Bowl team members Max Schneider, Nora Ladd, Lucy Schneider, Joe Byrnes, Max Hristovski, Elena Schroeder, and Kate Byrnes going off to compete in the "Brain Game" which will air on WBGU-TV in November.



## PIB School News

By Steve Poe, Superintendent

Once again this year our school will utilize "School Messenger" to inform parents of important announcements, such as school closings or delays. We will now make this available to everyone in our community. If you would like to be notified by text or voice message of school closings or delays, announcements of events, etc., please contact the school at 419-285-3614 to sign up.

The Put-in-Bay high school quiz bowl team won 3-0 October 9 against three schools in the sixteen school league. Scores were: PIB (200) vs. Saint Joseph Central Catholic (125); PIB (160) vs. Fremont Ross (150); and Put-in-Bay (215) vs. Clyde (205). A round consists of twenty-one questions: three 7-questions toss-ups with three bonus questions added for answering the toss-up correctly. A team can have a fifty-point lead disappear very quickly under this format. Two of the three matches were very close and exciting for the entire round. The Put-in-Bay High School Quiz Bowl team competed in the WBGU "Brain Game" on Thursday, October 18th. The team won against Seneca East and lost to Toledo Early College. "Brain Game" is a very competitive competition where the winner is not determined until the final round of questions. The first game will be televised November 8th and the second game on November 15th. Be sure to tune in to WBGU-TV for the exciting, televised competitions! The team players include: 12th grade, Max Schneider; 11th grade, Joe Byrnes and Alexandra Knauer; 10th grade, Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, and Lucy Schneider; and 9th grade, Kate Byrnes and Max Hristovski.

It's hard to believe that another season of Panther Cross Country has come to a close. The team competed in six meets from Sandusky to Tiffin and showed up strong with competitive finishes in the 'home-meet' for the Miller 5k. Many students completed races this season with new Personal Records (PR's), and the kids have already begun setting expectations and goals for next year's meets. Coaches Adam & Johnna Danes would like to thank the kids (and their families) for all of their hard work, strong efforts, and fun family dinners. We are looking forward to next year!

The volleyball team exhibited great improvement for the 2018 campaign and ended with a record of 7 - 4. The strength of this year's team was their ability to finish off an opponent when in the lead. Congratulations on a very successful season! The Panthers were comprised of Elena Schroeder, Nora Ladd, Lucy Schneider, Kate Byrnes, Lauren Peter, Hannah Lentz, and Zoe Zura.

The Panthers start basketball practice on November 2 with the traditional "Morning Madness." Craig Schuffenecker will coach the high school boys, girls, and junior squads. We are excited to compete in the first ever "Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament" to be held at Beaver Island, Michigan on November 30 and December 1. Overnight accommodations for fans that weekend is very limited, so if you are not making the trip north, you can listen to the games live on WPIB.com. Ms. Riley Conway will once again be coaching the cheerleading squads, in addition to a new elementary dance team!

On Friday, November 2 from 5:00 to 7:00pm the annual Harvest Dinner will take place at Tipper's Lounge. We encourage everyone to enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with us and support the Gustav Heineman Scholarship. Dinner prices are the following: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children twelve and under, \$6. A special thanks in advance to Woody Widmar for all his time and effort in making the delicious meal and to the Niese family for allowing us to use their restaurant.

On Friday, November 9th at 11:15 a.m., Put-in-Bay students will honor our veterans. A student-led program will take place in the school's gymnasium and all veterans are encouraged to attend along with the public. Thank you, veterans, for your service to our country.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 7 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 14 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to call the school office at 419-285-3614 to make an appointment.



ABOVE: The PIB High School Senior Class received a check this past month from Great Lakes Grillers for \$500 for the help they provided selling Nathan's brats at the Put-in-Bay Music Festival in June at the Monument. Left to right are Linda Rence, Patrick Myers, students Lauren Peter, Matthew Stacy, Max Schneider and Jack Booker, and presenters Jim and Deb Mazanec.

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## Numbers

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ABOVE: Left to right are Debbie Larcey from Fox's Den, "Mrs. Larry" Schrader from the West Shore, and Barb Hunter from Fox's Den reading their PIB Gazette while touring the Dublin Whiskey Museum in Ireland this past month. This fantastic museum tells the intriguing tale of Irish whiskey. The trio was all in for a visit once they found out the museum was "interactive," meaning there was whiskey tasting at the end of the tour.



### Thankful by Woody Widmar

We're all thankful for the usual things  
Health, wealth, friends and family  
But it's what we take for granted  
That means a little more to me

The changing of the seasons  
Especially summer to fall  
The harvest and the colors  
My favorites of all

Then there's the island way of life  
I chose more than thirty years ago  
Working hard for the season  
Leaving when we got the snow

But lately I've spent the winters here  
There's so much to do  
And if Mother Nature rears her head  
I hibernate a day or two

I'm thankful that I have the time  
To lend a helping hand  
To do a little this and that  
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## What's happening at Erie Islands Library?

### Thank You

Thank you Put-in-Bay for your never ending support of our library! The Scholastic Book Fair was just one example this past month where our community rocked. There was \$1500 in sales at the book fair. Since we had over \$1000 in sales, we will receive approximately half the sales in books and neat projects for the children to do at the library. This is a win-win for everyone!

### Preschool Story Time

November looks to be just as much fun at the library with two chances to attend Preschool Story Time on Mondays, November 5th and November 26th. The themes will be "Numbers" and "Frogs". Stories, songs, finger plays and crafts will be done for children and their caregivers. Everyone welcome!

### Pizza & Game Night for Kids

Tuesday, November 6th will be "Pizza and Game Night for Kids." We have several new games available: Jenga, Yahtzee and Sorry. Participants will be able to choose what game to play with their friends. Everyone will be treated to pizza and beverage. Fun night at the library!

### Movie & Popcorn Night

Movie and Popcorn Night will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 5 pm. Check at the library for the feature presentation one week before showing. All participants will be served popcorn and beverage. Parents are asked to sign in their children when they are dropped off.

### Words and Wine Book Club

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, "Words and Wine Book Club" will be held later in the month. Join us on Thursday, November 29th at Karen Wilhelm's house. Read a book of your choosing to share with everyone. Sorry, but this event is for adults only.

### Library Closed Thanksgiving Day

The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. We will be open normal hours every other day in November. Join us to check out books, magazines, DVDs or electronic readers. We also have notary services available most days, as well as computers and free wifi. Everyone is welcome at the library!

### Attention ATV drivers!

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# PIB Senior Center News by Chris Joyce

## Busy Calendar in November

November is a month full of family, friends, wonderful memories and Thanksgiving. This will be a planning month for all the Holiday festivities that go on here at the Senior Center in December. Most of our snowbirds are gone, but our attendance numbers remain good. Our calendar remains full of regularly scheduled activities which include: Aerobic Dance, Strength Training, Coffee Socials, Yoga, Mah Jongg, Bridge, Duplicate Bridge, and our Senior Lunches. We also try to include a "Soup and Show" night, Wii Bowling or similar activity at least once a month during the off season. Our Aquamotion classes are on hold until further notice as there is no pool for us to use at this time. Wednesday evening Men's Cards is also over until next summer. Many activities are not planned far enough in advance to make this publication so keep an eye out for postings of these special events at the senior center, post office and on our website: pibseniorcenter.org.

## October Fun

During the month of October, the seniors enjoyed a fun "Cider Press Potluck" with wonderful homemade food and fabulous fresh pressed cider from all the island apples! A

special shout out goes to Art Otermat and Bob and Dianne Smith for all their hard work in getting the press ready for use. Many thanks to all who collected apples, moved the press equipment into position and worked so hard for hours pressing apples into cider. I also want to thank everyone who washed and trimmed apples to ready them for use in the press. It's takes a lot of time and work to put on this event! Our "Fall Barn Social" was also a great success! A special shout out goes to Dave Gundlach for opening his barn for all of us to enjoy this time together! Finally, we had fun passing out yummy treats on Halloween to all the island Trick or Treaters!

## Senior Lunches in November

Our Senior Lunches are served at 12 noon every Thursday at Tipper's. Please make your reservation by noon on Wednesday either by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. This is important as we must let Tipper's kitchen know the lunch count by noon Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for these delicious and fun senior lunches!

## Senior Center Closed

Please note that The Senior Center will be closed for all activities on the following dates:

- \* Tues., Nov. 6th, as the facility will be in use for Election Day. Voting hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- \* Mon., Nov. 12th, in observance of Veterans Day
- \* Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 22th & 23rd, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## Your Health

The wonderful people at the EMS continue to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. during the Coffee Social.

Feel free to come get yours checked as this is a great service they provide. The "60+ Clinic" is a free program for those 60 and older. It's held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month, but since Thanksgiving falls on that Thursday we will be moving the date back to Thurs. Nov. 29th, so if you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

## Aluminum Tabs

If anyone can save the little "tabs" used to open the top of pop/soda cans, we are collecting them for the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland, Ohio. Please feel free to drop them off at the Senior Center.

## Legion Meetings

We are honored to host the Legion Lunches every 3rd Thursday of the month. We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer to help serve the lunch, make dessert and/or clean up afterward. Please help us support our veterans.

## Thank you.....

As usual, I cannot thank enough all the people who willingly volunteer their time and help with so many tasks here at the Senior Center. You know who you are... Thank-you sooooo much!!!

My wish is for everyone to enjoy this month of Thanksgiving and take time to give thanks for all the people and moments in our lives that mean so much to us.

## Technology comes to the rescue

Islanders can thank Facebook for finding lost items this past month. Cara Bast from Frosty's reported her husband Jeff's golf cart stolen and put the word out on Facebook. It wasn't long before Adam Riley from Island Bike Rental spotted the abandoned cart at the Jet Dock.

When Barry Koehler's dog, Charlie, ran away and didn't come back, multiple shares went out on Facebook. After looking all day, Charlie was spotted at David Bianchi's house with his head caught in a vent opening in an old fiberglass ferryboat bench. The word got passed along on Facebook by David and Kelly Dress, and Charlie was rescued. Because the post was seen on Facebook, everyone was able to contact those concerned. Good work, technology!



ABOVE: Left to right, Bob Smith, Pam and Gene Zajac and Bob Hilt were spotted trying squeeze apple juice out of apples at the Senior Center this past month. According to Bob, the press broke down, but there was still enough juice to go around for those who wanted to take some home.

# Island Calendar November 2018

Schedule Subject to Change (Just like the weather)

- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Weds & Fris thru Nov 9 / Weds Only for Winter Starting Nov 14 - 9:30a to 3:30p
- ☐ SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR ON PAGE 6
- ☐ LIBRARY CALENDAR IN ARTICLE PAGE 12
- ☐ EUCHRE • Weds - 7p • Reel Bar
- ☐ Leaf Pick Up in Village • Weekdays Early Nov thru Mid-Dec
- ☐ Harvest Dinner • Nov 2 - 5 to 7p • Tipper's
- ☐ Close Down Turkey Fry • Nov 3 - 1p to ? • Heineman Winery
- ☐ Kelleys Island Half Marathon - Police Chase • Nov 4 • KI
- ☐ Browns Backers Annual Meeting • Nov 4 - 11:30a • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ Browns Backers • Nov 4 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ Election Day • Nov 6 - 6:30a to 7:30p • Vote at Sr Cen
- ☐ Feather Party (BINGO & PRIZES) • Nov 9 - 7p • Town Hall
- ☐ Browns Backers • Nov 11 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ American Legion Veterans Day Dinner • Nov 11 - 5p Social Hour / 6p Dinner • Fire Station/Sr Cen
- ☐ Christmas Bazaar • Nov 15 - 3 to 7p • Town Hall
- ☐ Ladies Night • Nov 17 - 6 to 9p • Hardware Store
- ☐ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service • Nov 19 - 6:30p • St. Paul
- ☐ Extended Ferry Service Begins • Nov 22
- ☐ Browns Backers • Nov 25 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ Giving Tuesday • Nov 27 - 6 to 8p • Nature Center

## NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ PIB Village Mayor's Court • Thursdays - 9a • TH (If Needed)
- ☐ PIB Al-Anon Family Group • Thursdays - 7:30p • St Paul's
- ☐ PIB Rec Com Mtg • Nov 5 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ Village Council Workshop • Nov 7 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Com • Nov 7 - 3p • TwpH
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Nov 12 - 5p (Social Hour) • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ DeRivera Park Trustees • Nov 12 - 5p • Town Hall
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Nov 13 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Nov 13 - 10a • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Nov 13 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ☐ LEI Chapter Blackswamp Conservancy • Nov 13 - 7p • TH
- ☐ Village Council • Nov 14 - 9a • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • Nov 14 - 7p • School
- ☐ Legion • Nov 15 - 11:45a • Sr Center
- ☐ PIB Twp Port Authority • Nov 17 - 9a • Mid Bass TH
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Nov 20 - 7p • Twp Hall

## NOVEMBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

### Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ☐ PIB Mass • Suns 10:30a
- ☐ ALL SAINTS Day Services • Nov 1 - 5:30p
- ☐ Parish Council Mtg • Nov 4 - 10:30a • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ Bible Study • Starting Nov 6 - 7 to 9p • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ CCD/PSR • Starts Nov 13 - 3:30 to 4:15p • Corner Stone Rm
- ☐ Finance Council • Nov 17 • Mary's Rm/Office

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ☐ Holy Eucharist • Suns - 10:30a
- ☐ Bible Explorers (Youth 1st - 5th) • Tues - 3:15p
- ☐ Office Closed • Nov 13 (Veteran's Day)
- ☐ Safeguarding God's Children Prog • Nov 14 - 9:45 to 3:03p
- ☐ Youth Group (6th grade & up) • Nov 18 - 2p • St Thomas Port Clinton
- ☐ Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service • Nov 19 - 6:30p • St Paul

### St. John @ the Bay

- ☐ Services • Sundays 11 & 25 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

## COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- ☐ PIB School Holiday Concert • TBA
- ☐ Browns Backers • Dec 2 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ LEI Conservancy Potluck • Dec 10 - 6p • SBI Lighthouse
- ☐ Wreaths Across America • Dec 15 - 10 to 11a • Island Cemeteries
- ☐ Annual Audubon Christmas • Dec 16
- ☐ New Year Parties • TBA

## FALL 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

## LIBRARY HOURS

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LEFT: Here's Mary Ann Pressler who volunteered at the Wine Festival on October 6th at the Put-in-Bay Winery selling food and wine tickets.



RIGHT: Dave Wyderka also volunteered at the Wine Festival on October 6th at the Put in Bay Winery selling food and wine tickets. We're wondering which of the two sold the most tickets.

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Patrick McCann  
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# Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

## MISCELLANEOUS

Winter is coming but probably not for another month or two. In the meantime, we are hunkering down in the unusually cold mid-October weather and getting ready for our ice-o-lation. The cold is a welcome relief from the unseasonably early October hot weather we had been experiencing. At the end of October, all the seasonal liquor licenses will expire and doors will close. Already some seasonal businesses are closing like the history museum. On September 26th, we were surprised to wake up to a power failure. It lasted 2.5 hours and was the result of a raccoon exploring the transformer station at Lakeside. The 4-hour planned outage on the 16th went off pretty well, with few hitches. The Fire Dept. reminds everyone that BURN PERMITS are necessary if you are going to burn and the Police Dept. reminds everyone to complete their HOUSE CHECK FORMS and their WELFARE CHECK forms. You DO want your family and your property to be safe this winter, don't you?

## PASSING

There have been an unusually large number of deaths recently. The one that took us all by surprise was the passing of our Mayor, Arden Cooper. Arden left his mark on this village, in a very personal and very professional way. He improved the look of all the Village buildings and property and motivated Council persons to do their best, often cautioning Council to do "due-diligence" in evaluating programs and expenditures. He chose good people to head up much needed new committees (such as the Telecom and Coastal) and implemented programs that, sadly, he will not see to completion. We will miss him greatly. Also notable was the death of former Mayor, Kyle Paine. He left many friends Island-wide.

## COUNCIL NOTES

With the passing of Mayor Cooper, the President Pro Tem, Ron Ehrbar, was sworn in as Mayor. This left his Council seat vacant. After explaining the procedure for refilling a vacant seat on Council, Council elected Scot Smith to fill the remaining term. There was considerable discussion about one section of the minutes and as a result, they were tabled awaiting amendments. The POLICE DEPT. is considering the lease and

purchase of new used vehicles and will offer the retiring vehicles for sale. The Dept. received 11 reports, issued eight tickets for speeding, OVI and burning without a permit. Eight warnings were issued (stop sign and speeding). There was one accident (car vs. deer). EMS had 11 runs and continues with training. The FIRE DEPT. was unsuccessful in securing two FEMA grants, but will rework them and resubmit. Hose testing was completed. Every year two or three pieces fail and are taken out of service. With our aging hoses, some being between 20-30 years old and far exceeding their recommended lifespan, Council approved spending \$5,000 each year for the next five years to purchase new hoses. If they receive a grant, those funds will replace the Village funds obligated. LANDS & BUILDINGS will hold another meeting to determine the fate of the Golias house. WATER DEPT. will begin sand blasting the water tower in preparation for painting. STREETS & SIDEWALKS has brought to the attention of Frontier the issue of tree limbs overhanging or resting on telephone lines. The response was clear - it is not their responsibility to clear limbs, it is the owner's responsibility. They only repair damage to the lines. The "repeater" that Frontier is installing on Pauline (which should improve internet connection speed and reliability) should be completed this year. The others will be done in early spring. The TRANSIENT ROOM TAX will have its third reading in December and will most likely pass, over the objections of the hotel and Zoning Inspector Minshall. It will go into effect in January. There are vacancies on several Boards and Mayor Ehrbar indicated he will fill many of those slots at the December meeting.

## POLICE CHASE

Kelleys Island will play host to the Police Chase Half Marathon & 5K on Sunday, Nov. 4th. Go to <http://kiventureresort.com/> and click on events to register.



Leslie Korenko

## Kelleys Island mayors pass



Kyle Paine

## OBITUARIES Kyle S. Paine

Former Kelleys Island Mayor Kyle S. Paine, 56, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, in his residence on the island. He was born July 5, 1962, in Kansas and spent his childhood in Bay Village, Ohio, and vacationed on Kelleys Island as a young boy with his family. At the age of 12, he worked for Elmer and Rosie Craft, who had a bait store, dock and fishing cottages on the island. After graduation from Lake Ridge Academy, he attended Kent State, and at the age of 21, was given the opportunity to buy the business, Crafts Lakeview Lane from Rosie and Elmer and became a full-time Islander. Fascinated with steam-shovels, he bought a barge and crane and began the Kelleys Island Dock and Dredge Company and built timber crib docks for several places of business and private residences on the island. With the purchase of additional equipment, he became an expert excavator. He married Mary Caroline Sennish Sept. 6, 1997. Kyle loved visiting Pelee Island, fishing and hunt-

ing, rock and roll music, and traveling with Mary. California, Hawaii, Mexico, North Africa, Eastern Europe, Australia and his favorite place, New Zealand, were among their travels. Kyle was Mayor of Kelleys Island for four years and was a very kind and generous person.

## Arden Cooper

Kelleys Island Mayor Arden Brand Cooper, 69, died Friday, Sept. 28th, 2018, in his home surrounded by family and friends. He was born Sept. 30, 1948, in Canton, Ohio. He graduated from Malone University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education, and became a grade school teacher and youth basketball coach. Arden later found his true niche as a sales and business person. When he retired, Arden settled down in the cottage his father built on Kelleys Island, where his passion for the community led him to become the mayor of Kelleys Island.



Arden Cooper



ABOVE: At the recent Ohio Travel Association's Conference on Travel, the destination marketing organization for our region, Lake Erie Shores & Islands, took home numerous top awards including its president, Larry Fletcher (center), who earned the industry's Lifetime Achievement Award. At the conference opening dinner, Fletcher was honored with the prestigious Paul Sherlock Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Travel Association. The award was presented by 2017 winner, Ohio State Senator Randy Gardner (left) with additional comments provided by State Representative Steve Arndt (right). This achievement is awarded annually to an individual who demonstrates professional, personal and career excellence. The recipient exemplifies the best in the travel and tourism industry, by believing in and continually promoting Ohio as a destination. It is named for Paul Sherlock, a former Ohio state director of travel and tourism, who under Governor James Rhodes formed Ohio's first travel advisory committee, which eventually evolved into the Ohio Travel Association. Gardner, Fletcher and Arndt are well-known for their support of Lake Erie and the islands. Larry attends many of the PIB Chamber of Commerce meetings, and Rep. Arndt spoke recently at a PIB Property Owners Assoc. meeting.

## Birthday of the Month

Our birthday of the Month is Mary Parker who turns (you figure it out) on Nov. 22nd. Mary has been our Birthday of the Month for two months in a row.

# DONATE TO NATURE

## DONATE TO THE FUTURE OF NATURE

We are seeking assistance to help fund our building addition. The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center has been fund raising to build an addition to the Nature Center since 2013. We have built the covered back porch as Phase 1 in 2017 and now need to move forward on Phase 2. Phase 1 was completed with funds we were able to raise over a three-year period. It has immediately increased our capacity for outdoor programming. Now we need the inside space to include more island related interactive exhibits, house our nature library, and have work space for employees on site. Phase 2 would allow the necessary growth of our organization. We have been offered an exciting challenge to raise funds for

completing Phase 2. A very generous anonymous donor has offered to match funds we raise in 2018 up to \$60,000.00. Your donation is worth double the amount you send to us. This donation will allow us endless opportunities for our community and visitors.

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## Milestones

### BIRTHS

#### Hudson David Steffes

Congratulations to Eric and Jessica Warga Steffes on the birth of an 8 lbs 3oz son, Hudson David, on Sunday, October 14th, at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee, OH. Jessica is a 1st Grade Teacher at Frank Elementary in Perrysburg, Ohio, and Eric is Mechanical Engineer General Manager of Aimco Manufacturing. They live in Perrysburg. Jessica worked on Pib from 2005 until 2014 at Cameo Pizza, Beer Barrel, Salty Rim, Axel and Harry's, T & J's Smokehouse, and Splash. Island grandparents from Mikes Dr. on East Point are Jill and Dave Warga. Jill works at Mossbacks and Dave drives for Put-in-Bay Taxi Company in the summer.

### MARRIED

#### Anna McCann & Christopher Paul Sponseller

Anna Marie McCann (PIBHS Class of 2009) and Christopher Paul Sponseller were married at the Anchorage on East Point on Saturday, September 22nd. Anna is the daughter of Michael and Anita McCann who own the Round House and Park Hotel. Chris is the son of Greg and Debra Sponseller of Berea, OH. Anna and Chris met on Put-in-Bay in 2012 when Chris worked at Hooigans. The couple's rehearsal dinner took place at Crew's Nest. Anna and Chris were married by Jamie Kaufman who married Anna's parents 30 years ago on September 24th, 1988, at Anchorage. Among the wedding party were the bride's triplet siblings Amanda, Elizabeth and Patrick, plus friends Caitlin Bolyard, Kate O'Brien and Miranda Riddle. The reception at the Anchorage was catered by Robby Lucas from Cork Tree Catering. The couple resides in Berea. They honeymooned in Santorini, Greece.

**PIBHS**

#### Carey Keny & Kendrick Vincent

Carey Keny and Kendrick Vincent from Bexley, OH, were married on Sugar Island on Saturday, September 12th. It was appropriate to hold the wedding there since the Keny Family owns the island. The Jet Express IV made a special trip to island for the more than 100 guests. Mother Nature did little to cooperate with the event.

#### Matt Mariano & Meriah Landis

Matt Marino and Meriah Landis were married in Bucyrus, OH, on Aug. 12th. Matt is has worked full time for the Put-in-Bay Police Dept. for the last five years and was recently promoted to lieutenant. Meriah, who is from Cardington, OH, works at the BayShore Hotel and is currently taking the EMS's EMT class. The couple honeymooned in Cancun.

#### Zach Kowalski & Jackie Keane

Zach Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 2003) and Jackie Keane were united in marriage October 20th at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Put in Bay, followed by a night of dining and dancing at the Niagara Event Center. The couple plans a tropical honeymoon over the Christmas holiday. Zach is Operations Manager for Yardworks on Put in Bay and Jackie is a 2nd grade teacher at Crestwood Elementary in Elyria, both also work at The Boardwalk during the summer months. Jackie is the daughter of Bill and Ruth Keane of Avon Lake and Zach is the son of Dan and Valerie Kowalski of Put in Bay.

**PIBHS**

#### Tod Stanley & Terri Butler

Tod and Terri Butler from Grosse Ile, MI, were married at the Anchorage on Put-in-Bay on Saturday, Oct. 13th. The ceremony was performed by Amy Mooney. the wedding was attended by Terri's children, Richard, Christina, Danielle and Nicholas Butler, and nieces Clare Cameron and Elizabeth Kelley. Matron of Honor was Melinda Myers and Best Man was Brian Grow. A reception at the Goat Soup & Whiskey followed at ceremony. The couple honeymooned on the island at the Getaway Inn at Cooper's Woods.

### OBITUARY

#### Don Kirsch

Donald Burt Kirsch, 87, of East Point Put-in-Bay, passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at his residence on Chapman Rd. He was born on July 16, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of the late Burt and Cleo (Nichols) Kirsch. On August 23, 1957, he married Dorothy "Dee Dee" Stoiber and she survives. Don was an Electrical Engineer working at NASA for top defense companies. He ended his career teaching at Columbus Technical Institute. He enjoyed boating on Lake Erie, working on clocks and computers, and was a collector of antiques, whether it be grandfather clocks or first edition books. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Dee Dee;" daughter, Alexa Kirsch, Put-in-Bay; son, Mark (Holly) Kirsch, Cleveland, Ohio; grandchildren, Andy (Courtney) Blumensaadt, Alex (Christine) Blumensaadt, Caleigh Blumensaadt, Mitchell (fiancée, Erika Wertenbach) Blumensaadt, and Carin Kirsch; great-grandchildren, Eleanor Blumensaadt, Norah Blumensaadt, Audrey Blumensaadt, and Caidyn Krumlauf; and sister, Anne Schwarz. Per Donald's wishes, there will be no visitation or services as cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 4331 Keystone Drive, Suite D, Maumee, Ohio 43537. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com](http://www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com)



**Don Kirsch**

#### Dorothy Burget

Dorothy Burget, of Elida and long-time summer resident of Bayview Ave., Put-in-Bay, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 28th, at the Lima Convalescent Home in Lima, Ohio. Dorothy was born on July 9th, 1932 in Harrod, OH, and graduated from Shawnee High School in Lima. She sold real estate and also was a bookkeeper for an auto dealership in Lima. In 1975, she married Richard "Dick" Burget, who survives. Dorothy and her husband Dick were seasonal island residents from about 1990 to 2010. She enjoyed travelling to all 50 states, plus 13 countries. She also enjoyed bowling and gambling. Her Put-in-Bay survivors are daughter Debbie and son-in-law John Fuchs, grandchildren Matt Fuchs and Jennifer Fuchs, and great-granddaughter Erin Stapleton. Condolences may be shared at [www.BayliffAndSon.com](http://www.BayliffAndSon.com).



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LEFT: The Great Lake Island Alliance gathering on Madeline Island this past month. Representatives from the Lake Erie Islands were in attendance. Next year, the summit will take place on Mackinac Island.

## PIBIO-GLIA by Peter Huston Madeline Island get together

Over 80 people from fourteen Great Lakes islands converged on Madeline Island Oct. 1st and 2nd. Madeline Island, a island in Wisconsin in Lake Superior, was this year's site for the second annual get together of Great Lakes Islands Coalition. This time we were set to formalize the group with a collective pact. We agreed to rename the coalition "GLIA" (Great Lakes Island Alliance).

Interestingly the term "GLIA" is Latin for "connective tissue of the nervous system" which we all thought was very appropriate for the group. Islands and islanders share a unique perspective on how to self govern. Over the years islanders have been singled out by the mainland press and establishment groups as "independent" and "stubborn". I'm sure many islanders would willingly wear both those badges with honor. But the truth is that island problems are often best solved by islanders.

Mainland rules and conventions don't always fit into the island decision process. For the large group gathered for GLIA on Madeline the goal was to share our unique problems and solutions with other like-minded islanders that have the same or similar demographics.

This year's conference found us on a beautiful island in Lake Superior in the very northern section of Wisconsin. Accessed through the beautiful port town of Bayfield, Wisconsin, Madeline is the only year round island in the Apostle Islands archipelago. Bayfield Village is the gateway for the Apostle Islands, which is managed by the National Park Service.

The day we arrived was notably "Treaty Day," a bittersweet day for the first nation Objibwe tribe. In 1855, Chief Buffalo negotiated the treaty, and it ultimately moved most of the island tribes from their ancestral homes to the mainland Red Cliff Indian Reservation.

For visitors to the island region this treaty today affords them with short-term recreational access to many of the rural and or uninhabited islands in the western region of Lake Superior. Madeline Island and their island community of La Pointe have embraced this diversity and worked to bridge the cultural gap that formed after the treaty and in fact today have all signage on the island in both English and Objibwe.

Madeline, with a year-round population of about 280, "swells" to 2500 on

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busy summer weekends. They have embraced a full time village supervisor and rely on EMS and police from the mainland that commute to work.


Last year when we met for the first time on Beaver Island (the site of this years high school island basketball tournament organized in part by our own Superintendent Steve Poe), Madeline Island was touting their all-island, high-speed Internet service, which we were all envious of. This major technology development has been a source of inspiration for me personally as we have worked to get the island's Internet upgraded this season.

Many of the other 14 islands brought similar challenges to the conference, including "Aging in place" healthcare issues for older islanders, off island governance, expanding tourism, access to technology, and perhaps the most discussed issue of the weekend, economic growth planning.


This past year GLIA member Mackinac Island experienced the second year of record visitor growth that brought upwards of 30,000 people on peak days to their island. This mind boggling fact has caused the Mackinac islanders to

look at what sort of growth they can really handle and what will be needed to manage that growth in the very near future. Several of the other GLIA islands have begun to create "Economic Growth Master Plans" that will help them to plan for their islands future. Roads, water, power, infrastructure, affordable housing, guest housing, the list is long and often the needs are unexpected and unanticipated requirements of growth and success.


I can't think of a better organization of like-minded thinkers to support right now as our own island starts to reach its peak capacity to accommodate visitors during the summer season. Planning for and anticipating the future needs is a key part of smart growth and governance. Ideas that come from GLIA should be studied and utilized as we look to the successful future of our South Bass Island.



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LEFT: Ted McNamara and Sybil Larcey enjoyed a family reunion in Rocky River earlier this fall. Ted owned the cottage now owned by Jack and Janet Bergan on Victory Ave. Sybil had owned a cottage on the lake at Lakeview Allotment on East Point. Sybil's cottage was moved to Chapman Ave. and now belongs to Mark & Holly Kirsch.



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## News from St. Paul's Episcopal

### Community Thanksgiving Service November 19th 2018 at 6:30pm

Island residents have gathered as a community to give thanks as Americans have done since the first Thanksgiving. We give thanks for the harvest of fruit, grain and, in modern times, the harvest of income. We give thanks for the blessings of health and family as a community. This year the community tradition dating to the mid-1800s will take place at St. Paul's on Monday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. There will be desert for everyone. Next year, we will gather at Mother of Sorrows.

### St. Paul's Youth Activities Resume

St. Youth programs will resume the first week in November. We are starting a little later than usual due to some improvements to our bathrooms we want to complete before the children return.

Diner Day will resume in November. The bell choir, led by CC Wisniewski will gather for lunch and bell practice on Thursdays starting November 1st from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. Lunch is provided to the ring-

ers. Bell choir is open to everyone in 4th-12th grades. The Bible Explorers for 1st to 6th grades will resume on November 6th from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. We will be starting a Sunday School in the next few weeks. The younger youth will process from the sanctuary to the undercroft at the beginning of the service and return at the passing of the Peace. We have a youth group for 6th-12th graders. We meet monthly with kids from other nearby Episcopal churches for activities and projects. There will be a monthly planning meeting for our members over lunch.

All youth and parents should look for a letter and e-mail describing each of these programs and will include the appropriate permission forms. Contact the church of office if you do not have a letter.

We have a new visual display of the books of the Bible at St. Paul's. The blocks were

prepared, painted and labeled by several people including some of our youth members. Each block cut out by Todd Frederick is a visual comparison of the size of each of the 66 books in the Bible. The longest book in the Old Testament when measuring by chapters is the book of Psalms with 150 chapters and 2,461 verses. But when measuring by Hebrew word count, the longest book in the Old Testament is Jeremiah with approximately 33,000 words in the original language. The shortest Old Testament Book is Obadiah which uses 670 words to predict down-trodden Israel will rise again. The Gospel of Luke presents Jesus as the Messiah and Lord whose life, death and resurrection make salvation available to all people everywhere. Luke wrote the longest book in the New Testament. His writing is characterized by literary excellence, historical detail and warm, sensitive understanding of Jesus and those around him. The shortest book in the New Testament is 2 John with 298 words.

The Letter of 2 John will keep you on target spiritually and challenge you to be certain about what you believe and how you live. We thank Sandy Hartzel for labeling all 66 blocks plus the Apocrypha. Our youth will use them to learn more about the bible.

### Safeguarding God's Children - November 14th

All adults who volunteer their time to work with children of any age are welcome and encouraged to attend this program offered by the Episcopal Church insurance company. We will meet Wednesday November 14th 9:45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. with a break



ABOVE: St Paul's Outreach Commission gathered to give Doraine Toms a gift and thanks for her many years as the food pantry coordinator. Jessie Greene Hill made her a cross that contained her birthstone. Left to right are Gail McCracken and Jean Hilt from Victory Woods, Doraine from the West Shore, Paula Hubner from Put-in-Bay Rd., Valerie Chornyak from the West Shore, and Mella Davies from Shore Villas.



ABOVE: Sandy Hartzel with the 66 blocks she labeled for the visual display of the books of the Bible at St. Paul's.

for lunch which will allow parents to maintain their normal lunch routine. Individuals must return after lunch for the second half to get credit for completing the course.

St. Paul's is bringing two certified trainers from the mainland to PIB on November 14th to offer the class

Every adult who might assist with one of our youth programs is encouraged to sign up. To sign up send an e-mail to the parish office saying "I will be at the Safeguarding class!" [stpaulspib@frontier.com](mailto:stpaulspib@frontier.com). Adults volunteering with programs outside St. Paul's are also welcome to attend the class.

### Adult Conversations in Faith Wednesdays

We are all pilgrims on the journey of life. Our discussions in November will discuss how we encounter and work through the challenges we face using John Bunyan's book, Pilgrim's Progress as a springboard. We look at scriptures used by John Bunyan in his classic tale, "A Pilgrim's Progress." Our group is using a modernized and shorter version. All are welcome to join in on any week. If you've missed one of the weeks you can still join in on other weeks - each one has its own message.

### Episcopal Diocesan Convention - November 9th - 10th

St. Paul's will send three delegates to our Diocesan Convention. They are Candy Baker, Wes Baker and Bob White. The convention addresses the resolutions offered to help our Diocese work effectively in Northern Ohio. We will also see the amazing

progress made in the creation of our new camp and conference center just north of Norwalk. It includes opportunities to learn about sustainable living including everything from eggs laid at the farm to solar power. All PIB youth are eligible to attend their programs with St. Paul's youth group.

### Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's

St. Paul's provides space and volunteers to maintain our community Food Pantry. It began as a small offering in 2002 as a way to assist our neighbors in the winter months but grew into a year around opportunity for those who need something to find it with no strings attached. We are grateful for the generous donations from our community and the canned goods given to the pantry. This is the season when individuals closing their cottages often bring food to share. Gay Pippert-Ladd did a lot of the work to establish our food pantry. In 2011 Doraine Toms stepped in and expanded the offerings doing much of the work herself. St. Paul's Outreach Commission recognized all Doraine's work recently. She has stepped down and the Commission is now using a number of people to shop, stock and coordinate. Donations always welcomed!

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ABOVE: As part of an Eagle Scout project, Evan Hart from Middle Bass has built and installed prothonotary warbler nesting boxes for the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's Petersen Woods and Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserves on Middle Bass Island. Thanks to Krissy and Maddie Hart and to Bruce Miles on the tractor for help in installing the boxes! Hopefully, they will get some warblers to check out the boxes this spring. In the photo above are Bruce Miles on the tractor with Evan Hart installing the boxes. Thanks Evan!!



ABOVE: This prothonotary warbler nesting box was installed on Middle Bass Island.

RIGHT: If we didn't know better, we'd have thought we were in some village in Germany with these folks at the Goat's Oktgoat-erfest on Oct. 20th. Left to right are Kathy and Dave Holscott and Russ and Lisa Brohl dressed just like people from the Vaterland.



### Mother of Sorrows

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church has some announcements for November. Sunday Masses will be at 10:30 a.m. on November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. The Parish Council meeting will be in the Corner Stone Room on Sunday, November 4th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bible study in the Corner Stone Room will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. starting on November 6th. CCD/PSR will start on November 13th at 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. in the Corner Stone Room. All young folks (K thru 12th grade) are most welcome. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Mike. The Finance Council meeting will be on Saturday, November 17th, in Mary's Room/Office. On Monday November 19th Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul Episcopal 6:30 P.M. Hope to see all the Island folks there.

We have a NEW kitchen in the Church House. THANKS to many AWESOME FOLKS. Please come and check it out.

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### T&J's listed for sale

T&J's listed for The Reichle Klein Group, a commercial real estate agency in Toledo, was recently awarded the listing to sell T&J's Smoke House, a 1.58-acre commercial property on Put-in-Bay's Delaware Ave.

Reichle Klein Group's Duke Wheeler and Jerry Carter are representing T&J's with the sale of the business in a popular Lake Erie resort island's entertainment district. The establishment was

"It is very rare for a property like this to become available to the general public," said Carter.

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ABOVE: Members of the Put-in-Bay Police Department gathered at the airport home of Jeremy Berman on Sunday, Oct. 21st, for some relaxing season-end fun complete with some delicious Mexican food from Moe's Southwestern Grill in Toledo. Among the many awards handed out were the Officer of the Year Award for Jeremy (above left) and the Leadership Award for Deputy Chief Doug Miller (above right).

## Commander...Ahoy!

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

**Promotion!**  
Friends, I'd like to inform you that starting January 1st, 2019 I will become the Division Vice Commander for Division 16 serving the Northwest Ohio Area (Put-in-Bay included). Even though I'll be located in Toledo I will still remain an active member of the Coast Guard Station Marblehead Auxiliary Unit and continue to reside on South Bass Island as a seasonal resident (just as in the past). My personal mission to aid and assist our boating community will remain intact!  
**Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy Begins**

Starting with the December issue of the Gazette and continuing through April, we will focus on boating safety and education which will be centered around the needs of the PIB boating community. Please keep in mind that the Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy is not a substitute for taking a safe boating class or skipping your annual vessel inspection offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Please plan on participating in both of these this coming Spring. We'll be holding a seat open for you.

**Ice Fishing Is Big Fun...**

But safety first. If the lake becomes suitable for ice fishing this season, we will once again devote an issue to this wintertide sport. We need safety on the lake, even when it's frozen.

**Your Input**

If you have any safe boating topic areas that you would like discussed over the Winter months, feel free to email your suggestions to me at: paulbolden.usegaux@gmail.com .

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**For More Information**

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

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



**PAUL BOLDEN**

## Cleveland men face felonies for shell game

You will find this hard to believe, but three Cleveland men of questionable character are facing felonies for allegedly conning people out of money by running a shell game during Put-in-Bay's Christmas in July. Charles Willis, 38, was charged with cheating. John Robinson, 34, and Terrance Jones, 34, were both charged with complicity to cheating. The trio is accused of running an illegal shell game to cheat people out of their money.

A shell game is a gambling activity where a person bets money they can find a ball that is placed under one of three cups. The cups are then quickly moved around to confuse the player. If the player succeeds and chooses the correct shell, he wins the betted-upon amount of money. If he can't find the ball, he loses, and the game operator takes the player's money. Slick operators are notorious for using sleight of hand to rig the game. While the operator runs the game, his partners come up and act like they were winning a lot of money to entice people to play.

Once a victim starts to play, the men distract him or her, so the person moving the shells can remove the ball from the board making it impossible to win.

According to reports, the Ohio Investigative Unit handling the case found security footage showing the men meeting up later and splitting the money from the shell game.

Willis and Robinson have both pleaded not guilty to the charges and had initial court dates set. They are scheduled for a jury trial on December 4th.

Jones failed to appear at the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court at the end of September and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

All this makes us wonder who the trio's customers were. We're guessing they might be challenged, too.

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