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Islanders to Decide...

Village Residents to Pick Mayor!

The "Vote For" signs are up and voters in the Village of Put-in-Bay will have until Tuesday, November 5th, Election Day, to decide who they will be voting for for their next mayor, incumbent mayor Jessica Dress or former mayor Judy Berry. This is the only island race that is contested.

Interestingly, both mayoral candidates have their signs peppered throughout the township, but only Village of Put-in-Bay residents will be able to vote for the mayoral candidates.

The other island candidates, Kelly Faris who is running for his seat on the PIB Village Council, and PIB Township Trustee Chris Miller, have no challengers and will retain their positions. Laureen Miller is also running unopposed for the township Fiscal Officer position, as are two current members of the Put-in-Bay School Board, Billy Market and JR Domer who are running, but will retain their seats no matter what the vote. No one is running for the school boards on Middle Bass or North Bass Islands.

In Put-in-Bay Township there are four renewal levies: road maintenance, maintaining a refuse site on Middle Bass Island, current expenses and maintaining a physician's house.

Local issues on the ballot will more specifically be:

1. Put-in-Bay Township - renewal 3 mills providing/maintaining a refuse site on Middle Bass (5 years, 2020)

2. Put-in-Bay Township - renewal with increase 4.8 mills for maintenance of roads (unincorporated) (5 years, 2020)

3. Put-in-Bay Township - renewal .25 mill for physician's house (5 years, 2020)

4. Put-in-Bay Township - renewal 1.5 mill for current expenses (5 years, 2020)

The last time island voters turned down a local levy was an airport levy more than a decade ago.

Voting on the islands takes place at the Put-in-Bay Senior Center. Don't forget to bring your drivers license or other approved document for identification purposes. You will be able to cast your votes between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Unofficial vote counts will be available on the Ottawa County Board of Elections' website later that evening.

On the Island Calendar

Heineman Winery Close Down Party

The Heineman Winery close down party with those great deep-fried turkeys will be held on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2nd in the afternoon. Come join the fun!

Harvest Dinner

The Harvest Dinner will take place on Friday evening, November 8th 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.

Feather Party Nov. 15th at Town Hall

Make sure you attend the American Legion's annual Feather Party at the Town Hall on Friday evening, November 15th. BINGO starts at 7 p.m. and there will be plenty of prizes. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Night at Island Hardware

Island Hardware will be holding it's 12th Annual Ladies Night on Saturday evening, November 16th, 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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

On November 18th at 7 p.m. the congregations of Mother of Sorrows, St. Paul's, and St John's will continue their tradition of holding an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Gather to give thanks as the earliest settlers of our nation did, remembering the bountiful harvest and knowing they had what they needed for the coming winter.

The service is an annual gathering for the island's Christians. The service will take place at Mother of Sorrows with refreshments following. The people and pastoral leaders of all three congregations will work together to offer this ecumenical service.

Christmas Bazaar Nov. 21st

Mark your calendar for local holiday shopping – the Annual Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, November 21st from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Town Hall, sponsored by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center. Plan on dining on soup and baked goods! Find gifts for everyone on your list at our booths featuring Susan Byrnes, Jessie's Jewelry, Sail Cloth creations by Jill Cooks, Painter Sarah Cochran, Brown's Wood and Peanut Brittle, Knit and Crotchet pieces by Heather Durdil, OntkOrganix, and John Baker's Cutting Boards from Island Woods. Non-profits LEINWC, LEIC, and PIBTPD will offer island-related merchandise. Local crafters, artisans and local businesses with Put-in-Bay merchandise are invited to reserve a table ($10 ea.) by emailing firstislandsonbnb@gmail.com or leaving a message at 419/285-4448. Let's make this year's bazaar the best one yet!

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November and December

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January

17 Fri, Lakewood, OH, 9pm @ Vosh
1414 Riverside Drive
Go to www.eventbrite.com for tickets

February

Put-in-Bay Music Festival at Sloppy Joe's, Key West

5 Wed @ 5:30pm w/ Pete
6 Thurs @ 5pm
7 Fri @ 5pm
8 Sat @ 4pm

(Watch for other dates around this festival @ Rick's)

A group of island kids got together for a birthday party on October 6th. Left to right are Piper Koehler, Cal Jackson, Sofia Mathys, Andrea Lopez, Drew Christiansen, Vincent Scarpelli, Parker Berman, Gemma Spatafore, Melody O'Donnell, Olivia Christensen, Vivian Scarpelli, Nora Blumensaadt, Evelyn Wertenbach, Rocco Scarpelli, Addison Dress, Caleb Danes, Saylor Buttrey, Teddy Koehler, Evie Cultice, Liam Market, Moxie Spatafore, Erin Stapleton, Liesl Jackson, Wade Wertenbach and Skyler Stoiber.

Thumbs Up! Thumbs Down!

Thumbs Up!

The Village's elevator in the Town Hall was fixed recently!

Thumbs Down!

The bill was more than $6,000 and part of the problem was that it wasn't being used enough. We're beginning to wonder how expensive each ride on it is.

Happy!

The popular Haunted Put-in-Bay Tours will be offered again next season.

Sad!

There will be no Village History Tours next season.

Good Thing...

The Village has a new ozone treatment system to handle the toxic mycrocystin Cyanobacteria when the algae blooms get thick in Lake Erie.

Bad Things...

The Ozone project cost about $1.5 million.

Less of a Problem

The algae bloom wasn't anywhere near what scientists forecast for the lake this season.

More of a Problem

It appears algae blooms will continue to be a problem for the foreseeable future.

Fortunate Thing...

TV personality Geraldo Rivera visited Hooligans recently and gave Marie Schroeder's French onion soup a thumbs up.

Unfortunate Thing...

Geraldo visited the island Museum and found he isn't related to island pioneer Jose de Rivera.

Positive Thing...

The fundraising event at the Boathouse for the scholarship fund in memory of Patrick Myers was a HUGE success!

Negative Thing...

Those who parked their cars on Delaware Ave. and attended the event got parking tickets.

Good Thing...

The weather

Bad Thing...

The weather

Good News

The water level in Lake Erie is retreating in its normal seasonal decline.

Bad News

There are already predictions that the lake levels in all the Great Lakes will be higher next year than they were this year.

Neither Bad nor Good

Miller Boat Line's new ferry, M/V Mary Ann Market, will not be delivered this fall, but in the spring.

Good Things.....

The improvements on the runway and main dock on North Bass. Bev Adair and Cindy Dages paying a visit to the island this fall and seeing many of their island friends.

Bad Things

Kristin Stanford tells us that the Lake Erie water snake population is down a bit due to the spring storms that pounded the shoreline and snake habitat this past spring, plus the snakes are battling a new foe: snake fungal disease, a condition typically characterized by scabs or crusty scales, premature separation of a snake's outermost skin layer, white opaque cloudiness of the eyes, thickening of the skin, swelling of the face, skin ulcers, lesions and other problems.

Senator Theresa Gavarone was on the island on October 7th to meet with a few community members. Left to right are Bob Smith, Sally Stuckey, Christine Ontko, Julene Market, Sara Booker, Paul Jeris, Peter Huston, Matt Miller, Brad Ohlemacher, Senator Gavarone, Kim Morrisson, Jeff Koehler, Bill Slough, Brian Cultice, Larry Fletcher and Mayor Jessica Dress.

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Many Laughs Shared at the Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle

There was a great crowd at the 2019 Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle on October 14th in the Oktoberfest tent. When the night began, 249 tickets were sold, with the 250th ticket reserved for attendees to buy back in after their number was drawn. That golden ticket was in the hands of Woody Widmar and for a mere $5 you could win your chance back in the drawing. If you remember, last year's winner was Duff Spatafore who won the ticket from Woody. Amongst the side raffle prizes were a golf cart, Apple watch, Yeti cooler filled with meat, Miller Boat Line 2020 season pass and many others. You could also purchase bingo tickets and pull tab cards. The lucky winner of the golf cart was Nick Pettenski from Joe's Bar. Before the drawing started everyone got to enjoy an amazing low country boil of crab legs, shrimp, clams and corn provided by Kevin Dailey and the Boathouse. Pauline Garsteck prepared her delicious desserts as well.

Nick Pettenski and his brand new golf cart.

Ray Fogg and Duff Spatafore were once again the emcees for the event, this year as a coach and player duo from Frankfurt University, FU for short. The reverse raffle drawing started with its usual outcome of Boardwalk employees being eliminated early. We had a very early bingo winner, Corey Williams from Hooligans. Unfortunately, he wasn't in attendance when they announced the rules for bingo and he got "Stoibered" for calling a false bingo. Punishment for calling a false bingo is a round of drinks for the entire crowd. More side raffles were chosen with Todd Blumensaadt from the Jet Express winning the 2020 Miller Boat Line pass, the irony was hilarious. Not everyone in the reverse raffle drawing was a loser, every 25 numbers eliminated won their number in dollars. Zach Kowalski was the first person to break even at number 100 eliminated and winning his $100 back. Ray Fogg was number 200 eliminated which left only 50 numbers to be drawn. We had a real bingo this time! It was Marissa Rence from Yellow Tree B&B, and longtime lady friend of our fake winner Corey Williams. The crowd laughed hysterically at the irony once again.

Bingo winner Marissa Rence and fake bingo winner Corey Williams.

Jill Guseman from Splash, and Frank Gegovic from Pasquale's, had their luck come through winning the golden ticket from Woody and guaranteeing a spot in the top 10. The final 10 contestants included 2 residents from Middle Bass Island and 1 from Port Clinton representing Huntington Bank. Also in the top 10 was Carlos Madden from Hooligans, who was this years avid "no split" guy. One by one the final 10 were eliminated and Carlos without hesitation kept his no split stance. It all came down to the last 2 numbers, Carlos and Jon Blasgen from Frosty's, who was holding the card for Tammy Knaser. The suspense was riveting as Carlos once again demanded no split. The last number was pulled from the hopper and Duff announced to Carlos that he would in fact be going home in second place. The winner of the $4,000 grand prize was Tammy Knaser. The look on Carlos' face was pure disbelief, but at least he wasn't going home a total loser as second place still took home over $700. Overall it was a great night filled with lots of fun as community members got to come together and support their chamber of commerce. We can't wait to see how the 2020 reverse raffle with turn out.

Carlos Madden and Jon Blasgen waiting to hear who is the winner of the grand prize.

Moss on the Rock

New Ferry

Miller Boat Line's new ferry, the "Mary Ann Market", is taking shape at Fraser Shipyards in Lake Superior. Work is moving along, but slightly delayed due to tariffs and other unforeseen circumstances. Delivery of the 140' Auto/Passenger ferry will be in the Spring. We're told the "Mary Ann Market" will also be their first boat to have a bow thruster, making her the most maneuverable boat in the fleet.

They've Been Travelling

David and Kat Holscott have had quite an adventure since they left their summer jobs at the Miller Ferry and the Goat. In September they flew to Alaska where they worked for Holland/Princess cruise lines for 2 1/2 weeks. In October they flew to India, where they plan to stay until mid-November. They are going to take a 4-day side trip to Kathmandu, Nepal. After leaving India they are flying to Barcelona. They will spend 8 days near Las Ramblas, their famous street, and then get on a cruise ship that will stop in Spain, Portugal, and The Azores en route to Florida. Finally, they will fly to Texas to spend the month of December on South Padre Island. Sounds like a great trip!

Jury Awards $4 Million

A jury ordered a Put-in-Bay company to pay a Pennsylvania man $4 million for injuries the man suffered at the hands of a bar's bouncer in 2017. An eight-person Ottawa County jury made the ruling at the end of a multi-day civil trial in the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court. The $4 million award will go to the plaintiff, Somerset, Pennsylvania resident Zachary Hoffman.

Rock the Lake

The Rock the Lake concert and charity event proved to be a success in it's inaugural year. Fans from all over the country visited the island, most for the first time, to take part in the weekend long festivities. The two biggest bands of the weekend were Blessid Union of Souls and Red Wanting Blue, which both drew crowds of several hundred people. Mr. Ed's and the Commodore Resort played host to the event, with the Reel Bar joining in hosting a few of the bands as well. Cameo Pizza also donated a portion of their sales from the weekend to support the charities involved. We've been told the event is already on the books for next year with a plan to bring even more bands. Be on the lookout for the dates in October 2020.

Chamber Updates

It was a busy month for the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce! The weather was perfect for Island Wine Fest as people packed the tent at the Put-in-Bay Winery. Oktoberfest brought in a staggering $30,000 with over 2000 people attending the event. All 249 tickets to the reverse raffle sold out just days before the event. All in all it was a successful month of fundraising for the chamber.

The chamber is working on some new marketing options for members in 2020. Among the options in price packages are social media videos, Facebook advertising and email newsletters. The foodie trail will also be back for 2020 with the Foodie Trail 3.0. A reminder that membership payments for 2020 are due by November 1st.

The next monthly chamber meeting is scheduled for November 11th at Topsy Turvey's at 1 p.m. Nominations for the soon to be open executive board position are ongoing. If you'd like to nominate someone to fill the position please reach out to President Caitlyn Market or Director Peter Huston.

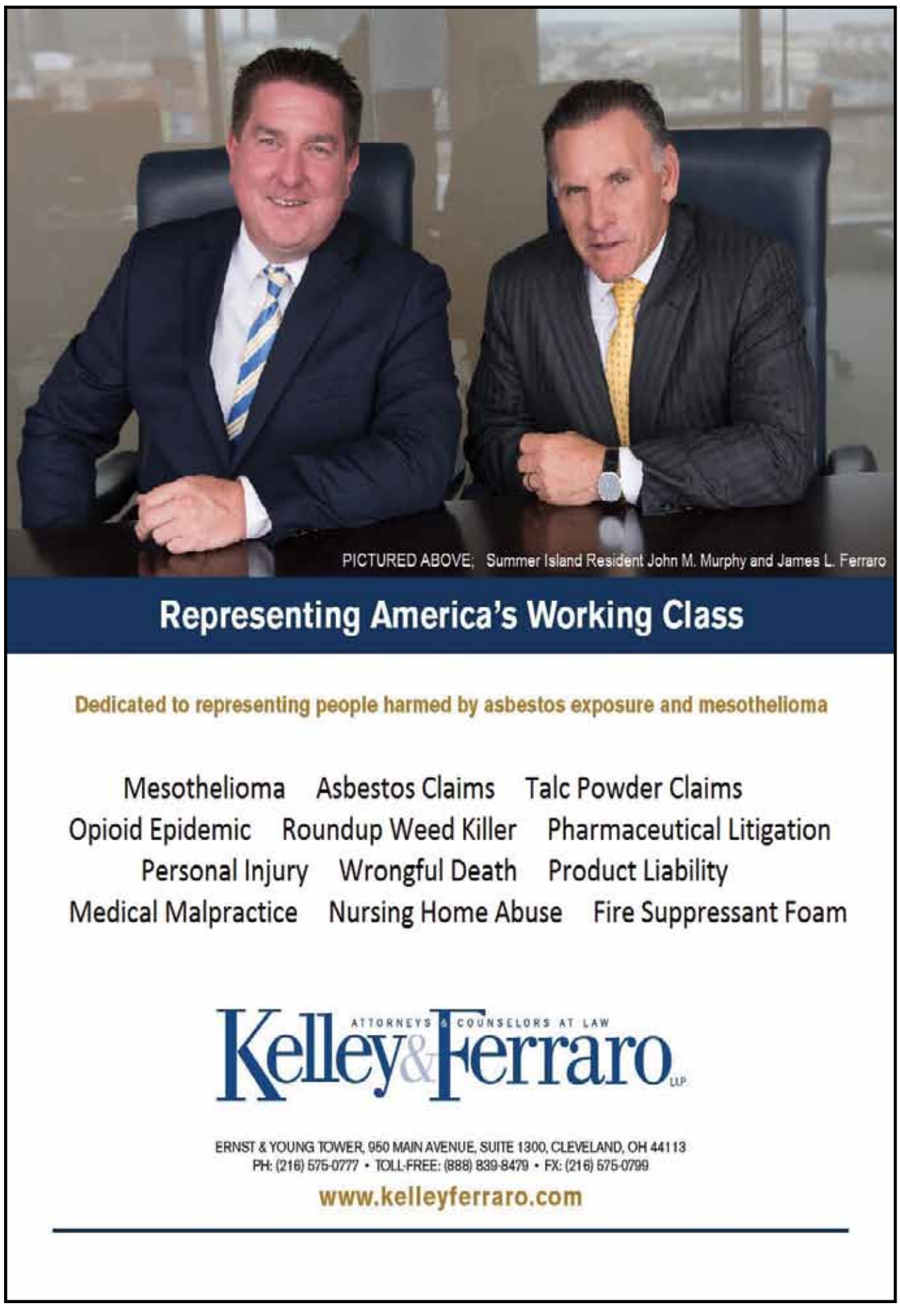
2019 Island Summit

A group of islanders from Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass, Kelleys Island and Pelee Island headed to Mackinac Island at the beginning of the third week in October to take part in the third annual Great Lakes Islands Association conference.

Representatives from 14 islands from all the Great Lakes except Lake Ontario attended the event. Islands in Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Ontario were represented. They came from small islands all the way up to Manitowa Island at the top of Georgian Bay where they have two airports, one of which can handle a 737.

This year's conference was attended by more than 120 people. Next year's conference will be held at Put-in-Bay and be cosponsored with Kelleys, Middle Bass and Pelee Islands.

You can look forward to a more complete article about the conference in the December issue of the Put-in-Bay Gazette.



ABOVE: Jake Market from Miller Boat Line under the hull of Miller's new ferry, the "Mary Ann Market"

BELOW: The bow thruster is lowered into the hull of Miller Ferry's new boat being built in Wisconsin.

ABOVE: "Mr. Ed" Fitzgerald on stage as auctioneer for the Rock the Lake charity auction.

Make Put-in-Bay Great Again - Parker's Garage

By Jeff Koehler

Editor's Note: We marked the late Joe Parker's 100th birthday with an article in the paper last month. This article is just a follow up about Joe's business, Parker's Garage.

One of the best-known men who have called Put-in-Bay home is Joe Parker, owner of Parker's Garage, the island filling station and garage for five decades during the latter half of the 20th Century. No matter your need, whether it was car repairs, lawn-mower repair, gasoline or towing, you were bound to meet Joe.

In 1964, I had my first summer job on Put-in-Bay. It was with Joe Parker. Parker's Garage was located on Catawba Ave. across the street from the buildings that now house the Put-in-Bay Brewing Company and the Put-in-Bay Town Hall.

Joe's brother, Earl, had built the concrete block building that was the home of Parker's Garage after World War II. Earl had worked for Bill Kunzler at the Blacksmith Shop where you could also buy gasoline and get your vehicle repaired, but he decided to break away and start his own business. Earl started in a small one-car garage on Erie Street and then built the new building. Joe, a U.S. Navy medic who served in the Pacific during World War II, came home from the war and went to work for his brother. When Earl retired, Joe bought the business.

The garage's concrete block garage building had a half-round roof, not a peaked one. There was a front door entrance sandwiched between two large windows. On the left as you entered was a small display area with cans of oil and tires enclosed behind a counter. On the right was Joe's small office where transactions took place. It included a desk and cash register, plus a filing cabinet where all the accounts were kept. Also up front was a small washroom and steps leading to a very small basement. The rest of the building was devoted to automobile servicing. There was a large work bench along the south wall, a hydraulic lift for oil changes, a solvent tank for cleaning parts, plus a lot of stuff you'd have found in any service station of the day. Joe always insisted the garage floor be swept at the end of the workday.

The brand of gasoline Joe sold was SOHIO, and there was a big SOHIO sign out front, but unlike most gas stations, Joe's had planted a big bed of flowers between the gas pumps and the street which he tended with loving care.

Over the years, Joe had lots of different help to take care of the of the influx of cottagers and tourists who came to the island in the summer. One particular year, Joe had a head mechanic working for him named Al Denis. Al was a wiry redhead whose family was French Canadian. Al's wife was named Cookie and they lived with their young kids in the house Mark and Rosann Keiser now live in across from the Goat, then Cooper's Restaurant. Al was a talker and Joe was at times frustrated with what sometimes seemed more talk than work being done.

The other mechanic was Richard Zura, a teacher who grew up on the island (PIBHS Class of 1955), and who worked for Joe in the summer. Rich not only could work on cars, but he was also the go-to guy when cottagers brought their gas lawn mowers in to get tuned up and repaired. Rich also had a colorful vocabulary when things didn't go right.

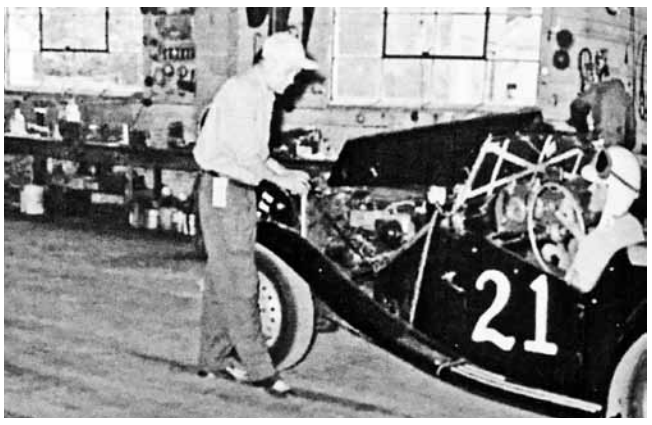
For the other minor things, like pumping gas, doing oil changes, washing cars, sweeping up, fixing flat tires and all the other things people needed to have done, Joe had me and Kinsley Renshaw, the son of the island doctor who lived in the doctor's home where the EMS is located today.

Joe was open seven days a week in the summer and there was always gas to be pumped and repairs to be made. I had never had a full-time job before, but in those days, a nine-hour day, six days a week wasn't a problem. I always had an hour lunch break, but had to sometimes work evenings and Sundays. It was a great summer job. Everyone had to get gas, so you got to know all the islanders and cottagers. There was also plenty of time left for me to meet many of the other young people who worked on the island that summer. Some still live on the island today.

This photo Parker's Garage was taken in 1954 during the Road Races that year. Notice the SOHIO sign and old-fashion gas pumps.

Back in those days, people didn't pump their own gas. When you drove up to the pump, your car ran over a hose that would ring a bell notifying one of the gas boys service was needed out front. You had your gas pumped, your windshield washed and your oil checked. If a tire was low, one of us would put air into it for free. I remember one lady from Put-in-Bay Rd. who asked to have a couple of five-gallon gas cans filled that were on the floor in her backseat. Her kids screamed when I went to pick up the cans and a couple of mice ran out from underneath them.

Speaking of kids and low tires, there were always people coming to Parker's to fill up their bicycle tires. Joe had an air hose on the southwest side of the building where people could fill their tires for free. One of the sounds from Parker's I will always remember was the air compressor constantly going on and off. Joe was a stickler about having the hose coiled up properly and put back in it's wooden box. It was a never-ending battle keeping it untangled.



This photo of the interior of Parker's Garage was taken in the 1950s during one of the Road Races. This was the main work bench on the south side of the building.

There were always lots of flat tires to be fixed. In those days, most of the tires still had inner tubes. There was a manual tire breakdown machine that allowed us to fix everything from Model T tires to the tubeless ones on the new cars.

Cars were pretty simple back in the 1960's. You could open the hood and actually see the engine and all its components. As I recall, there were carburetor rebuilds, valve grinding, and radiator leak repairs. Also common were brake jobs which included blasting the brake drums with compressed air which spewed asbestos dust into air. In those days, no one knew or cared about asbestos.

There was hardly a vehicle make or model of vehicle that didn't seem to come through the large overhead door on the north side of the garage. You could have a Model A being repaired right next to one of the latest models.

It was always fun taking Joe's old red Jeep on a road trip to jump start someone's car or tow them into the garage. Actually, the Jeep was more set up to push vehicles, rather than pull them. The Jeep was always parked on the north side of the garage property right near the kerosene and white gas pumps.

Alongside the garage ran a dirt drive leading to Joe's own little junkyard. It was filled with old cars and miscellaneous parts and pieces that Joe thought might be used someday. There was a small shed in the northeast back corner which was also filled with old automobile parts.

At the rear of the building, there was another big garage door. You could drive out of it, make a quick turn to the left and then use the dirt drive to get back to the front of the building. Next to the door was a big tank where old motor oil from oil changes was collected. There were always big 55-gallon drums to be found in this area.

In today's service departments, there are always signs telling people to keep out of the area where the cars are being worked on. That wasn't the case at Parker's Garage. Joe's kids, Connie, Marsha, Matt, Roger and Ben (DJ had just been born), were often in the garage, plus customers could come right in and chat with the mechanics who were working on a repair. I remember when Al Edwards from the West Shore came in to get a tractor tire fixed. I was breaking it from the rim with the help of a sledge hammer.

Joe would often loan out tools for people to use, too.

For several cottage families, it was a tradition to stop by the garage after church on Sunday and fill up with gas and have everything checked over. Some of these families still have cottages to this day, and we are sure they remember doing this.

Since Joe had been a medic, he was often called upon to drop whatever he was doing and run out for some emergency. There was no EMS on the island back then, so it was either Joe or one of the island doctors who were called upon.

Joe was also in charge of the July 4th fireworks. Back then, the fireworks were shot off the north side of the Monument along the shoreline. There was no training or safety course. Joe had us dig several holes and insert 3- or 4-inch in diameter metal pipes, mortar tube fashion. When it came time to set off the rockets, we dropped one in the tube, lit the wick and stepped back. The rocket shot out of the tube and high into the sky just like the fireworks we have today that are shot off a barge in the harbor. We didn't give the slightest thought to how dangerous this was and that someone could have been killed.

Over the years, there were many who worked for Joe Parker. Some I know of are Bill Broaddus (the best salesman Joe ever had), Denny Naylon, Franz Schillumeit, Al Duff (PIBHS Class of 1965), Carl Obenauf, Jr., Kenny Nestor, John Snider, Melvin Geithman, Dave Johnson, brothers Jack and Jim Wertenbach, Jim Gump (PIBHS Class of 1970), Tip Boyles (PIBHS Class of 1982), Joe's sons DJ, Matt, Ben and Roger Parker, and Ray Kowalski (PIBHS Class of 1972). I will bet they all look back on their days at Parker's Garage as one of the great jobs in their lives.

Not only was Joe a great employer to work for, but he was fair and honest in his dealings with everyone. He set a great example, one, that if followed in today's society, would make for a much better world. For me personally, in spite of the fact my first time on Put-in-Bay was as a baby in my mother's arms, working for Joe was a great introduction to the "work-a-day" world of Put-in-Bay.

When Joe retired in 1985, his son, Roger, bought the business and ran it for 12 years before closing the business and building a 50-room hotel, today's Grand Islander.

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Island Calendar November 2019

Schedule Subject to Change
TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass
Twp Hall = Township Hall • MofS - Mother of Sorrows

- ❑ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ❑ First National Bank Open • Wed & Fri thru Nov 8 then beginning Nov 13 Weds Only for Winter - 9:30a to 3:30p
- ❑ Library Schedule of Events • See Page 19
- ❑ Senior Center Activity Calendar • See Page 15
- ❑ Euchre • Weds - 7p • Tipper's
- ❑ Leaf Pick Up in Village • Early Nov thru mid-Dec Please put leaves on or near the curb
- ❑ ATVs Allowed on Island Roads for Winter • Nov 1
- ❑ Kelleys Island Owl Festival • Nov 1 thru 3
- ❑ Close Down Turkey Fry • Nov 2 - 1p to ? • Heineman Winery
- ❑ Browns Backers • Nov 3 - 4:25p • Topsy's
- ❑ Miller Ferry Schedule Changes • Nov 4
- ❑ Election Day • Nov 5 - 7a - 8p • Senior Center
- ❑ Harvest Dinner • Nov 8 - 5 to 7p • Tipper's
- ❑ Browns Backers Annual Mtg • Nov 10 - 11:30a • Topsy's
- ❑ Browns Backers • Nov 10 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ American Legion Veterans Day Dinner • Nov 11 - 5p Social/6p Dinner • Fire Station/Sr. Center
- ❑ Browns Backers • Nov 14 - 8:20p • Topsy's
- ❑ Feather Party (Bingo & Prizes) • Nov 15 - 7p • TH
- ❑ Ladies Night • Nov 16 - 6 to 9p • Island Hardware
- ❑ Ecumenical Thanksgiving • Nov 18 - 7p • MofS
- ❑ Holiday Bazaar • Nov 21 - 3 to 7p • Town Hall
- ❑ Browns Backers • Nov 24 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Extended Miller Ferry Schedule Begins • Nov 28

NOVEMBER MTG SCHEDULE

- ❑ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Monday of Nov - 7p • Fire Station
- ❑ Recreation Committee • Nov 4 - 3:30p • School
- ❑ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Nov 6 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Village Council Mtg • Nov 6 - 9a • TH
- ❑ PIB Village Planning Com • Nov 6 - 11a • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • Nov 7 - 1p • Twp Hall
- ❑ PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Nov 11 - 1p • Topsy's
- ❑ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Nov 12 - 9:45a • TH
- ❑ Park District Meeting • Nov 12 - 10a • Town Hall
- ❑ Lake Erie Island Conservancy • Nov 12 - 7p • TH
- ❑ Village Council • Nov 13 - 12:15p • TH
- ❑ Bd of Education • Nov 13 - 12:10p • School
- ❑ DeRivera Park Trustees • Nov 11 - 5p • Town Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Port Authority • Nov 18 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ❑ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Nov 19 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ❑ Legion • Nov 21 - 11:45a • Senior Center

NOVEMBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
- ❑ PIB Mass • Suns 10:30a • MofS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- ❑ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a • Coffee Hour Follows

St. John @ the Bay
- ❑ Services • Sundays Nov 10 & 24 - 3p • MofS

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- ❑ PIB School Holiday Concert • Dec 11
- ❑ Great Lakes Basketball Tournament • Dec 6 & 7 • Mackinac Is.
- ❑ LEI Conservancy Potluck • Dec 10 (Details Next Month)
- ❑ Holiday Senior Lunch • Dec 11 - Noon • Sr. Center
- ❑ Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count • Dec 15
- ❑ School lets out for Xmas Vacation • Dec 20

FALL RECYCLING HOURS

- ❑ Mons & Weds - 8a to 3p • Transfer Station

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

- ❑ Put-in-Bay's medication disposal container is located in the lobby of the PIB Police Dept. at the Town Hall

LIBRARY HOURS

- ❑ Monday 10 a - 1p;Tuesday & Thursday 3 to 7p; Wednesday 10a to 4p; Friday Noon to 4p; Sat 10a - Noon; Closed Sundays

Email Items for the Island Calendar to pibgazette@frontier.com

Island Diary October 2019

Tues., Oct. 1st - Lowest water all season Russ and Lisa go swimming at School House Bay Spotted putting up fall Halloween decoration were Connie Drake at the Lime Kiln Dock and Deb and Matt Fuchs at their home on Bayview Ave.

Wed., Oct. 2nd - There's a 2-hour Village Council meeting in the morning followed by a zoning board meeting at the Town Hall. A crew is busy setting up the big Wine Festival tents in the backyard of the Put-in-Bay Winery. There's rain in the late afternoon. Jackie Taylor and Glenn Cooper kayak the swamp on North Bass Island. The first fall Euchre Night takes place at Tipper's.

Thurs., Oct. 3rd - Fran Poe is working at the Resale Shop with Marsha Baumert. Flowers for the Derek Jackson and Jennie Stasko wedding on Saturday arrive on the island. DirectTV is on Middle Bass Island for service calls. The dinner special at Hooligans is won ton soup, egg roll, sweet and sour pork, beef and broccoli stir fry and delicious fried rice! Dessert is a fortune cookie sundae.

Emcee Bob Gatewood, Auctioneer Greg Peiffer, Renee Market and Sue "Vanna" Cooks on stage at the Boathouse during the Patrick Myers Scholarship fundraiser on October 6th. They auctioned an original harbor taxi sketch drawn by Patrick. Eric Booker from the Boardwalk was the highest bidder.

Fri., Oct. 4th - The temperature on the island dips into the mid-fifties before dawn. J. D. Owen is entertaining at the Island Club's Fall Ball party. It's "free car wash" day on the Miller ferries.

Sat., Oct. 5th - The annual Wine Festival takes place at the Put-in-Bay Winery. Perry's Cave Family Fun Center begins hosting October Saturdays haunted cave tours. There are face painting for the kids, tarot or palm reading for the adults, plus candy for everyone! There's a large wedding reception at the Goat Soup & Whiskey for Derek Jackson and Jenny Stasko. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy holds it annual membership meeting and potluck at the Middle Bass Island State Park pavilion.

Sun., Oct. 6th - There's a princess themed birthday party at the Town Hall for Nora Blumensaadt, Evelyn Werthenbach and Vivian Scarpelli. The wonderfully-attended Patrick Myers Scholarship Fundraiser takes place at the Boathouse. Besides great entertainment, there were auctions, food and drink. For the kids, there were activities behind the Biergarten for the kids whose parents want to attend the event. Great idea!

Mon., Oct. 7th - About a dozen and a half islanders meet with State Senator Theresa Gavarone at Hooligans for lunch and a discussion of island concerns. The Upscale Wine Club meets at the home of Kay Drake on the West Shore.

Tues., Oct. 8th - Power to many island homes goes out just before 8 a.m. when a road worker backs into a pole by the transfer station. The outage starts with a large boom and power is restored about two and a half hours later. The volunteers who help take down the lamppost flower baskets around the downtown park are treated to breakfast at Pasquale's by the Garden Club. There's a paving crew working on Langram Rd. At the Senior Center, they are pressing apples to make cider.

Wed., Oct. 9th - Jeff and Kelly Niese are celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary. Sue Duff, Sue Ferguson, Dan Skoufos, Dianne Smith, Allie Market, Sally Duffy and Kathi Spayde are at the library making wine cork pumpkins. There's an open house at the fire station.

Thurs., Oct. 10th - The preschoolers at PIB School enjoyed a late morning field trip to Cooper's Woods just before heading home for lunch. The Canadian Coast Guard Cutter Limnos briefly stops at Put-in-Bay. Pavers are busy at the North Bass Island Airport. Miller's boats are hauling trucks filled with asphalt to the island and empty trucks about every 45 minutes.

Fri., Oct. 11th - Due to iffy weather, there aren't many takers for the final Haunted Put-in-Bay Ghost Walk of the season, but Bill Krejci tells us the popular walks will be back next season. Pat Dailey and Mike Mad Dog Adams sing together at their friend Charlie Brown's birthday party.

Sat., Oct. 12th - The first day of Oktoberfest, or, as chef Mike Catey from the Crew's Nest calls it, Schnitzel Day, takes place in the Village Park. It's downright cold compared to the warm temps we've been enjoying this fall. Over on Kelleys Island, the 20th Annual Chili Cook Off is taking place at Peepers. Prizes are given for Most Authentic, Most Original and Overall Best. Over on Middle Bass, there's a turkey shoot in the field behind John and Katie Schneider's house.

Sun., Oct. 13th - When all is said and done, 25 keys of beer are emptied at the two-day Oktoberfest. There's a practice Thanksgiving dinner at Tipper's and the Verhoff fish fry at the Boardwalk. No one ever has an excuse for being hungry on Put-in-Bay. There's a wonderful turnout for Michelle Mueller's Celebration of Life at Mr. Ed's.

Mon., Oct. 14th - Paving crews are working on the Dump Rd. (Trenton Ave.). October's PIB Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting, the last meeting of the summer season, is held at Hooligans. The 2020 events calendar, marketing and the election of new board members are among the topics

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Island Diary

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of conversation. The Oktoberfest tent across from the Boathouse is the place to be in the evening, the annual PIB Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle is taking place.

Tues., Oct. 15th - A group from the Put-in-Bay Senior Center enjoys a trip to the Toledo Zoo!

Wed., Oct. 16th - A Village Council committee goes over proposed the taxi cab ordinance at a two-hour-long meeting at the Town Hall in the morning. Steady west winds push the water out of the bay to its lowest level in more than a year.

Thurs., Oct. 17th - Jeanne Burgess is celebrating a birthday today! Rock on the Lake, four days of great music to raise money for local charities, begins at Mr. Ed's.

Fri., Oct. 18th - The 2019 Buckeye Island Hop weekend begins. It's an annual event

That gives alumni and friends of Ohio State a chance to check out Gibraltar and South Bass islands, take part in an outdoor volunteer project and meet new people. In the evening, Blessid Union of Souls packs Mr. Ed's for the Rock the Lake concert event.

Sat., Oct. 19th - It would have been Joe Parker's 100th birthday. Check out the article on page 5 to learn a little more about Joe and Parker's Garage. It's The Wake at the Round House. People gather to share memories of 2019 and say goodbye to the summer season. Josh Niese and Kaitlin Turner get engaged while on a trip to Chicago. There's an auction at Mr. Ed's for the Rock the Lake music festival. A weekend stay at the Put-in-Bay Condos brought in $2100 for local cancer charities and the Kids for Christmas charity.

Sun., Oct. 20th - Captain Billy Market is "filling in" for Ryan Stoiber on the breakfast shift at Frosty's. Pam and Greg Hughes are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. The Round House is closed for an employee appreciation day at a pumpkin patch and corn maze.

Mon., Oct. 21st - Many islanders are attending the Island Summit on Mackinac Island, including Jeff, Kendra, Phoebe and Barry Koehler, Caiti and Austin Bolyard, Amanda and Anita McCann, and Peter Huston. The Put-in-Bay Yacht Club is being cleaned out and closed up for the winter. The last elevator of the season for those visiting the top of Perry's Monument goes up at 4:30 p.m. There's a Township Port Authority meeting at the Township Hall.

Tues., Oct. 22nd - There's a beautiful sunrise in the morning. Suzanne and Joe Kostura are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Many people are using the beautiful weather to their advantage and preparing their cottages for winter.

Wed., Oct. 23rd - It's Morgan Stacy's 18th birthday. Happy birthday Morgan! Seniors from the Put-in-Bay Senior center learned about Labyrinths through a program put on by Stein Hospice. Thanks to beautiful fall weather they were able to walk the island labyrinth at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Thurs., Oct. 24th - Alice Kreutzberg closes up the old Hildebrandt cottage on the West Shore and kind of officially ends the 2019 season. The PIBHS sailing team is in the Bay practicing what to do in case one of the sailboats capsizes. In the evening, there's a great crowd at Hooligans for their annual turkey dinner.

Fri., Oct. 25th - The pre-school son, Liam, of Billy and Allie Market, is doing some on the job training collecting car and passenger tickets at the Lime Kiln Dock. Three Miller ferries are running through the night to haul asphalt trucks to North Bass Island for the airport paving project. If you're out and about, you probably noticed how yellow the maple trees have become. Bruce Ruthsatz is busy hauling workers to and from North Bass.

Tina Rogers, Peter Huston and Mayor Jessica Dress working the door of the Oktoberfest tent on October 12th.

Sat., Oct. 26th - The Recreation Committee-sponsored Halloween kids parade takes place in the late morning before the rain hits for the rest of the day.. The 40th Annual Halloween Party takes place at the Beer Barrel. There are cash prizes for the best costumes. Besides all the costumed customers in the other bars at Put-in-Bay, there's a costume party at the General Store on Middle Bass.

Sun., Oct. 27th - The Jet Express and Miller ferry cancel morning trips with SW winds at 38 knots, gusting to 48 knots at 7 a.m. There is a big old tree down at Heineman Winery and a huge branch down on the West Shore. Eric Booker entertains at the Round House's Whiskey Light Turn-Off! The Ryte Syder Nyte potluck takes place at the Goat in the evening.

Mon., Oct. 28th - Start making your trips to the mainland really count. Last ferry to the island is now 5:30 p.m. Hooligans holds its end-of-season close down party in the evening.

Tues., Oct. 29th - Bob Glauser and Brian Burkett are busy pulling boats in anticipation of the coming change in the weather. One of the old electric poles on Concord Ave. is being replaced. Bobbi Dobos is taking Halloween costume photos of kids down at the State Park for a photo contest on Facebook.

Wed., Oct. 30th - At school, the computer club meets after classes end for the day. There's a potluck at the Middle Bass General Store.

Thurs., Oct. 31st - All the Halloween events, trick or treating, kids' Halloween party at Tipper's and passing out candy at the Senior Center, are postponed until the next evening due to the terrible weather forecast for Halloween night.

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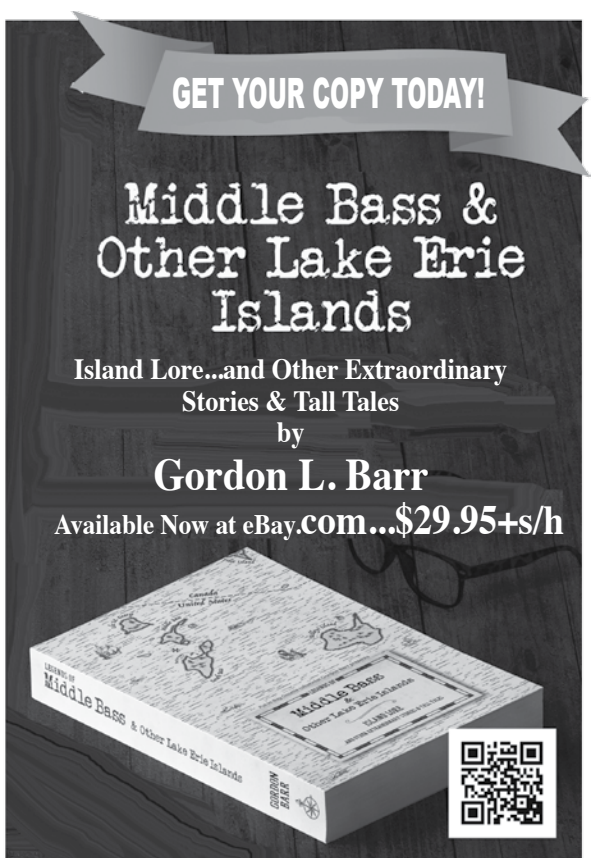

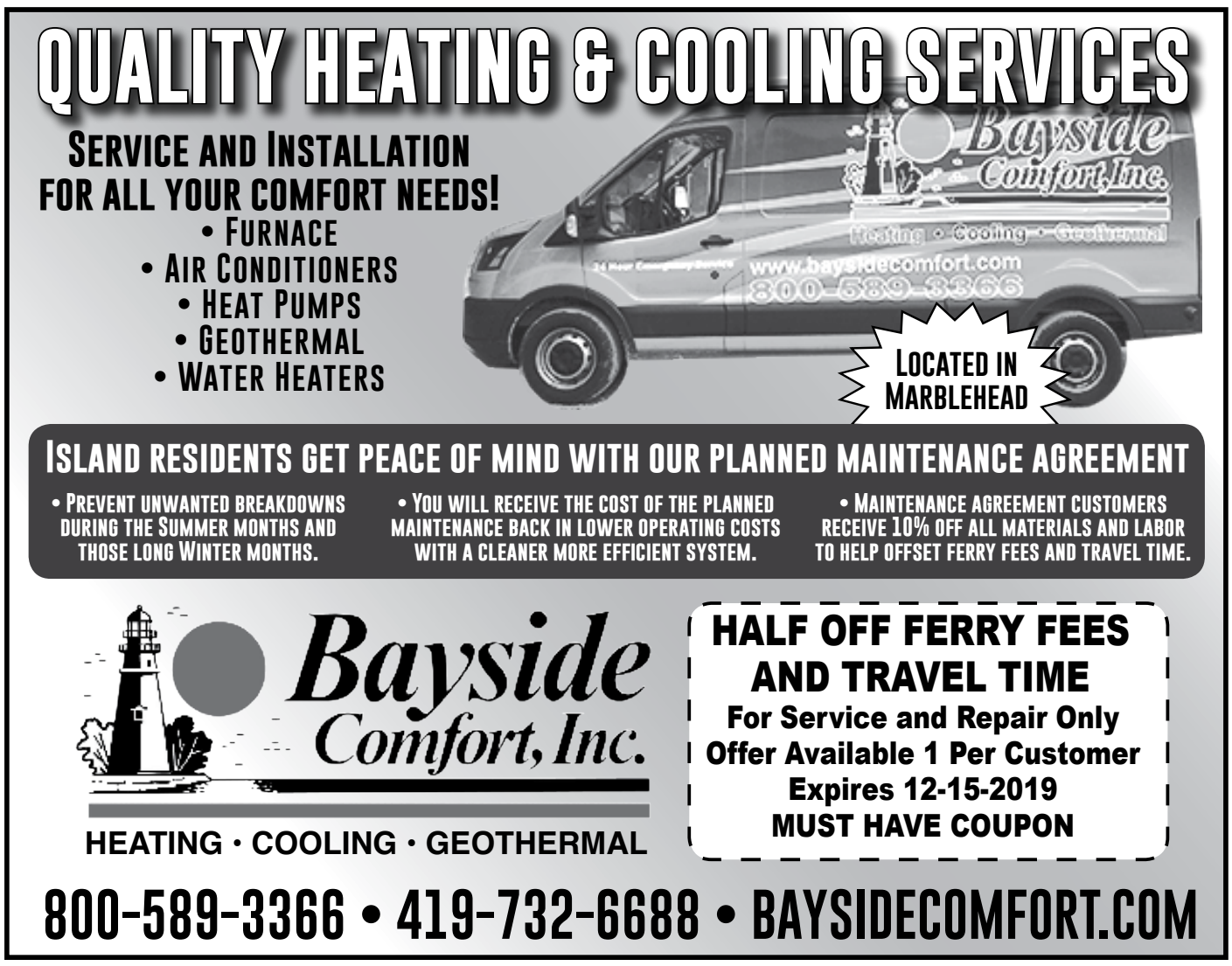

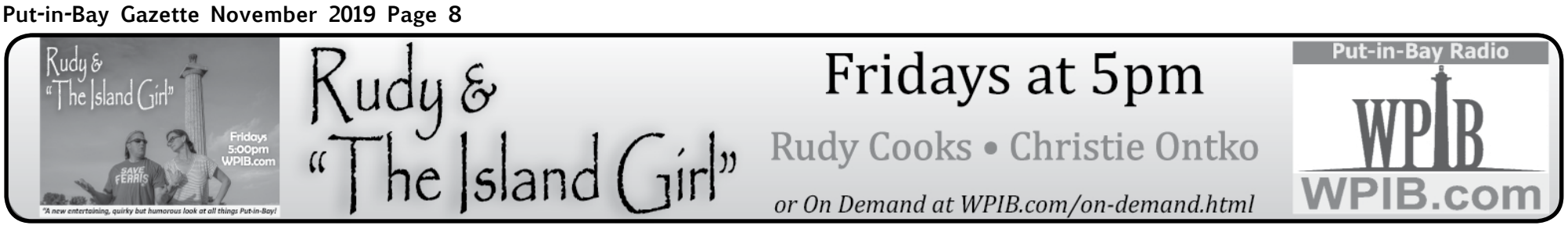

Marc and Nan Burr from the West Shore, reading their Gazette in the Swiss Alps outside of Zurich, Switzerland. After Zurich, they traveled to Basel Switzerland, they boarded Crystal Cruise Ship Debussy, taking a 7-day cruise up the Rhein River to Amsterdam.

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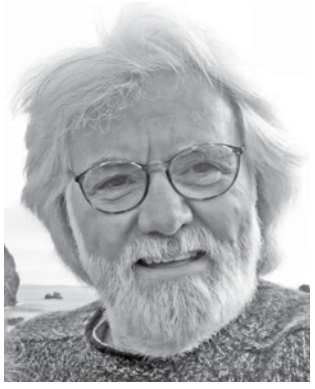
Death and Taxes

By Peter Huston



PETER HUSTON

Founding father Benjamin Franklin is attributed with saying: "… in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." From my perspective his sentiments are dead on and something we avidly try to avoid for as long as we can.

You may not realize it, but South Bass Island generates a huge amount of taxes for the State of Ohio and Ottawa County including sales, gross receipts, resort and lodging tax. By some estimates we generate between 40-45% of the county's revenue.

That fact alone should mean that we get to set the agenda on how those taxes are utilized, but not always true. Here in Ottawa County we are continually working to make sure that our island voice is heard, especially when it comes to lodging taxes.

A small portion of our collected lodging taxes go to fund Ottawa County Visitors Bureau and by extension our regional marketing partner Lake Erie Shores and Islands. Local lodging establishments also generate taxes for both the Village of Put-in-Bay and the township, which collect 1.4%.

Lake Erie Shores and Islands, and more directly Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, which I am president of this year, is mandated to promote tourism and tourism related business in our county. That marketing effort helps generate jobs and fuels our island economy. More importantly, local taxes go to support our island's township and village budgets, which fund police, fire and infrastructure improvements.

At a recent round table hosted by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce with state Senator Theresa Gavarone, island business owners and property owners discussed the issue of taxes, who pays what, and how we share that information. It was clear that no one completely understands the collection issues and necessity of those taxes for our island to succeed.

Put-in-Bay is a place that indirectly invites entrepreneurs to come here and try their hand at small business incubation. These folks are willing to risk their time and savings to get involved in the island's summer economy. From taxi owners, to rolling pubs, helicopter operators to walking tour groups, we have a broad array of first time business owners here.

Many homeowners look to lodging as a way to enter the entrepreneurial waters and provide interesting places on island for summer visitors to stay. Over the years we have seen marked growth in Bed & Breakfasts, inns, and hotels.

But the "shared" economy that launched "Uber" and "Lyft," and more importantly for us here on South Bass Island, has spawned companies like Airbnb, VRBO and HomeAway. These Internet based portals attract lots of first timers looking to use their vacation home to generate income. It's so easy to sign up. Surprisingly, Airbnb is now the biggest short-term rental "hotel" in the world.

So what is missing in this process? Understanding local zoning and tax collection requirements. The state of Ohio requires businesses operating in Ohio be registered with the Secretary of State. While this is a legal requirement, many who rent their homes and/or individual units do not realize or ignore this requirement. Unfortunately there are simply too many out there for the state to monitor them all.

Our local laws require your home to be zoned and permitted to have short-term rentals and if you rent out just one room in your house you're required to pay resort and lodging taxes. And if you make this a full fledged business and have five or more rooms or units operating under the same corporate name, you must charge state sales tax too.

We know that most people trying this idea out for the first time just never realized the rules, but they want to do the right thing. And because you want the best for your guests, supporting our island through local lodging taxes is vital. Your collected lodging tax directly benefits our community and fuels this amazing economic engine we have here on South Bass.

We're hoping that if you're just starting to be part of this new "shared" economy, you'll want to get the details on what is needed to rent a house or even a room. To learn more about it contact the fiscal officer at the Put-in-Bay Village or the township office today.

Geraldo Rivera, no relation to island pioneer Jose´ de Rivera, and Peter Huston visiting the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum on October 10th.

Listen to Larry

By Larry Schrader

News, Views and Comments from a South Bass Cottager...

LARRY SCHRADER

I'll be closing up the cottage in a few days, marking the end to another season on the lake. I'm usually one of the last in the neighborhood to leave, taking my time, reluctant to say good-bye, abandoning an old friend to face the long, cold winter alone.

Over the years, I have settled into a routine, taking on each task in much the same order, in the end, everything ready for winter. I begin around mid-October, taking down the screens, rinsing and wiping the accumulated spider gunk, and storing them over the garage. I'll take advantage of warm, sunny days to hose down some of the lawn chairs and put them away. And then, there are always those pesky acorns. There are two large oak trees in the yard by the lake, and by this time of year, walking across the yard is like walking over a sea of marbles.

They first begin to fall in August, well before they have matured, dislodged from the branches by hungry squirrels and summer storms. Then, in September, the fully grown acorns rain down like miniature missiles as the increasingly chubby squirrels pick away, preparing for the cold winter ahead. But by now, my furry friends are finished, having gorged themselves on another bumper crop.

So, I pull out a rake from the garage and go to work. Usually there are at least four or five big bushel baskets filled to overflowing. Sometimes I dump them in the woods, thinking a few of the squirrels will want them. Other times, I toss them into the fire pit, giving our late-fall campfires an extra pop! A few years, I just left them, hopeful that by Spring they would somehow disappear.

But this year, I thought, why not something different, something new. Surely, there must be a good use for such a bountiful crop of acorns! But what?

I was thinking about the acorns during a recent afternoon bike ride. Peddling past the Heineman Winery, there was a buzz of activity as they worked to process the crop of local grapes, and it struck me: Why not acorn wine?

I flew back to the cottage and fired up my computer and there, thanks to the magic of Google, was a recipe – I can make acorn wine, Larry's West Shorecorn Wine! The notes with the recipe said the acorns would produce sweet, white wine, similar to Sauternes – perfect to accompany next year's Summer sunsets. I eagerly read on, "Begin by chopping one cup of acorn meat." One cup! I've got bushels! Back to Google: 148.9 cups in a bushel – I'm making a lot of wine!

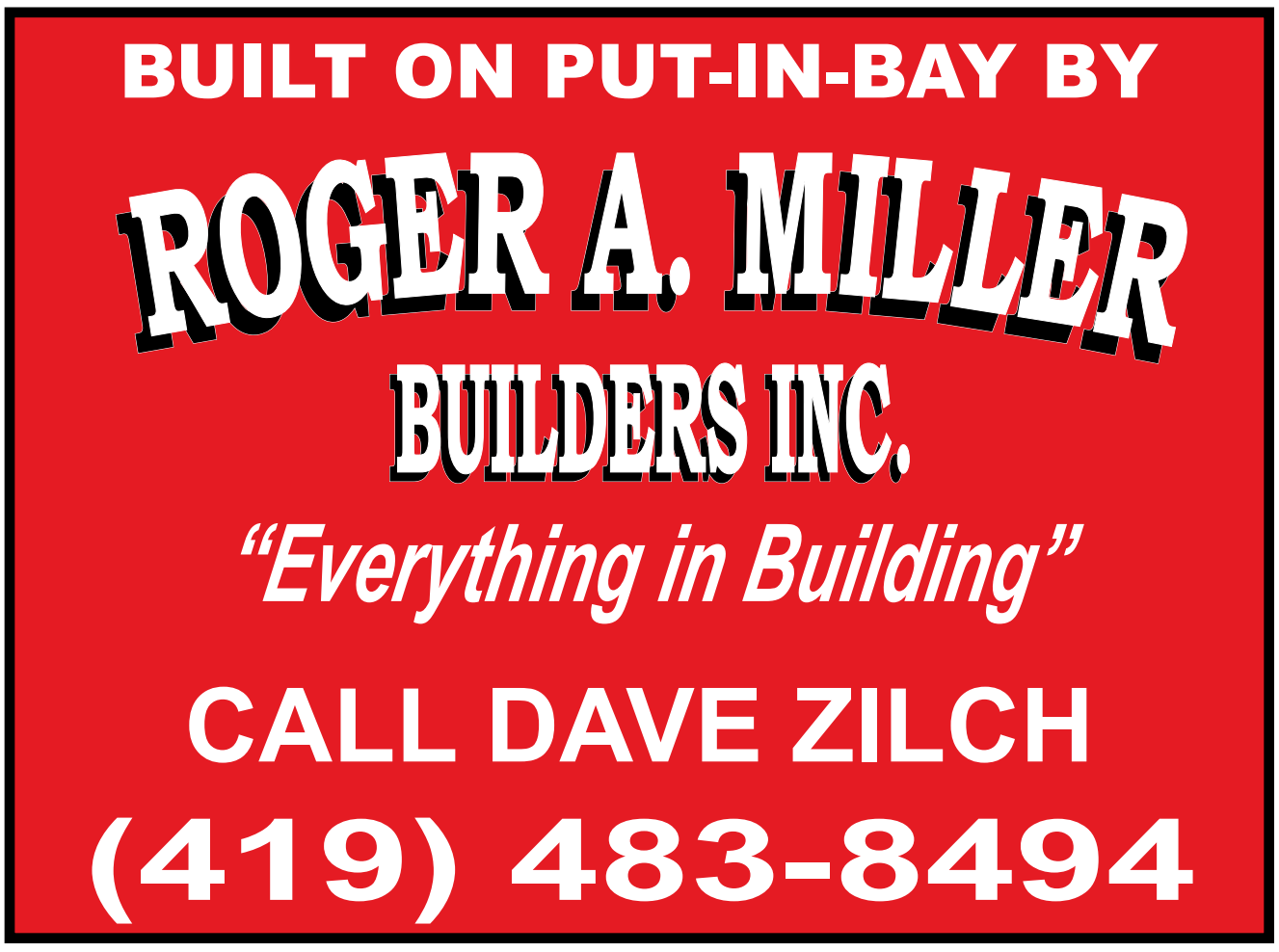
I went to work, alternately using a nutcracker and a hammer to harvest the acorn meat. Mrs. Larry's blender, usually used for Summer margaritas, worked well to chop the tiny fruit. I soon found that there is not a lot of meat in a single acorn, and once chopped, it took quite a few to fill a single cup. But I had plenty of acorns and soon, the cottage kitchen was a mess – pots of boiling water, huge bags of sugar, yeast – lots of stuff! A few years ago, I made some homemade beer; and I once helped my brother-in-law make a huge vat of red wine – this undertaking was proving to be more of a challenge.

I boiled, strained, mixed ingredients, and gathered supplies, excited that I discovered a way to use the fruit from the big oaks. With the final cauldron of brew simmering, I checked the recipe again: Fermentation would take months. A kind neighbor allowed me to use his basement, the perfect environment for my acorn wine cellar.

And now, I wait. The smelly potion ferments in the corner of a dark, West Shore basement. In the Spring it should be ready to bottle. Only time will tell if my experiment in wine making was successful; if next year's sunsets will include a sparkling glass of golden Acorn Wine!"

Having fun on the pole dancing stage with Valerie Chornyak at John Blanke's "Disco" on Trenton Ave. were these folks from the Upscale Wine Club. Left to right are brothers Rich and Jeff Ramsbottom, Tom Cooper, Kay Drake, Barb Cooper, Sean Koltiska, Marylou Ramsbottom, Brian Molnar, Valerie Chornyak, Mary Staley, Judy Kania, Nan Burr, Jason Cooper and Mark Burr.

Kathy Sopko Shields read her September issue of the Put-in-Bay Gazette with the picture and story of Commodore Oliver H. Perry's "Dont Give Up The Ship" flag used in the Battle of Lake Erie with Perry's Brig Niagara in the background in Erie, PA.



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St. Paul's Collects Pull Tabs and Serves Beyond Ourselves

St. Paul's continues to collect pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. We have turned in eight buckets so far and are working on the 9th. This is one of many outreach activities St. Paul's participates in each year. The parish is the home of the local food pantry which is stocked by parish members with the help of Community members throughout the year. The Bronco Reunion held in September made a large Food Pantry donation which we appreciate. St. Paul's supports several nearby organizations. In addition to Ronald McDonalds' Houses in Cleveland and Toledo the congregation supports Lighthouse for Sober Living, The Cherry Street Mission, Heartbeat of Ottawa County, Kairos prison ministry, Salvation Army, Victory Temple Soup Kitchen, St. Paul's Community Center of Toledo and St. Thomas Community Meals. Further away the parish supports Episcopal Relief and Development who respond to natural disasters worldwide, Los Amigos Episcopales, El Salvador, Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Haiti, AGAPE flights to Central America and The Episcopal Church Women's grants program. St. Paul's also provides space for AA meetings throughout the year.

Episcopal churches have a rector's discretionary fund (called a Vicar's Discretionary Fund at PIB) which allows the clergy at the parish to assist individuals with a variety of things ranging from camp scholarships to medical expenses. Mo. Mary places all funds she receives after weddings, funerals, Roads Scholar Talks etc. about other in the fund. The fund is also supported by the congregation and individual contributions. Any island resident who finds themselves in a pinch, and needs something that is not found in the food pantry should stop by and talk to her. She also has information about a variety of resources available to residents of Ottawa County.

Blessing of the Pets 2019

This was the 10 consecutive year St. Paul's has offered the Blessing of Pets (and other animals) on the Sunday afternoon closest to St. Francis Day. Our furry friends and their "hoomans" gather on the lawn for a joyful celebration of the creatures God creates and especially those who are our companions. One of the people present was from off island, saw the article in the Gazette and decided to join us! Another couple were visiting island relatives and joined us.

Episcopal Youth Programs Resume

St. Paul's offers a variety of Youth Programs throughout the school year. They recently resumed and welcome and youth on the island to join in the activities for their age levels.

The Bell Choir is for anyone in fourth grade or older. This includes adults. C.C. Wisniewski is our director. We meet during the lunch hour on any Thursday school is in session. The youth are provided lunch as soon as they arrive. We practice afterwards. We hope to continue demonstrating what we are learning at local events including the spring talent shows and occasional opportunities at the island churches.

Bible Explorers welcome all youth in 1st through 5th grades. Younger kids can come if they have an adult with them to help them. Older kids can come as program assistants. Each week this fall we will learn about the Bible Stories with the assistance of "Chadder the Chipmunk."

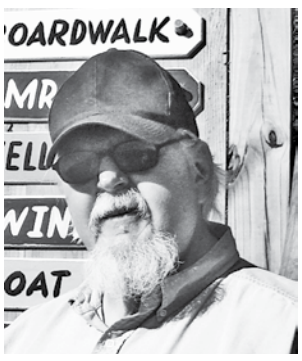
Youth Group activities are for youth in 6th – 12th grades. Throughout the year the youth plan and participate in activities with teens from several other nearby Episcopal Churches. In September 28 youth and chaperones came to Put-in-Bay for a kayak afternoon and group meeting. November 17th PIB members will gather after church to have a skype meeting with the others as we talk about our winter activities which includes a weekend at Kalahari with about 50 youth from the entire Diocese and future potential pilgrimage opportunities.

Diner Days are monthly lunches at St. Paul's for all PIB students. The next Diner Day will be Wednesday November 13th.

Confirmation: Youth in 6th grade and older will participate in a weekly gathering at Lunchtime to prepare for confirmation in the spring. Any interested youth or adult should contact Mo Mary before November 5th.

LEFT: Filling the buckets with pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

RIGHT: Mother Mary with the "hoomans" and their pets during the Blessing of the Pets.



Thankful for the Simple Things

By Woody Widmar

Winter's drawing nearer
Daylight Savings Time is done
The holidays fast approaching
Thanksgiving the first one

I'm thankful for the simple things
That happen every day
Starting with the island life
We share here on the bay

Thankful every time I wake up
Whether rain or shine
Thankful for the family still left
And all the friends of mine

Thankful I have a job
And a roof over my head
Thankful when the day is done
For a soft and cozy bed

Thankful for all the help I get
Since my knee went bad
Thankful I'm not hungry
Or very rarely sad

The thing I'm most thankful for
That's only just for me
Before we celebrate Christmas
I'll have a brand new knee

So stop and take a moment
I'm sure there's so much more
We take for granted every day
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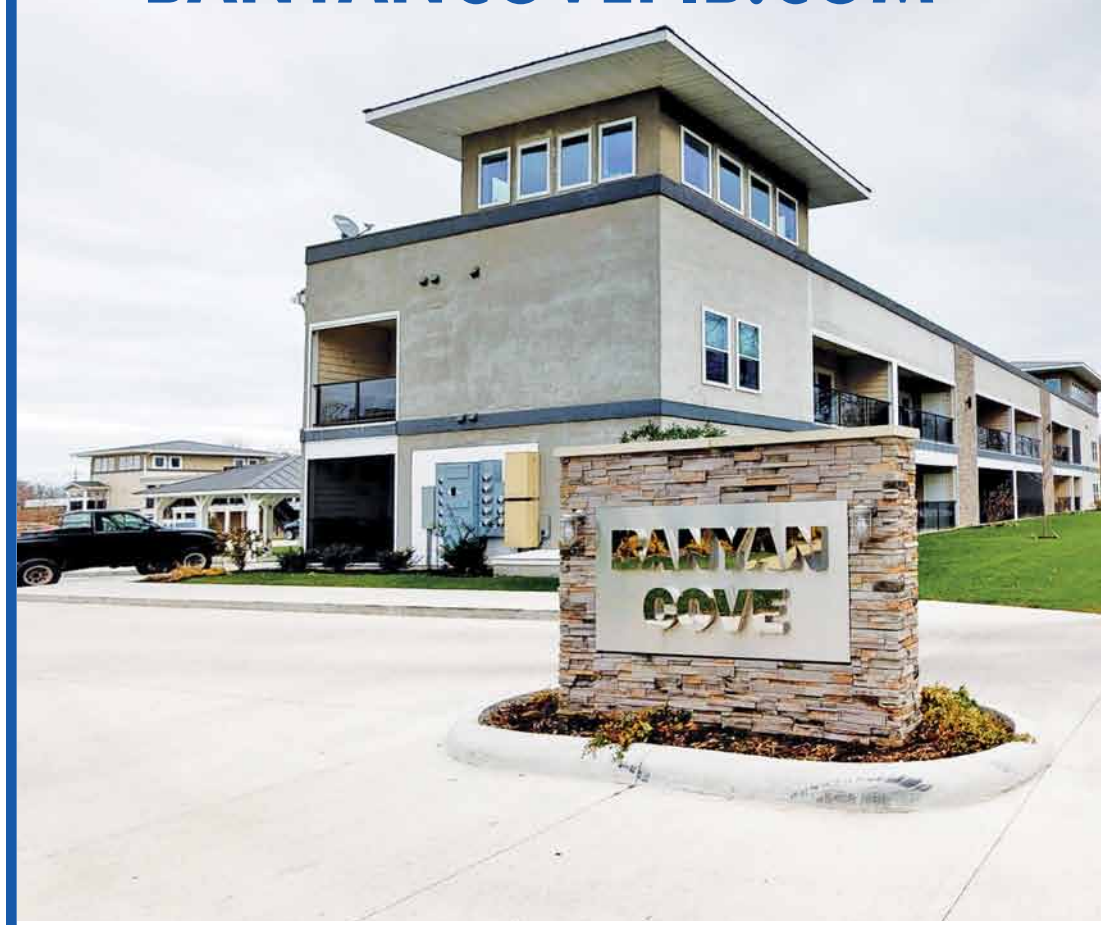

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On October 6th, The Boathouse generously hosted the fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffles, and live auction and made financial contributions. Emcee Bob Gatewood and his group of island entertainers did an amazing job of keeping the crowd involved. Patrick would have loved having Coach Shuffenecker and the Panther basketball team shooting hoops, while having the young artists of the island painting rocks.

Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to make this such a huge success. Patrick loved our Island and community. He would be proud of the love and generosity that everyone displayed for the scholarship.

Sincerely, *Rudy & Susan Cooks and Melinda Myers*

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Island Miracle

By Jessie Greene

On September 27th, it was a beautiful, summer like fall day at The Keys. Some long time jewelry customers, now friends, Jan and Sonny Brkich came to the Keyosk with their collection for me to clean and spruce up. They ate lunch and did some shopping at Local Color while I worked on the jewelry. They were preparing for a long drive to the Pittsburgh area, and as I am chatting and working away, Sonny was taking trips to their car with Jan's packages. The last package was the jewelry. It contained many pieces, including earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, all handmade using saltwater pearls, gold, and moonstone. Being a gentleman, Sonny took the box to the car as Jan and I are chatting and having fun. We say our goodbye's and they begin their journey home. A few hours later, I get a frantic phone call from Jan. The jewelry is not in her car and Sonny thinks he put it in the wrong vehicle. Immediately, I think, this is Put-in-Bay, we can figure out what happened. I tell Jan to give me some time to try to find out what happened before she gets too upset. I honestly had no idea what to do. I said a prayer to St. Anthony and went to find Bret Klun, manager of the Keys, and he suggests looking at security cameras for a clue. We find the time frame of the event and see Sonny making trips to his white car. Along comes another white car and parks near his car in the same direction and we see Sonny put the jewelry box into the wrong white car.

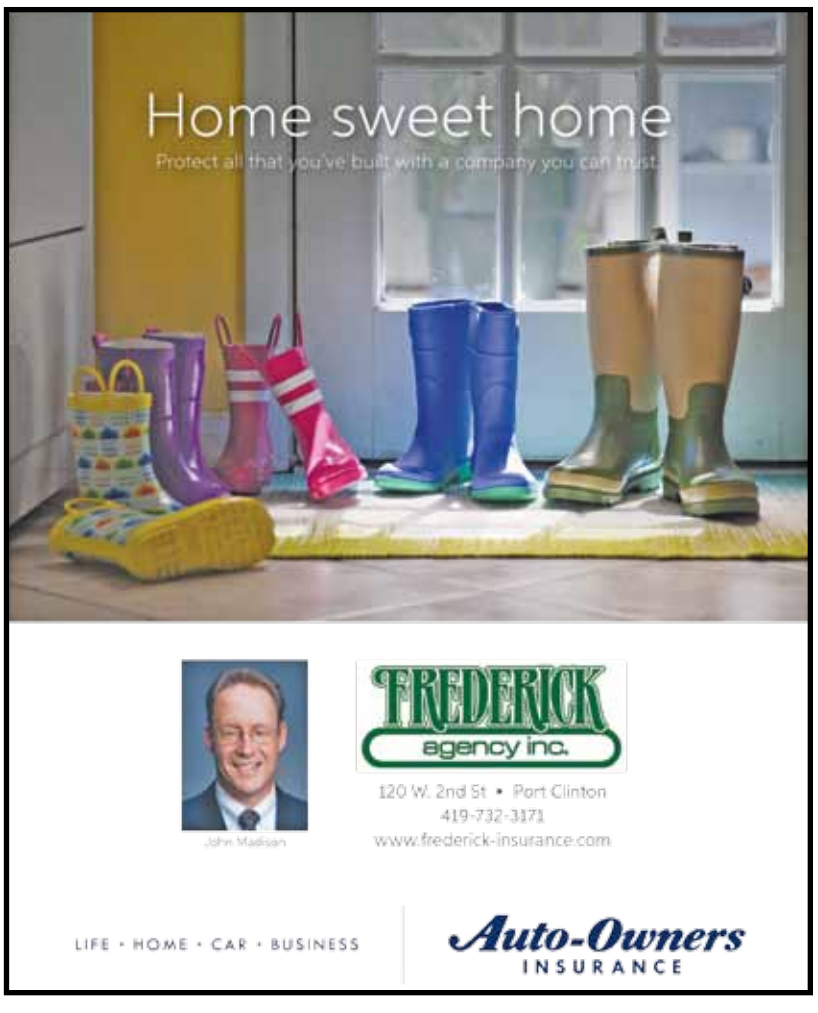
On the video we see Jan and Sonny leave. Soon after, out comes Tate Mathew, who gets into the other white car and drives away. Brett says, "that is Tate Mathews, he just showed me that car last week from a car show!"

Bret calls Tate, who confirms that he has the jewelry. Tate says, "I thought I had a secret admirer who left me pearls in my car!"

We exchange addresses and the jewelry is safely sent back to Jan! If this would have happened on the mainland, the chances of finding it would have been much more difficult. The Miracle is the power of our community connection and knowing so many people, trusting so many people, and that this mystery took about 10 minutes to solve. A huge thank you to Bret Klun and Tate Mathews! This is exactly why I love living and working on Put-in-Bay!

RIGHT: Judges at the Halloween parade costume contest were (left to right) Cliff Fulton, Patrick Green and Terry Jenkins.

LEFT: A great turnout at the town hall for Fall Fest on October 26th.



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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 28

Leave Put-in-Bay	Leave Catawba
8:30 am	9:00 am
4:00 pm	4:30 pm

November 29
Until Weather Permits

Leave Put-in-Bay		Leave Catawba
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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 2019 Panther Volleyball team experienced a very successful season. The girl's final record was nine wins and five losses. This tied a school record for wins in a season. Setting individual season records were Elena Schroeder with 101 kills and Nora Ladd with 86 aces. The team will miss the skill of senior Hannah Lentz next season. Coach Schuffenecker said of the team, "the girls maxed out their potential for this season. Through hard work, this team achieved success."

Cross Country has wrapped up for the 2019-2020 season. This year, we had a small but dedicated group of middle school runners who ran hard. Each teammate showed up every day, supported one another, did what was asked of them, and each runner improved throughout the season. We appreciate the community support during the season and during the "home" Miller 5k race; it always helps the runners do better. We are looking forward to another great season next year. Go Panthers CC!

The Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island High School chemistry students had the unique opportunity to tour the ArcelorMittal Tube manufacturing facility in Shelby, Ohio. The facility has been in continuous operation since 1890, and produces both seamless and welded steel tubing. The plant employs 650 people in management, manufacturing, and maintenance. Total output of the plant is 200,000 tons per year. The final products include primarily hydraulic cylinder tubing, bearings, and automotive parts. Students were met by ArcelorMittal retiree and Airline Dr. resident Mark Friebel, who began the tour with a history presentation of the plant. Students were able to see the entire process from start to finish for both the seamless and welded tubing. There was also time for a question and answer session while the students were enjoying lunch provided by ArcelorMittal. The trip was an eye-opening one and there are hopes to involve future chemistry students in a similar experience.

The 2019 Panther cross country team. Left to right are Joe Blumensaadt, Ava Heineman, Elora Hubner, Ella Kostura, Mia Hristovski (visiting from Florida), Richie Scarpelli and Lukas Kostura. Coach Adam Danes in the back.

Now that November is upon us, basketball season is here! Coach Craig Schuffenecker will coach both the junior high and high school teams and Ms. Riley Conway will be our cheerleading advisor. We have enough players to field both a boys and girls high school team, while the junior high will remain co-ed. Come support the teams every Saturday morning this winter or listen to the games on WPIB Radio. The Panthers travel to Mackinac Island to play in the Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament on December 6th and 7th. Our girls are the defending champions of the tournament. Good luck this year, Panthers!

On Friday, November 8th, from 5 to 7 p.m., 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; Senior Citizens, $8; Children 12 and under, $6. A special thanks in advance to Woody Widmar for all his time and effort in making dinner for us and to the Niese family for allowing us to use their restaurant.

On Monday, November 11th, 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 6th, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 13th, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents are encouraged to call the school office at 419-285-3614 to make an appointment.

PIBHS chemsitry students. Left to right are Lucille Schneider, PIBHS Science Teacher Missi Kowalski, Liam Neu (KI High School), Hannah Lentz, Talii Steidl, Elena Schroeder, ArcelorMittal Retiree Mark Friebel, Alexandra Knauer, Cecilia Glauser and Nora Ladd.

The 2019 Panther Volleyball team. Front left to right are Macy Ladd, Kate Byrnes, Hannah Lentz. Back left to right are Coach Craig Schuffenecker, Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, McKenna Stacy, Lucy Schneider and Lilian Frederick.

Let's Make Some Middle Bass Island History!

The sign at the future MBI Historical Museum site near the Middle Bass Town Hall.

In case you haven't heard, the idea of having a Middle Bass Island Historical Museum has been tossed around by many for several years: finally this summer we are moving forward to make this happen, with the backing of the MBI Town Hall and the Senior Men's Club.

FUNDRAISER: July 25th, 2020

The plan is to move the original Aunt Irma's to the Town Hall property early next summer, weather perming, and then follow up with a fundraiser on July 25th to announce the moving and renovation of the building. Our goal is to have the museum up and running sometime during the summer of 2021.

We will fundraise with a live and silent auction; committee chairs have been appointed and are starting to plan. We are asking all of our generous and talented islanders to consider donating, creating, embellishing or making an item for the live auction that will "wow" our audience. If you wish to participate, please contact Mary Roesch at 419-260-3800 or roeschmbi@hotmail.com. Anything goes! Some chairs and tables will be available, if you are interested, on a first come first served basis.

We realize that the season is quickly coming to a close in the next two months so we will be actively recruiting live auction items. Of course, if you want to participate in other areas such as serving on a committee, please contact Mary Roesch. Stay tuned for further developments. Go to www.Facebook.com or www.MiddleBass.org for ongoing information.

Thank You,
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The Middle Bass Island Historical Museum's mission is to acquire, document, protect, preserve and exhibit the island's artifacts and cultural history which reflect the story of MBI for today's residents, visitors and generations to come.

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Vice Commander...Ahoy!

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

PAUL BOLDEN

Boy, was 2019 a disappointing boating season. Record high water levels, lots of rough seas and we're on track for a record number of Great Lakes fatalities with 30 deaths in just 30 days back in August alone.

Each year at this time we begin our PIB Maritime Academy. Spending the Winter months shoring up your boating skills is a great way to pass the long cold days and nights especially for those who stay on the island through the off season. For the seasoned mariner, this will serve as a review. For those who are new to boating this will be your primer. In any case, by Spring you will be the proverbial "Captain Nemo" ready to explore the wonders of our Great Lake Sea called "Erie." Please keep in mind that PIB Maritime Academy is not meant to replace a certified Safe Boating Class. If you have not taken such a class I strongly encourage you to do so before the start of next year's boating season. Also, if weather gets cold enough, we will also have our annual Ice Fishing edition.

Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy (part 1) - The Rules of the Road

Just like driving your car, there are rules of the road for boaters as well. During our first off-season class we are going to discuss some of those rules. The following 10 questions are based on things I've actually witnessed in our harbor. Let's begin with the quiz to test your knowledge on a few things.

Quiz

1) When overtaking another vessel on her starboard side. How many blasts of the horn are required to let boaters know of your intention to pass? **a)** One long blast. **b)** Two short blasts. **c)** No horn blast is required, just proceed carefully.

2) During the high season the marina downtown is packed nearly to capacity. As you pull into the marina you hear another vessel give his horn three short blasts. What is being communicated to you and other boaters. **a)** Nothing, there are lots of horns being blasted. **b)** A skipper is indicating a claim to a particular slip or rafting position prior to docking. **c)** There is a nearby vessel proceeding astern (backing - backing out).

3) When in distress, what is the VHF emergency channel? **a)** Use any channel in an emergency as time is of the essence. **b)** Channel 16. **c)** Channel 9.

4) Which grouping are the usual VHF working channels? **a)** 68, 69, 71, 72. **b)** 9,16. **c)** If your marine radio is functioning properly all channels should be working.

5) When entering PIB harbor there are two "No Wake" boards on the port and starboard sides of the channel. What is No Wake? a) Any passengers asleep when entering the harbor should not be awoke until the vessel is docked and secured. **b)** Named after some guy Kelvin. The resulting effect of his equation should be minimized or eliminated. ($w=\sqrt{gk}$,). **c)** All passengers should remain seated while underway in the channel.

6) When entering the harbor at night, turn on your dock lights if your vessel is so equipped. This will aid in visibility and help in preventing nighttime collisions. **a)** True **b)** False.

7) What are jet ski legal hours of operation? **a)** Anytime if the jet ski has a valid state registration sticker. **b)** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for both registered and unregistered jet skis. **c)** Sunrise to sunset.

8) Kayaks are not required to be registered? **a)** True **b)** False.

9) Is it okay to let passengers sit on the gunwales, transom or bow while underway? **a)** Yes, so long as everyone is safe and having a good time. **b)** No, not until you've cleared the harbor and in open waters. **c)** No occupant of a vessel underway shall sit, stand or walk on any area not designed for that movement.

10) It is okay to swim off the transom while docked in the marina? **a)** True **b)** False.

ANSWERS: 1-b, 2-c, 3-b 4-a, 5-b, 6-b, 7-c, 8-b, 9-c 10-b.

Explanation

1) When overtaking another vessel it is two short blasts of your horn when passing on your starboard side and one blast to port.

2) When backing your vessel out of a slip in a marina (for example) you are to give 3 short horn blasts alerting others of your movement astern.

3) The emergency channel is always channel 16. You may be instructed by the Coast Guard to change to another working channel at some point.

4) 68, 69, 71, 72 are common working channels but not the only ones. Working channels are those designated for communications between non-commercial vessels.

5) This was a bit of a trick question (LOL). The foaming water created at your transom by your vessels forward momentum is your wake and is expressed as follows: $w=\sqrt{gk}$, where w the angular frequency equals the square root of g-gravity times k-angular wavenumber. This equation was created by Lord Kelvin resulting in what's called the Kelvin Wake or as we now refer to it as simply "Wake." I know...who cares, I just couldn't resist. The important thing is that a "No Wake" means little to no splashing or bubbles created by your vessel off your transom.

6) False. Actually by turning on your docking lights when entering the harbor can cause confusion for other boaters who may confuse your docking lights for navigation lights. Docking lights are just for docking assistance.

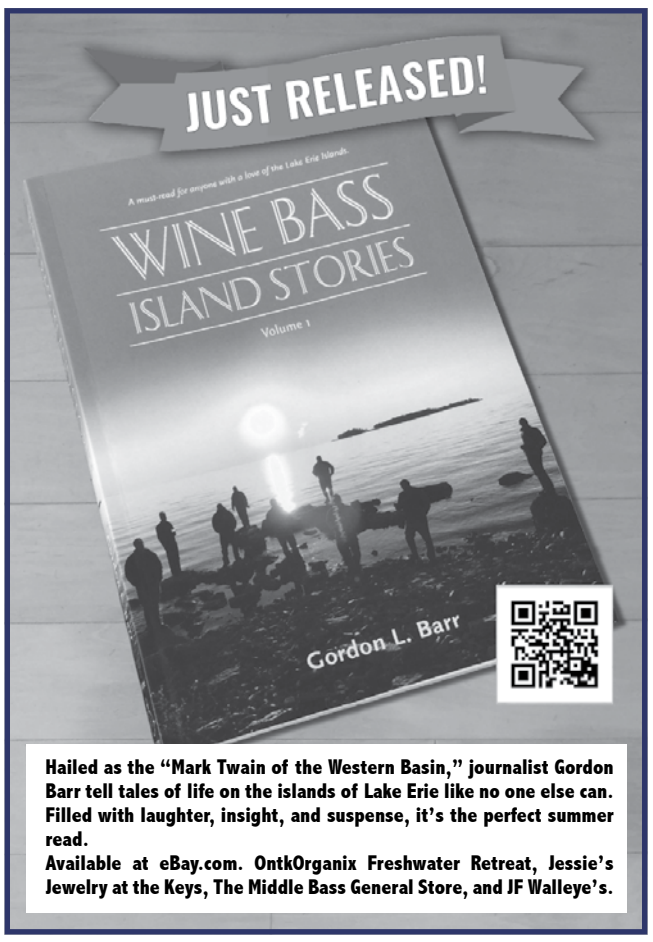
7) In Ohio jet ski operation is from sunrise to sunset. The actual times vary seasonally.

8) False. Like other vessels, kayaks and canoes require state registration. Sailboards, kiteboards, paddleboards and belly boats or float tubes are exempt from registration and titling laws.

9) No occupant of a vessel that is underway shall sit, stand, or walk on any area not designed for that movement except when immediately necessary for safe and reasonable navigation or operation.

10) False. It is prohibited by federal law to swim in a marina...period! Quite simply the risk is shock and electrocution. We've had this happen at PIB.

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



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Put-in-Bay High School Sailing team wins against 8 other teams at the Put-in-Bay Regatta on Sunday, October 13 at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

ABOVE: Put-in-Bay High School Sailing team. Left to right are Emil Michael, Macy Ladd, Talii Steidl, Hope Cooks, Alex Knauer, Nora Ladd and Kate Byrnes.

LEFT: Put-in-Bay team Hope Cooks and Talii Steidl in boat 6 racing next to Put-in-Bay team Alex Knauer and Kate Byrnes in boat 7 at PIB Regatta. Hope Cooks and Talii Steidl win 1st place.

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Milestones

ENGAGED

Joe Bodenbender & Audrey Socha

Joe Bodenbender and Audrey Socha would like to announce their engagement on September 24th, 2019. Joe popped the question while visiting Pelee Island with some island friends. Joe is the son of residents Terry and Theresa Bodenbender and has worked on the island at The Boathouse and Mojito Bay. He is now the proprietor of Bodee's Bungalow. Audrey has worked at The Round House and Mojito Bay. A wedding date hasn't yet been set.

Enedelia Marez & Glenn Lee Collins PIBHS

Enedelia Marez (PIBHS Class of 1998) and Glenn Lee Collins, Jr. became engaged to be married in early October.

MARRIED

Daniel Niese & Teodora Ivanova PIBHS

Best wishes to Daniel Niese (PIBHS Class of 2006) and Teodora IIvanova who were married at Mother of Sorrows on Saturday, September 28th. A wedding reception was held on the lake at Daniel's parent's home following the ceremony. Daniel, the son of Mike and Beth Niese, is the manager at the Beer Barrel Saloon and Teodora who originally comes from Bulgaria has worked over the last few years for Cameo Pizza, Misty Bay and the Beer Barrel Saloon. The couple were in California for a honeymoon which included a visit to Universal Studios. They are also planning on a trip to Bulgaria this winter.

Suzanne Militello Wilkins & Glenn McFeaters

October 11th, 2019 was a wonderful start to a great wedding weekend for Suzanne Militello Wilkins and William Glenn McFeaters III. On Friday night, Danny Drake Getaway Inn at Cooper's Woods set the scene for a Family Gathering at The Getaway Inn at Cooper's Woodd The mother of the bride, Paula Militello Daniel from Fremont, who has a cottage with her sister, Mary Welsh, on the West Shore, hosted the Family Gathering. Although Paula was not in attendance for any of the festivities due to an illness (she is doing much better and appreciated everyone's calls and well wishes), there were friends and family, who traveled from MA, NY, CT, WI and all throughout Ohio who gathered to meet together and enjoy Kim Stoiber's catering, the old Crescent-style pasta bar. It was delightful. The couple was united in marriage on Saturday, October 12th, by Deacon Mike Leahy at Mother of Sorrows. The maid of honor was the bride's 14-year-old daughter, Abigail Wilkins. The best man was the bride's son Luke Wilkins. Both children have been involved in the Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail program since they were 5 years old. The first reading was performed by Jodi Geduldig. Jodi was the bride's Freshman College roommate at the Ohio State University and is responsible for uniting Glenn and Suzanne three years ago. The second reading was done by the Bride's Godson Gabriel Militello, who is the son of Michael Militello who used to work for Billy Market many years at the Miller Boat Line while he was in college. After the wedding, guests who weren't familiar with the island were treated to a tour from Island Transportation. It was so cold and chilly that Chip Duggan brought the bus and not the tour train which was great thinking. It was reported he did an excellent job and the guests enjoyed this immensely. The couple's post-ceremony transportation was Steve and Denise Snyder's 1965 Ford truck. The reception was held at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club in a tent over-looking Lake Erie. It was commented a few times that the Bride and Groom table for two was a very special view to see. The DJ, Ben Bykowski, kept the party flowing and the special Family Dance, "Here Comes the Sun," was very sweet to share ending in a family group hug. After the dinner, cake cutting and toasts were completed, the party moved inside the Yacht Club to continue the celebration. Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend this gathering from near and far. Specifically Kim Stoiber Morrison and her staff for orchestrating the Friday Family Gathering and Barb Chrysler and her staff at the yacht club for making sure Saturday was perfect for the reception. The couple traveled to Nemacolin Resort in Pennsylvania for a few days to recuperate and relax, and they are also planning a Family Honeymoon to Ireland and Scotland in the spring of 2020. Suzanne and Glenn reside in Fairview Park, Ohio, where the bride is a nurse for the Cleveland Clinic and the groom, who owns his own company is a general contractor.

Miranda Riddle & Adam Bommer PIBHS

Congratulations to Miranda Riddle (Class of 2010) and Adam Bommer ~ the couple wed atop a mountain at Holiday Valley in New York surrounded by family and friends on June 29. The guests traveled to the top of the Mountain via ski lift followed by the wedding party where Adam and Miranda exchanged vows. A reception followed at The Lodge. Adam is the son of Mike and Robin Bommer of Avon Lake, Ohio. Miranda is the daughter of Steve and Karen Riddle of Put-in-Bay.

Adam & Miranda Bommer

Derek Jackson & Jenny Stasko

Best wishes Derek Jackson and Jenny Stasko who were married on the lake near their home on Chapman Rd. on Saturday, October 5th. Derek is the manager at the Goat Soup & Whiskey. Among the wedding party were the couple's daughter Aurora, Caroline and Scott Jackson, the groom's uncle, and their daughter Liesl. Jenny works at the Boardwalk, the Keys and the Goat. A dinner reception with a huge tent at the Goat followed the ceremony. Michala Wertenbach made a beautiful wedding cake for the event. With the season over at Put-in-Bay, the couple is heading to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands to help open the new Goat there before heading to Keystone, a ski resort in Colorado, where Derek manages the original Goat. A special thank you goes out to Mark and Holly Kirsch who own the property on the lake where the wedding was performed and to Put-in-Bay Police Chief Steve Riddle who directed traffic away from the ceremony.

James Dubbert & Agnes Uszak

Best wishes to James Dubbert from Port Clinton and Agnes Uszak from Put-in-Bay who were married on Saturday, October 12th at the Catawba Island Club in the presence of the groom's parents, Jim and Dawn Dubbert, Agnes' daughter, Miyah Uszak, and many family members and friends. A reception followed at the club. Agnes is the office manager at the Crew's Nest. James works in the family business, Dubberts Professional Outdrive, in Port Clinton. The couple is planning a honeymoon trip to Monterey Bay in California after the holidays.

Luke Wilkins, Glenn & Suzanne McFeaters and Abigail Wilkins

Agnes & James Dubbert

Sara Booker Sheehan

AWARDED

Sara Booker Sheehan

Congratulations to Sara Booker Sheehan who is this year's recipient of the Betty Neff Award. Betty Neff was an active volunteer at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. She was one of the driving forces behind the start of the Junior swim/sail program and her enthusiasm for the club drew others to join in. The Betty Neff Award recognizes outstanding volunteers who contribute much time, energy, suppor and enthusiasm to the club. This year, Sara Booker Sheehan, Betty's granddaughter, was recognized for her years of dedication to the club. Congratulations, Sara! Thank you for all you do!

Thank you.....

The family of Kayla Kindt would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for numerous family and friends during and after the recent loss of our beloved daughter. In particlar, we want to thank Neidecker, Leveck & Crosser Funeral Home, Father Cunningham, Deacon Mike, Teri Frankhouse, Cheryl Borro, Dee Dee Duggan, Susan Latham and family, the Heineman Family, Anita McCann, Suzi Chrysler and Put-in-Bay Taxi. We are forever grateful for your kindness and support.

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15th	Berni Steinbach
16th	Valerie Mettler
	Cort Drake
	Pat Goodhardt
	Martin Dieperink
	Buddy Griebel
17th	Sammy Gump
	Robert H. Stone
	Greg Peters
	Lacey Carnahan
	Sue Savage
18th	Karen Goaziou
	Shannon Sweeney
	Janet Bergan
19th	Dave Lakamp
	Amanda Goaziou
	Paul Urban
20th	Jacob Andrews
	Noreen Hahn
21st	Sharon Duggan
22nd	Cheryl Boyles
	Mary Parker
	PAT THWAITE
	Shaena Kowalski
23rd	Lyla Steidl
	Cameron Pesch
24th	Teddy McCann
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	Ray Traverso
	Daniel Duggan
	William Carnahan
	Nick Deardurff
	MARISA RENCE
25th	David Hill
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	JEFF STASCHIAK
26th	Stuart Baldwin
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27th	Patrick Patton
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ANNIVERSARIES

3rd	Walt & Pat Mangas
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30th	Don & Pat Arebaugh

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Milestones

OBITUARIES

Ted Clear

Ted Clear

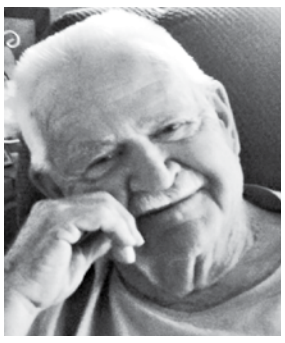
Hamilton, OH. – Theodore "Ted" E. Clear, a 55-year West Shore cottage owner, passed away peacefully on October 1, 2019. He was born in Hamilton to Louise (Mick) Clear and Sherman T. Clear in 1926. He married his only love since junior high, Mary Louise (Saurber) Clear in 1946. He had learned to fly at the age of 14. Ted enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1943. He flew transports, cargo planes and B-17's. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He was with Sherman T. Clear Plastering for 28 years. He invented and patented the process for concrete backer board in 1970 and commercially produced the original Wonderboard© for Modulars, Inc. The company became Fin-Pan, Inc.in 1975. After working on other thin concrete applications, T.Clear Corporation was formed and produced building products that are energy efficient. He and his wife 3 years ago at the age of 90. He was inducted into the Ceramic Tile Distribution Association Hall of Fame in 2000. He and Mary Lou traveled the world for business and personal travel, gathering friends all over. Ted enjoyed flying airplanes, hunting, fishing, and collecting Model "A" vehicles. He helped to start Duck Unlimited and Pheasants Forever in Southern Ohio. Ted was involved in many quiet philanthropic endeavors, always giving back to his church/faith, community, industry and his natural environment. Ted, Lou and the children built a house on the West Shore of Put-In-Bay in 1964. Put-in-Bay was his favorite place and for many years spent every weekend enjoying West Shore sunsets. The family attended Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Ted and Lou traveled with Louie & Barb Heineman and the two families spent lots of time together. Ted was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend. He is survived by three children, Gail (Marvin) Duff, Steven (Violet) Clear and Lisa (Douglass) Schaffer (residing at Fox's Den), a special daughter-in-law, Rose Clear (Don Hott), 9 grandchildren (Heather (Kelly)Murphy, Jason (Dena) Clear, Eric Clear, Amy (Andrew) Gilmore, Todd Clear, Andy (Misty) Duff, Ryan (Courtney) Schaffer, Sarah Clear, and Christopher Schaffer. He also is survived by 10 great grandchildren, Camryn, Rachel, Emily, David, Logan Ashland, Eric Jr., Archer, Abel, Maxwell, Jade, Bryar, Tristan and many nieces and nephews He was proceeded in death by a son, Terrence (Terry) L. Clear and his wife, Mary Louise Clear, a brother, David Clear, and his parents, Louise and Sherman Clear .Ted will be sorely missed by his entire family especially by his "best buddy" and great grandson, Logan. A funeral Mass took place at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton on Saturday, October 5th, followed by a graveside service at St. Stephen's Cemetery. Donations may be made to the St. Joseph Church Building Fund or the St. Joseph School Fund , 171 Washington St, Hamilton, OH 45011

Kayla Ann Kindt

Kayla Ann Kindt, 27, of Toledo passed away Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at Toledo Hospital. She was born December 19, 1991 in Sandusky, the daughter of James Fisher and Victoria Kindt-Fisher. Kayla graduated from Whitmer High School and attended the University of Toledo. Kayla was a loving daughter, fiancé, sister and friend who loved giving back to others. She was dedicated to helping people cope with their struggles. She loved to write, especially poetry. Surviving are her parents Jim Fisher and Victoria Kindt Fisher; fiancé: Ray Swiczkowski; sister: Lauren Kindt; brother: Austin Siegel; step-sisters: Erica Wells, Courtney Kwapinski; grandmother: Gloria Kindt and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Helen Fisher and grandfather Eugene Kindt. The family received friends on Monday, October 21st, at The Cornerstone Room of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Private interment services took place take place at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Naomi Transitional Housing, 2321 Warren St. Toledo, OH 43620. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com.

Kayla Ann Kindt

John Ward


John Ward

John Wesley Ward, age 85, of Arcadia, IN, passed away October 5, 2019. He was born May 10, 1934 at Lincoln, Nebraska to Walter Wesley and Leotha Faye (Newton) Ward. After receiving his education at Walnut Grove High School, he joined the U.S. Navy. He had worked in construction and soon became an owner and operator of John Ward Construction, Inc. He was well known in central Indiana for his excavation work. John was also a seasoned pilot who loved to fly his Cherokee Piper airplane and Buckeye powered parachute. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at his lake cottages on Middle Bass Island's East Point. He had served on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board from 1972 to 1983, He was a member of Gideons International Association, Mid-America Threshing and Antiques, Inc., International Union of Operating Engineers, the NRA, and was a founding member of the Hamilton County Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.He was formerly married to Betty Irene (Sneed) Ward who survives him. Also surviving is a daughter: Tammy Lou Farley of Arcadia and a son: Gary Joe Ward of Cicero, IN, grandchildren: John Wesley Farley and Andy James Farley both of Arcadia, IN, plus several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter: Terri Sue Ward, sisters: Wanda Hall and Imogene Dixon, brothers: Joe Ward and Darrell "Bud" Ward. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 12th, at Hartley Funeral Home, in Cicero, IN, with Pastor Jody Brown officiating. Burial followed at Carey Cemetery north of Noblesville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Middle Bass Fire Department, c/o P.I.B. Fire Department, 891 Fox Road, Middle Bass, OH 43446. You may send condolences at http://www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Senior Center News

By Chris Joyce

What a wonderful Fall we've had so far! Now November arrives, full of friends, family, warm memories and of course 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. We have a special trip planned to see the Toledo Walleye play on Nov. 6th. 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, Tailgate Party, Wii Bowling or similar activity at least once a month during the off season. The Monday evening Trivia Nights and Wednesday evening Men's Cards are both 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. Please be aware that our website has not been updated recently, we are working hard to resolve the software issues preventing us from accessing and updating the website.

During the month of October, the seniors enjoyed our annual "Cider Press Potluck" with wonderful homemade food & fabulous fresh 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! We also had a great time on our first trip to the Toledo Zoo. Finally, we had fun passing out yummy treats on Halloween to all the island Trick or Treaters!

Our Senior Lunches are now being served on Thursdays at 12 p.m. at Topsy's. Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. 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 Topsy's kitchen know the lunch count by 12 p.m. Wednesday so they can plan accordingly for these delicious and fun senior lunches!

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

* Tues. Nov. 5th as the facility will be in use for Election Day. Voting hours are: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
* Mon. Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day
* Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The wonderful people at the EMS continue to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10:00 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 fourth Thursday of the month, but since Thanksgiving falls on that Thursday, we will be moving the date to Thurs. Nov. 21st. If you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

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 soooo 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.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 Sunday, November 3rd - Daylight Savings Time - Back one hour	29	30 *NOV. 6th: 8-3pm* Day Trip to see the Toledo Walleye Hockey Game!	31	1 8:15A AerobicDance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
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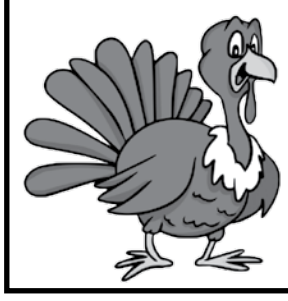

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2. Pending Council approval, The Village of Put-in-Bay Utilities, Park & Street Departments will be disposing of any future, unneeded property on GovDeals.

3. The Put-in-Bay Utilities Department in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4933.19 is notifying its customers that tampering or bypassing a water meter is considered a theft offense.

4. Fall water shut-offs and Spring water turn-ons will be on Mondays or Thursdays. To request either service please phone the utilities department to schedule a time.

For More Information,
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Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

LESLIE KORENKO

As I type this, several mini super heroes and princesses are walking up to the door for trick or treat. It is finally beginning to feel like Fall as temperatures cool and the trees are finally committing to color change. By now, all the seasonal bars and restaurants are closed and in a few months, more will shut their doors for the winter. The turkey shoots at the VFW are done, all the clambakes have been eaten, and the last end of the year parties are being held. We look forward to the VFW pot lucks, hours in the library and long walks in the woods. Our exercise lady is on maternity leave, so Wednesday classes are temporarily on hold. The KILA hayride was, as always, loads of fun. Really, kids in costumes and a hayride, how cute can it get? Kid's day on the Island is full of activities. Every few hours you can jump from pumpkin carving, to hayrides, to trunk trick or treating, to Terror at the Town Hall. While the KI History Museum is closed for the season, you can still get lots of intriguing items at the Resale Shop. They will stay open until it is too cold to work, so just look for the open flag on the porch.

BIRD NEWS - One week on Kelleys Island Tom and Paula Bartlett, Jim and Barb Zeller, Chris Ashley, Dave and Kristi Sellers, and Shane and Laura Roberts banded at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Jones Preserve. In total they banded 254 individual birds of 37 species, had 11 recaptured birds from previous outings, and 3 escaped birds. That week, 368 individuals visit the station. Some of the more unusual birds included: Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Scarlet Tanager, Lincoln's Sparrow, Ovenbird, Black-and-White Warbler, Northern Parula, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided and Cape May Warblers, and Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Photos of many of these appear on the Bird Kelleys Island Facebook page. Owl banding is underway (with limited results). Running late this year are the saw-whet owls (those cute little birds), but several screech owls have been banded.

THE ELECTION - Well, this is certainly shaping up to be exciting. Council passed legislation to convert the elected Clerk/Treasurer position to an appointed Fiscal Officer. This was challenged in a Referendum action. Voters can choose to uphold the legislation, or overturn it and allow one of the two people who filed for the office to be elected. The mailings for and against this have been interesting. One expressed distrust of the current (AND future) mayors and council to make a responsible decision on hiring. This was countered with surprise since the voters elected the Council members as their representatives. One side claimed that Council can make whatever rules it wants for this new person, while the counterpoint indicated that the duties of this new office are spelled out in detail and cannot be changed. Many cities and villages have converted to a Fiscal Officer. What it boils down to: the voters will have to choose to allow the Mayor and Council to seek out and hire what they believe is the best qualified candidate or let the voters choose the best candidate from the two candidates on the ballot. Here is what the code says.

Here is the Ohio Revised Code 733.262 Village fiscal officer - (A) In lieu of having the elected office of village clerk and the office of village treasurer, or the combined elected office of village clerk-treasurer, a village may combine the duties of the clerk and treasurer into one appointed office, to be known as the village fiscal officer… (C) A village fiscal officer appointed under this section shall perform the duties provided by law for the village clerk and treasurer and any other duties consistent with the nature of the office that are provided for by municipal ordinance… (D) A village fiscal officer shall be appointed by the mayor of the village, but that appointment does not become effective until it is approved by a majority vote of the village legislative authority. The village fiscal officer need not be an elector of the village or reside in the village at the time of appointment; however, the fiscal officer shall become a resident of the village within six months after the appointment takes effect, unless an ordinance is passed approving the fiscal officer's residence outside of the village. The village fiscal officer may be removed without cause either by the mayor with the consent of a majority of the members of the village legislative authority or by a three-fourths vote of the village legislative authority with or without the consent of the mayor. (E) The legislative authority of a village that has a village fiscal officer may abolish that appointed office and return to an elected office of village clerk-treasurer by passing an ordinance or resolution by a two-thirds vote…

COUNCIL NOTES - You know our first responders are dedicated when they have to leave the Council meeting to respond to a 911 call. Our EMS squad had 12 runs in September, and the FIRE DEPT. had one run. Donations received from the KI Venture Resort ($1,000) and the Peepers chili cook-off ($915) will be used for training and some smaller equipment. The fire trucks passed inspection with flying colors. Council approved accepting a donation of an old model MSA thermal imager from the Brecksville Fire Dept. It will be used on the brush truck. There is already a unit on the big fire truck. The POLICE DEPT. reported one felony arrest for assault, one accident, one ticket for reckless op. They remind everyone to submit your House Check and Welfare Check forms for your property and loved ones. The police check regularly to assure your most valued people and possessions are watched over during the winter. These forms are available at the village office or online – www.KelleysIsland.us – under Police Dept. The drainage project at the AIRPORT is underway and pothole work on several roads has been accomplished. Two TRANSFER STATION overdue payments have been turned over to the Police Dept. for ticketing and an appearance in Mayor's court. Test projects from Frontier Broadband are showing promising results and grant applications are in the works for shoreline protection grants. The PARK BOARD summarized their accomplishments for the year, noting that the signs (which were donated) for the two new preserves have been installed, the ball court has been restriped, and the upgrade of electric service at the pavilion (from 40 to 200 amps and ground fault outlets) has been accomplished. Improvements to the ball field has been put off until spring. The CEMETERY BOARD requested an addition to the rate structure for the interment of ashes which require a smaller plot. This is necessary as a majority of the lots in the cemetery are already sold and the surrounding land is owned by the State. Council adjourned to discuss a "confidential matter" that needed to be discussed in private.

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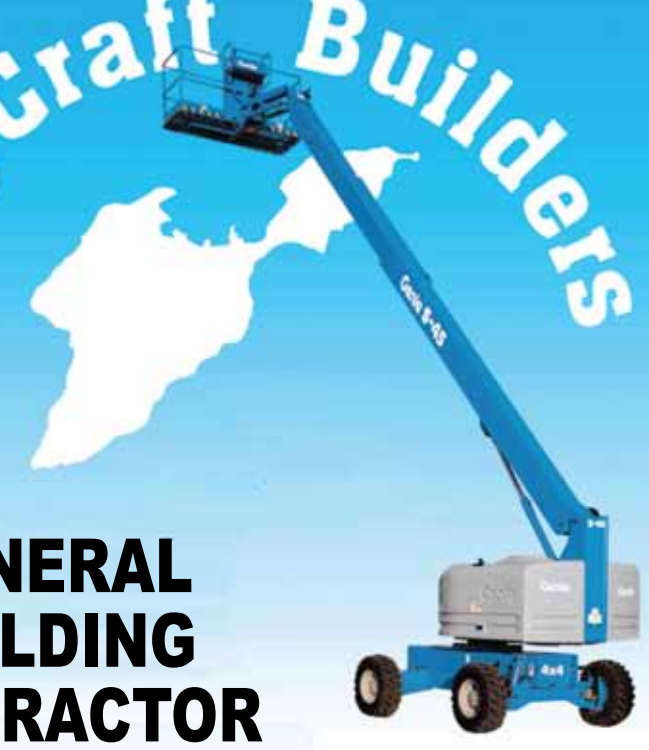

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Garden Club News

A big thank you to all those who helped to plan and participated in the DeRivera Park flower basket take down. The contents of the baskets are dumped into pick up trucks and taken to a compost area. This year, the task was made even more interesting when someone, who's name will not be spoken, stretched to retrieve the basket and throw the contents into the truck. Suddenly, something flew in the air and landed on the ground. As people jumped back and took a look, was it a birds' nets, a lost hamster or guinea pig? No... it was unsaid person's hair piece!! Yes, we do have fun in the Garden Club!

In early October, the GC received final approval from the Village Council for a new garden to be planted at the corner of Hartford and Delaware Avenues. (Across from the Boathouse). The installation will begin sometime in early November. Thank you to the Village Council and the DeRivera Park Trust for their continued support of the Garden Club's efforts in the beautification of our island.

Here's to a safe and enjoyable 'off season'!

Court Says No

Ever since former Put-in-Bay police chief Ric Lampela was terminated from his position 4 years ago, he and the Village have been in court over ongoing issues, the most important being whether he was properly terminated. Village officials learned this past month that Lampela's bid to have his final appeal heard before the Ohio Supreme Court was denied. The Village's termination of his employment was upheld so this finally ends the legal battles with Mr. Lampela.

After Roberta Scarpelli read in last month's issue about Allie Market and Heather Durdil wearing their cool and trend setting left-arm casts, she wanted to let everyone know that it is also cool to wear a cast on your right arm.

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Leper for a Day

By Gordy Barr

My wife Kyle and I had the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to Assai, Italy to explore the Franciscan Order. Kyle works for a hospital system that has two Franciscan rooted hospitals that are keen on their understanding of modern medicine without losing site of their mission of developing a servant/leader organization that equally serves patients from the poorest to the richest.

Gordon Barr, leper, shares a copy of the Put-in-Bay Gazette with the Lord Mayor of Assisi.

Kyle's system's patients are rich and poor. Quality is subjective but patient outcomes are the true indicator of success. Kyle's hospitals have a history of success in patient outcomes.

A piece of beach glass with a star on it from Lake Como, Italy.

Assisi, Italy is rich in Catholic traditions. St. Francis and his close associate St. Clare were born here, realized their calling, and founded religious orders that have lasted over 800 years.

Part of their heritage and mysticism stems from "place". Seeing where St. Clare died, St. Francis' first humble church, and the city gates of Assisi (where papal disputes were brought to a head) makes you feel humble. One is a mere mortal wandering among the stones of historical context.

Assisi is a holy place. This is evident to even the most devote atheist. To experience Assisi is to be brushed by the fingertips of history.

On the trip I played the part of a leper in one of the reenactments. Leprosy was a problem in the middle ages. It is a contagious disease that affects the skin and mucous membranes causing discoloration of the skin, boils, and rotting flesh. It was one of the first health crises that modern society dealt with.

I was banished from Assisi, given a noisemaker (to warn others I was coming), issued a gruel bucket, and sent to a leper colony. Being a scourge is serious stuff.

Middle Bass historian, Mike Gora, scoured his extensive database and assured me that there were very little in the way of scalable health crises on the Lake Erie Islands (LEIs). No recorded leprosy.

However cholera epidemics were a constant worry for two centuries. It was reported that there was a cholera scare in the 900 person staff quarters of the Hotel Victory in early 1900. It turned out to be a hoax so certain employees could loot the hastily abandoned rooms.

The Lake Erie Islands are holy places. The LEIs are comprised of about 3,000 acres of land (about the same size as Assisi). Although no religious orders have been founded here (well, except that commune on Kelleys Island in the 1960s) many people that have visited the LEIs leave transformed.

There is peace here that is hard to find on the mainland. Homeowners sacrifice energy and financial resources to maintain their properties. Their returns are comforting sunsets, perch dinners, a peaceful night's sleep, and perhaps witnessing the hand of God in a thunderstorm while manning a small boat loaded with pre-schoolers.

A friend told me that the LEI's were one of six power sites on the planet earth (cited were the Oracle of Delphi, Machu Picchu, Reykjavik Iceland, Assisi Italy, and Angkor Wat).

I told him Middle Bass Island (and sometimes North Bass) was my powersite. It is where I recharge.

He lost some of his credibility when he said his was the Round House on Put-in-Bay listening to Mike "Mad Dog" Adams.

Well, that is not so bad either… St. Francis, in his younger "playboy years," would have approved. Saints and sinners sometimes share the same bathwater.

Library News

What's Happening at Your Local Library?

Bingo for Books: *Tuesday, November 5th at 4:30 p.m.*

Ready for an evening of fun? Join us for Bingo. Winners choose a book from our large collection. Everyone goes home a winner! It is suggested that participants know how to read numbers from 1 to 75. Parents will want to accompany children unable to read numbers.

DIY Message Board / Jewelry Organizer: *Wednesday, November 6th at 2 p.m.*

Trying to organize all your stuff? This project is the one for you! We have all the materials you need to create a DIY Message Board/Jewelry Organizer from a frame and chicken wire. Limit: 10 people. Be sure to sign up early to avoid being left out.

Words & Wine Book Club: *Thursday, November 7th at 5 p.m.*

What's better than a good book? A good book paired with the perfect glass of wine, of course. And there's no better time to combine books and wine than with our book club. Tell the others in the group a little about your book and why the wine you brought is the perfect pairing. Fun, relaxing evening with friends! Location to be announced. Check at the library one week before event.

Pre-school Story Time: *Monday, November 11th at 11 a.m.*

Looking for something fun to do with your children up to age 5? Come to our Story Time for Preschoolers for stories, songs, fingerplay and craft. Parents are asked to participate along with their children.

Space Night for Kids: *Tuesday, November 12th at 4:30 p.m.*

Did you miss out on our Space Camp this summer? Don't fret! We will be doing a repeat of all the activities tonight at 4:30 p.m. Three crafts to choose from. Participants will receive a treat bag with space goodies to take home.

Make Your Own Christmas Cards: *Wednesday, November 13th at 2 p.m.*

Librarian Sue Duff is sharing her ideas on how to design unique Christmas cards for your friends and family. Sue has supplies and cardstock but if you have something you'd like to share, bring it along! This session is intended for adults only. Limit: 10 people. Be sure to sign up early to avoid missing out on this fun program.

Popcorn & Movie Night: *Tuesday, November 19th at 4:30 p.m.*

All ages are invited to attend. Join us for a fun family movie sure to please all ages: Secret Life of Pets 2. Patrons will be treated to a beverage and popcorn.

Wine Bottle Nightlight with Grapes: *Wednesday, November 20th at 2 p.m.*

Did you miss out on the wine bottle nightlight program this summer? Now is your chance to not only make a wine bottle nightlight but decorate it with grapes. We will supply the nightlight and materials for decorating your nightlight with grapes. We ask that each participant bring a clean wine bottle to complete the activity. Limit: 10 People. Sign up today so you don't miss out!

Tower of Plates Project: *Saturday, November 23rd at 10 a.m.*

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Perfect gift for Christmas or to use during the holidays. Join Gay Pippert for a fun & easy project. Plates will be available to choose from. Each person needs to bring a sturdy center piece of clear or colored glass: wine glass; candlestick; water glass that is at least 5 1/2" to 9" tall. Limit is 10 people. Please sign up at Erie Islands Library.

Erie Islands Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving. We are thankful for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you soon.

There was a great turnout for the 2019 rocker cover races, emceed by Duff Spatafore, and held at the Goat! 1st place went to Jim Steck, 2nd place to Steven Nemec, and 3rd place to Lauri Golden.

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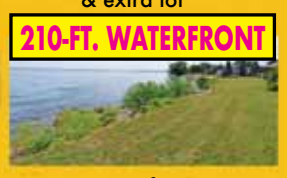
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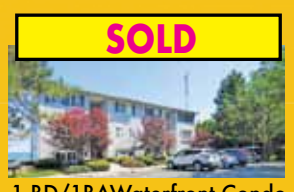
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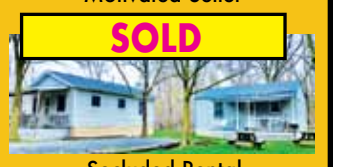
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Once in a great while, there's a blast from the past that takes place on the island. This past month Dinny Schmidt (PIBHS Class of 1970) showed up for the first time since leaving in 1972. Left to right are Craig and Annemarie Eriksen, the flower lady Marsha Parker, Dinny's sister Michael Schmidt Price, Dinny, Joan Kempf from the West Shore, Sally Duffy from Squaw Harbor, Mack McCann (PIBHS Class of 1954), Joan Booker, Sandy Hauck Brausch (PIBHS Class of 1972), Judy Ferrell Knight (PIBHS Class of 1973), Julene Market (PIBHS Class of 1974) and Kendra Koehler from Bayview Ave. all having lunch on the front porch at Hooligans.

Letter to the Editor

To the Residents of Put-in-Bay,

Speaking on behalf of the Put-in-Bay Road Race Historical Society, Jack Woehrle, Manley Ford and I, we would like to publicly thank all of our volunteers and benefactors for helping establish the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races as one of the premier and probably most unique vintage car racing event in the country. From a gathering in 2009 of 19 cars and their owners driving around the island telling stories and rerunning the original race track, our event has grown to 150 vintage racing enthusiasts from all over the United States and Canada. All enjoying 3 days of events culminating with 2 days of racing at the hay baled 1.3 mile airport race track. It is extremely gratifying how the residents of Put-in-Bay have embraced the races. The most satisfying thing for us is when the participants and residents tell us what a great event it has become. Equally important are the increasing number of island residents actually purchasing race cars and enjoying the fun first hand. While the three of us may be the "faces" of the event without the literally hundreds of participants and volunteers there would be no races!

This entire event is funded by entry fees paid by the participants and "angels" who donate funds, Bob and Dianne Smith, Ernie and Ginny Freeman, the Engel family along with Scott and Susan Market who allow us to use their properties for paddock space, the Heineman family for sponsoring the Car Show, the trophies along with special labeling of a run of White Reisling wine with our poster art. Unlike events held at purpose built facilities, we have no ability to charge admission or to offset our costs through concessions and souvenirs. Costs for our event have risen significantly over the years and if it wasn't for the many volunteers the event could not occur. Financial assistance for our advertising comes from Lake Erie Shores and Islands. No one involved with our endeavor is paid, except for the few J-1 students who initially install and then pick up the hundreds of hay bales that line the track.

Corner and racing grid workers must be certified and without them a race couldn't be held. These professionals from Lake Erie Communications ask only for lodging and a ferry ticket. Same with the Tech Inspectors, Security personnel, track announcer and Registration Staff. Thanks to Dave Washtock for storing much of our equipment and discounted lodging. Dave and Sharon Gray also help us with golf carts needed by track and security personnel. Island volunteers include EMS, Volunteer Fire Department folks, Police Officers, Track Safety Truck personnel, Old Track Parade Lap Flaggers. Thanks also to the Port Authority for all their assistance along with Village and Township officials for their continued support. Much of the required logistic equipment is loaned to us usually for the price of shipping. This includes 20 plus fire extinguishers, add to this public address equipment loaned to us every year by Marc Burr. Peter Huston and the PIB Chamber also deserve thanks for setting up the "Fan Zone" which allows spectators a close up look at the action. A thank you to Duff Spatafore for his track towing services and hard work on the Rocker Cover Races. Thanks to Miller Boat Line for their support and patience over the course of the week. As a personal note, I want to thank Scott Jackson and his family for their support of the event in general and for me from the day I announced that, I too, would be racing. I'm sure I've forgotten a few and for this I apologize.

One of the unique aspects of our vintage races are the social activities we offer our participants. This aspect has encouraged many of the participants to bring their families which isn't the norm at other venues. Having upwards of 400 participants and volunteers requires great coordination with the food and lodging businesses on the island. Over the years many of the restaurants have come forward and helped us get established. Unfortunately, we have outgrown many venues. We want to especially thank those at Joe's Bar who were there from the beginning. As we grow and evolve this coordination will continue to be critical and require more attention to detail.

There are no prizes, money or otherwise in vintage racing, so participant enjoyment is paramount if we are to survive. There are many competing events for the car owners dollars so a great experience is our most important product. A swing in 20 participants can be the difference between "breaking even" and a "cash call". With this thought in mind we again thank everyone on Put-in-Bay for welcoming our folks with open arms and volunteering their time, dollars and energy to make the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races one of the premier vintage races in the country. Anyone who would want to be involved in the advance planning please see or email me. Any help, especially in the social event planning, would be appreciated more than you know!!

- Sincerely,
Rich Hahn
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Lou and Julie Gonzalez read their Put-in-Bay Gazette in Washington DC in front of their nephew Anthony's office. Anthony, the son of Ed and Jenna Gonzalez of Mike's Drive, is a former Ohio State University wide receiver and is now a US congressman for Ohio District 16.