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Bash on the Bay 3 A Huge Success!

- Visitors Flock to the Island for 3rd Annual Concert



Kid Rock performing on stage.



A panoramic view of the estimated 15,000 person crowd. - Photo by Barry Koehler



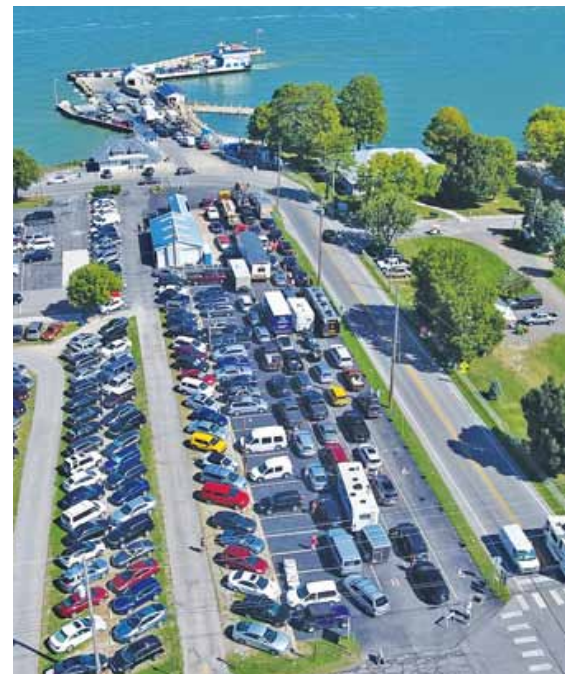
Middle Bass residents enjoying the show.



ABOVE: Close up view of the crowd alongside the stage.



A drone view of the village docks taken the week of the show.



A drone view of the car line for the Miller Ferry.

RIGHT: Miller Marina jam packed with boats. All of the slips in the harbor were sold out the day of the show.



At the closing of the August 2018 Bash at the Bay, Kid Rock was announced as the headliner for the 2019 concert. The proclamation was met with roaring cheers from the crowd and the news spread quickly. For the past year, the anticipation built as countless people prepared for the huge influx of people to South Bass Island.

This year's concert took place on Thursday, August 29th. Beginning the previous weekend, the city docks started filling up with boaters who had arrived early to secure their dock for the day of the show. The few marinas on the island who accept dockage reservations report being booked up months in advance. By the day before the concert, finding a dock for your boat or a golf cart to rent was nearly impossible. The island restaurants, bars, and shops were also flooded with customers all week. Business owners were happy to see the increase in sales during a week that is normally a slow one on the island, especially after a rocky start in the spring due to inclement weather.

Tickets were available for sale beginning last fall, and they quickly sold out in just a few hours. However, there were tickets available from re-sellers up until the day of the concert, giving last minute fans the option to attend. Property owners near the airport were allotted tickets for the event.

Among those assisting the Put-in-Bay Police Department with law enforcement and safety on the island and at the concert were the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Investigative Unit, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Parks & Watercraft Division, the United States Coast Guard as well as other neighboring authorities.

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Island Wine Festival Put-in-Bay, Ohio

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Unfortunately, there were horse mounted police officers expected who were unable to attend. The police officers reported handing out some citations for underage drinking.

At least one member of the Port Authority, Rick Ziebart, was at the concert seeing how everything went. A post concert brainstorm session with the promoter, Tim Niese, was planned to go over any issues that might be rethought for the next event.

Speaking to some concertgoers, a few improvements were suggested. There was some ambiguity regarding the policy of whether professional cameras were or were not allowed. There was also mention of tickets not being checked carefully enough by security inside the venue, which allowed people to enter sections that they hadn't paid for. Some fans mentioned that their view was obscured by equipment in the sections further from the stage.

After the show, traffic was brought to a near standstill due to large crowds pouring onto Langram Road heading downtown. There was one accident near Thompson Road involving a 57-year-old female pedestrian who was struck by a truck while she walked with her back to oncoming traffic. She was life flighted off the island with serious but non-life threatening injuries. The driver, a 44-year-old man, was cited for driving while intoxicated, according to police. People heading the other direction on Langram toward the Miller Ferry had a much shorter, better lit walk and no complications were reported.

Billy Market from Miller Ferry reported some interesting facts about the ferry's opera-

tions during the event. Ferries ran 41 hours of continuous service over the course of two days. They started service at 5 a.m. the day of the concert and ran until 9 p.m. the next evening. Ferries made 109 round trips to Catawba from PIB. That's close to 700 miles covered back and forth across the lake. Approximately 3000 hours of labor were put in by the staff and crew to make this happen. Thanks for all the hard work!

We also have to congratulate concert promoter Tim Niese on his planning skills which were so important to making the event a success. If anyone wonders about his dedication to detail and making the event a success, he was seen the next morning picking up the last bits of litter left by the crowds at the airport. As with the previous two concerts, you would never have known the next morning that a huge concert had taken place just hours prior.

Like the previous two years, the 2019 Bash at the Bay was considered a huge success. Crowds and excitement for this event continue to grow each year in response to this emerging island tradition.



Boy Scouts camped out in McCann Field during historical weekend.

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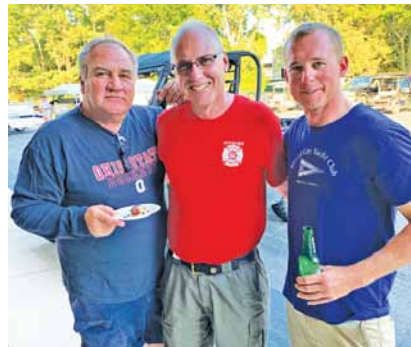
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Left to right are Billy Market, Michael McCann and Mark Lekanka enjoying themselves at the Taste of Put-in-Bay on Sept. 19th.

The Ray Fogg Show

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- 27 Sun, Put-In-Bay, OH, 1pm @ Round House WHISKEY LIGHT CELEBRATION!

January

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February

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Upcoming Island Events in October

Island Wine Festival - October 5th
Put-in-Bay's annual Island Wine Festival will take place at the Put-in-Bay Winery on Saturday, October 5th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event features sampling of both domestic and imported wines, plus you will be able to buy wine by the glass, bottle or case, plus food items to complement the wine. Admission is \$10 and includes a wine glass. Sample tickets are \$1 each and will be sold at the door or in the tent. Most samples are \$2 to \$5. There will also be a silent auction which benefits the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society.

Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Annual Meeting - October 5th
The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 5th, at the Middle Bass Island State Park pavilion from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Grill food will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. You can ride the Miller Ferry from their downtown Put-in-Bay dock at 3 p.m. and ride back to the Bay at 5 p.m. RSVP by emailing or calling Chair Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or leiconservancy@gmail.com. We are holding our meeting at Middle Bass this year to highlight the great land protection and volunteers we have had on Middle Bass in the past. Hopefully a nice fall weekend to enjoy!

Patrick Myers Scholarship Benefit - October 6th
Plan to attend the Patrick Myers Scholarship Benefit at the Boathouse on Sunday afternoon, October 6th, from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be island entertainment by Bob Gatewood, John Salamon, Westside Steve, Jamison, and That Allie Girl, fun and games for kids presented by the high school basketball team, a 50/50 raffle, plus traditional raffles. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. Paul's Animal Blessing - October 6th - 4 to 4:30 p.m.
Each year, on the Sunday closest to St. Francis Day pet owners gather to give thanks for all God's creatures and especially their pets; and the joy they share with their humans. The custom of blessing animals in early October connects people to Francis of Assisi who was known for his love for all creatures. Gather on the church yard near the labyrinth (weather permitting). In the case of marginal weather, please gather in the rectory garage area.

Dogs and cats must be on a leash, not longer than six feet long, or in a pet carrier. All animals from hamsters to camels are welcome. Bull frogs, sea snakes, llamas and guinea pigs are also welcome.

South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours - October 12th - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
If you've never been to the top of a lighthouse, you'll get a chance to go free on Saturday, October 12th at the South Bass Island Lighthouse. Climb the stairs and take in the great view from the top. The SBI Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located on the southern tip of the island not far from Miller Boat Line's Lime Kiln Dock. The grounds are open to the public dawn to dusk free of charge. The lighthouse and grounds are also available for rental for private parties and special group events. Call 419-285-1800 for more information and pricing.

Oktoberfest Weekend - Oct. 12th & 13th
Put-in-Bay's Oktoberfest is held under the tent in the Village Park on the corner of Delaware Avenue and Hartford Avenue in Downtown, Put-in-Bay. The festivity is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Island restaurants will be set up in the tent serving a large variety of German food. Wine is also available for those who don't love German beer. Live German music adds to the excitement for young and old. Get a discounted, two-day pass if you want to attend both days.

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Island Calendar October 2019

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TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass

Twp Hall = Township Hall • MOS = Mother of Sorrows

- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Mon, Wed & Fri thru Oct 11, then Wed & Fri thru Nov 8 - 9:30a to 3:30p
- ☐ Library Schedule of Events • See Page 18
- ☐ Senior Center Activity Calendar • See Page 23
- ☐ Resale Shop Open Fri, Sat & Sun • 11a to 5p
- ☐ Unofficial Antique Car Parades • Sundays • 2 to 2:30p
- ☐ Fall Ball Customer Appreciation Party • Oct 4 & 5 • Island Club
- ☐ Island Wine Festival • Oct 5 • 11a -5p • Put-in-Bay Winery
- ☐ Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Annual Mtg & Potluck • Oct 5 - 3:15 to 5p • Middle Bass State Park Picnic Pavilion
- ☐ Change of Watch • Oct 5 - Cocktails 5:30p/Dinner 6:30p • Put-in-Bay Yacht Club
- ☐ Patrick Myers Scholarship Benefit • Oct 6 - 1 to 4p • Boathouse
- ☐ Blessing of the Animals • Oct 6 - 4 to 4:30p • St Paul's
- ☐ Browns Backers • Oct 7 - 8:15p • Joe's Bar
- ☐ Lamppost Flower Basket Removal • Oct 8 - 9a • Meet in DeRivera Park across from Pasquale's
- ☐ Bingo for Books • Oct 8 - 5p • Library
- ☐ South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours • Oct 12 - 11a to 5p
- ☐ Oktoberfest • Oct 12 (11a to 7p) & 13 (Noon to 5p) • East End of Village Park in the Big Tent
- ☐ Browns Backers • Oct 13 - 1p • The Goat
- ☐ Verhoff Scholarship Fundraiser • Oct 13 - 5 to 8p • Boardwalk
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle • Oct 14 - 6p • Tent in Village Park
- ☐ Rock The Lake Concert • Oct 17 - 20 • Mr Ed's
- ☐ The Wake • Oct 19 • Round House
- ☐ Buckeye Island Hop • Oct 18-20 • Friends of Stone Lab
- ☐ Eye Closer Member Appreciation Party • Oct 19 - 3p • PIBYC
- ☐ Haunted PIB Bar Crawl • Oct 19 - 7p • Meet at SE corner of Village Park across from the Boathouse
- ☐ Halloween @ the Bay • Oct 26
- ☐ Whiskey Light Celebration • Oct 27 - 1 to 5p • Round House
- ☐ Browns Backers • Oct 27 - 4:25p • Mr Ed's
- ☐ Ryte Spyder Nyte Potluck • Oct 27 - 6p to ? • Goat
- ☐ Hooligans Close Down Party • Oct 28
- ☐ Trick or Treat • Oct 31 - 6 to 8
- ☐ Kids Halloween Party • Oct 31 - 7 to 9:30p • Tipper's

OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Village Mayor's Court • Thursdays - 9a (If Needed) • TH
- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • First Monday of the Month - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ Village Council Mtg • Oct 2 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • Oct 2 - 11a • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Commission • Oct 3 - 3p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Board & Planning Mtg • Oct 5 - 9a • PIBYC
- ☐ Recreation Committee • Oct 7 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ Village of PIB Tree Commission • Oct 8 - 9:45a • TH
- ☐ Park District Meeting • Oct 8 - 10a • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Oct 8 - 5p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Lake Erie Island Conservancy • Oct 8 - 7p • TH
- ☐ Village Council • Oct 9 - 9a • TH
- ☐ Bd of Education • Oct 9 - 12:10p • School
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Oct 14 - 1p • Hooligans
- ☐ DeRivera Park Trustees • Oct 14 - 5p • Town Hall
- ☐ PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Oct 15 - 7p • Twp Hall
- ☐ Legion • Oct 17 - 11:45a • Senior Center
- ☐ PIB Twp Port Authority • Oct 21 - 5p • Twp Hall

OCTOBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

- Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- ☐ PIB Mass • Suns 10:30a • MoFs
- ☐ After Mass Fellowship & Refreshment in CSR MoS
- ☐ PSR/CCD Classes will start in October
- ☐ Confirmation Classes will also start in October
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- ☐ Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:30a • Coffee Hour Follows
- Church of Middle Bass**
- ☐ Services • Suns - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall (Thru Oct 6)
- St. John @ the Bay**
- ☐ Services • Sundays Oct 13 & 27 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Harvest Dinner • Nov 8 - 5 to 7p • Tipper's
- ☐ Legion Feather Party • Nov 15 - 7p • Town Hall
- ☐ Veterans Day Legion Dinner • Nov 11 • Sr Cen
- ☐ Holiday Bazaar • Nov 21 - 3 to 7p • Town Hall

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

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Some of the Broncos at the Bay group on the grass at Heineman's Winery.

Island Events **Cont. from Previous Page**

Chamber Reverse Raffle - Oct. 14th

The 23rd Annual PIB Chamber of Commerce Reverse Raffle is Monday, October 14th, at the Oktoberfest tent in DeRivera Park. Kevin and the team from the Boathouse will be cooking a low country boil. Prizes include CASH, golf cart, new Apple watches, Yeti coolers, and MORE! Please contact Kim at Frosty's for tickets.

Rock on the Lake - Oct. 17th to 20th

New this year is Rock the Lake, a music festival held for four days, October 17th through 20th, at Mr. Ed's Resort with live bands, acoustic artists, events (bingo, euchre, corn hole, silent auctions, etc.) with the purpose of raising money for local charities and having fun. Mr. Ed's Bar and Grille and the Commodore Resort will serve as home base and be donating a percentage back to the charity. There will be plenty to do and there will be a silent auction and raffle of some fabulous items and memorabilia! This Inaugural Put-in-Bay event is presented by Rock by the Sea. Bands at the event include Blessid Union of Souls, Oval Opus, JD Eicher, RBTS Vice President, Steve Everett, Rude Music, Michael Tolcher... and MORE!

Tickets are available at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/rocksea/event/802720/>

The Wake - Oct. 19th - Round House Bar

Come mourn the passing of another fun season at the Round House Bar's annual "Wake" Party in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. There will be live music and be prepared to dress in black if you want to attend the festivities. This has been a local tradition for nearly 30 years.

Haunted Bar Crawl 2019 - Oct. 19th

Plan for an evening of thrills and chills as William G. Krejci and Viktoria Zakharova, hosts of the Haunted Put-in-Bay Ghost Walk, lead guests on a spooky lantern-guided bar crawl through downtown Put-in-Bay on Saturday, October 19th. Hear about the haunted history of such places as The Park Hotel, Topsy Turvey's and Hooligans, all while enjoy-

ing refreshing adult beverages. Other locations will also be visited along the way. The whole thing steps off at 7 p.m. at the southeast corner of DeRivera Park, across from the Boat-house, and runs until around 9:30 p.m. This event is open to anyone age 21 years or older and is free. Attendees are responsible for purchasing their own drinks. Halloween costumes are highly encouraged.

Close Down Parties

Watch for close down parties at many of the island establishments this month:

The **Upper Deck at the Boardwalk** will close the 2019 season on Sunday, Oct. 13th, with a Fish Fry which benefits the Verhoff Scholarship which is awarded to one PIB School senior at graduation each year. The restaurant will be serving its regular menu from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the fish fry benefit will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The **Round House** closes on Sunday, October 27th, when Ray Fogg performs at the traditional turning off ceremony of the Whiskey Light for the 2019 season.

The **Goat** officially ends the season on Sunday evening, October 27th, with its Ryte Spyder Nyte Potluck. The original and traditional White Spider Night was always on Labor Day, but Scotty says with the extended season, it should now be at the end of October. New this year is that it will be a potluck. Bring a dish or favorite dessert. There will be plenty of great drink specials. Everyone is welcome!

Hooligans will hold its close down party on Monday, October 28th. This is the last chance to be Irish until the next real St. Patty's Day on March 17th, 2020.

Mr. Ed's will host the Browns Backers for their close down party on October 27th. Come watch the Browns take on the Patriots at 4:25 p.m.

Although not in October, don't forget to attend the Turkey Fry Close Down at **Heineman Winery** on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 1 p.m. to ????. Everyone is welcome to stop by and toast the end of the 2019 season.



FAR LEFT: Mark Lekanka in Scott Market's 1953 MG TD.
LEFT: Rich Hahn in his 1969 Datsun SRL 311.
- Photos by John Rees

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12TH - HALF NAKED MONKEYS - 2PM-6PM
19TH - PAT SHEPARD - 2PM-6PM
25 - DJ MIKE - 9PM-CLOSE
OCT 26 - PAT SHEPARD - TIME TBD
DJ MIKE - 9PM-CLOSE

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Joe Parker's 100th Birthday

On October 19, 1919, Joseph John Parker, eleventh child, fifth son of Jobe and Christina Riesterer Parker was born on Put-in-Bay. Joe was the lone graduate of Put-in-Bay High School Class of 1937. Valedictorian and Salutatorian! He married Anne Florence Jeanette McGinnis Thanksgiving Day November 24, 1949. For many years, he owned and operated Parker's Garage, the SOHIO filling station located across the street from the Put-in-Bay Town Hall.



Joe Parker served in the U.S. Navy as a medic in the Pacific.

Joe was also very active in island living. He held many positions in American Legion Post 542. He shot off the fireworks on the Fourth of July fireworks. At the Easter Egg Hunts, he helped hide eggs. He conducted fund and blood drives. Joe was also a PIB School Board member, and when the PTA put on the Harvest Dinner fundraisers in the Town Hall, Joe loved carving and serving the turkeys.

He was the fire Chief for many years, chief or not, he every morning started the fire engines to make sure they would run that day. Joe promoted the fund drive for the new fire truck in the late 1950's. He would be thrilled to see the present fleet!

Joe was a Navy veteran of WWII and wrote a memoir of his experiences as a Marine Corpsman in the Pacific islands. FROM LAKE ERIE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC. For weeks in 1995, he daily wrote longhand until his fingers cramped. Many visits to the library to verify dates of those invasions (aka D-Days) and occupations. It is in Library of Congress and also the National WWII Museum Archives in New Orleans and of course Put-in-Bay Library. Because of his medical training, he became the island's one-man free EMS during our resident doctors' absences. On his discharge his commanding officer urged him to use his GI Bill to go to Columbia University for pre-med, but ice fishing was too big a lure. Besides, he had an invalid mother and widowed sister with four little boys who needed him at home.

Joe and Anne's family lived in what is now #269 Erie Street. The house was small for their family and in late 1960's they moved to a larger home on Catawba Ave. across from Cooper's Woods.

That Erie Street house was "the best location in the nation." It was cross from Tony's Place, the local ice cream place and bar, near the school and Town Hall which was also the gym, and near the Schnoor and Fuchs Grocery, general Store and soda fountain. There was such wonderful merchandise in their drug store - school supplies, notions, toys, and even shoes and boots.

Joe was interested in sports and good at any game he played, and he wanted every kid to have that advantage. In the summer of 1948, he borrowed his brother Alfred's tractor and scoop and scraped and leveled many hours and weeks for the first tennis court behind the school.

Years later when the ballfield by the Colonial was replaced by a motel, Joe got permission to put in a field (of dreams!) behind Mother of Sorrows Church. With Sunday afternoon lures of hot dogs and pop, he found plenty of rock-picker-uppers. Then a person with the only bulldozer on the island finished it off. Now it is the one the Market Family so generously maintains for islanders, island employees, visiting groups and school children.

Joe eagerly anticipated the New Year's Eve Dances in the Town Hall. Jitterbugging was his specialty and girls (including his nieces) lined up to be flung around by him. Annie had to wait her turn, too!

Joe inspired his offspring, Colleen (Connie), Marsha, Matthew, Benjamin, Roger and David (DJ) with that good island work ethic. He also made sure they all had cars!

Joe enjoyed his Florida trailer park retirement where he planted flowers all years long, swam and hot tubbed daily, bicycled, pitched horseshoes, and kept busy with woodshop projects.



Joe (far left) is seen here with some of his contemporaries, (left to right) Gil Terry from the West Shore, and the late Ray Stoney, Bob Schmidt from Back Bay, Don Smith from the West Shore and Bud Toole from Victory Woods. The group called themselves the Poverty Poker Club. Everyone started with \$5.00. If they went broke they could continue to call but not raise and hopefully get back into the game.



Even after retiring, Joe would tend the flower garden in front of Parker's Garage. He was the munificent distributor of the bushels of Canna Flower bulbs he dug each fall for folks' spring planting.

In June 1999, the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club was rollicking with Joe's 80th and Annie's 70th birthdays to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, but instead, the following June, friends and family gathered for Joe's final remembrance. Joe was so excited about the Millennium, but sadly, heart surgery was not successful, and he passed January 4, 2000.

Many will not have known Joe, but those who did can remember him for his kindly, generous, friendly and welcoming spirit.

I remember you . . .
Love,
Annie



Members of Put-in-Bay's Scheible-Downing American Legion Post 542 attended a ceremony in DeRivera Park to dedicate a memorial to the veterans of all branches of service from all wars and conflicts. Left to right at the new memorial are Jerry Presler, Dave Frederick, District Commander Jacob Rue, District #1 Department of Ohio American Legion, Bill Boag, Gill Terry, Dan Skoufous, Don Stephens, Bob Hilt, Tom Cooper, Dave Warga and Bill Slough. - Photo by John Rees

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Sun., Sept. 1st - The polka band playing at the Goat's Biergarten, Das Lokal, has to put up with some rain for those enjoying their old-country entertainment.

Mon., Sept. 2nd - JD Owen is entertaining at the Antique Car Parade potluck at the Crew's Nest Pavilion. Art Boyles leads the antique car parade for the last time in Car 54. Art is moving off the island and sold the car to Al and Marsha Ashley. The Coast Guard stops a boat in Schoolhouse Bay off Middle Bass. The boats are seen together for two hours before a squall comes through, leaving those who were watching from shore to wonder what was going on. To celebrate the season, the Crew's Nest dockmasters all jump in the club pool with their clothes on. The entertainment at the last-boat-send off at the Lime Kiln is cancelled right after a great fireworks show when black clouds dump rain on the party. Coach Criag Shuffenecker and members of the PIB School's Panther volleyball team collect donations for a suicide prevention fund before the rain hits.

Tues., Sept. 3rd - PIB School staff and elementary students and their parents meet in front of the school to celebrate the opening of the new school year with a human tunnel leading to the front door. Lots of photos were taken.

Wed., Sept. 4th - The food service tent is being set up on the east side of the Monument grounds for the hundreds of Boy Scouts who are coming for the weekend. At the Reel Bar, there's a 5-course meal prepared by guest chef Terry Galvin along with a wine tasting with six wines of the Veneto region in Italy.

Thurs., Sept. 5th - Representatives from the Ohio EPA are at a meeting at the PIB Town Hall to discuss issues concerning water service options for the island in the coming years. It comes down to the island continuing making its own at the village water plant or running a line under the lake and being supplied by the regional water system on the mainland.

Fri., Sept. 6th - Island entertainer Ray Fogg is at the Round House for a rare afternoon show. Boy Scouts arrive on the island by the hundreds and set up their tents in McCann Field rather than on the lawn east of the Monument like they normally would due to the less-than-ideal condition of the grass and ground caused by the high water this season. Lake Erie Shores & Islands mascot Wylie the Walleye arrives on the island to take part in the historical weekend parade. Bobbi Dobos has Drive in Movie night at the old farm house next to Joe's Bar.

Sat., Sept. 7th - Members of PIB's American Legion Post hold a ceremony at the Doughboy Statue in De-Rivera Park to dedicate a new memorial recognizing all veterans who served in all wars and branches, not just those from World War I. Dave Frederick is the master of ceremonies at the half-hour-long event. At the Nature and Wildlife Center's open house they are tagging Monarch butterflies. There are free tours at the South Bass Island Lighthouse and at Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island. Ham radio operators are on air broadcasting from Oak Point State Park in a tent. In the afternoon, there's a 70th birthday party for Zauzi Heineman at Heineman Winery. In the evening, the annual Harbor Illumination takes place at dusk.

Sun., Sept. 8th - Miller Boat Line is hosting the winner of it's "Captain for a Day" contest and his family. The Muffins from Columbus and the Mossback team from PIB are competing against each other in old-fashion baseball game play using the rules when the sport was invented. A five-piece Mariachi band entertains as Bob Engel celebrates 100th birthday at the front lawn at the Engel homestead across from PIB Airport. Over on Kelleys Island the officers from the police department are holding a car wash. All donations go to the KIPD.

Mon., Sept. 9th - Miller Boat Line starts another schedule. The September PIB Chamber of Commerce membership meeting is at Frosty's. Yummy pizza for all! Following graveside funeral services for Bob "Werty" Wertenbach, friends and family convene at the Round House. Tipper's is closed for the day. At the Senior Center, they are painting bowls for "Empty Bowls By The Lake" to help raise funds for the Calen. Todd Blumensaadt and his crew begin jack hammering out the old Crew's Nest pool in preparation for the new one to be built.

Tues., Sept. 10th - It's downright hot for September and there are very few tourists except for the Elderhostel group on the island.

Wed., Sept. 11th - Village Council meets in the morning. Among the discussions are what options there are for the Bathing Beach at the end of Delaware Ave. by the Monument. Another modular home is being delivered to the island on the Miller Ferry. By our count that is at least 3 new homes that have been delivered this summer. Congrats new home owners! A Sept. 11th memorial service is being held at Perry's Monument. A quick storm hit the island in the evening toppling trees, plus blowing over several small catamaran sailboats at the yacht club. A tree is down by the churches and Catawba Ave is closed temporarily. Joan and Roger Rhoad of Lakeview Dr. have to take refuge at the Middle Bass State Park while the storm rolls over.

Thurs., Sept. 12th - An open house takes place at PIB School after classes end for the day. The Garden Club is having a potluck at Mother of Sorrows Cornerstone Room. Work continues on the North Bass Airport.

Fri., Sept. 13th - It's a hot summer-like day on the island. The PIB Police Department conducts an "active shooter" drill at PIB School in the morning. Brit Schroeder is celebrating his birthday.

Sat., Sept. 14th - A video production crew is on the Island from NYC making a promotional video about Megabits internet for Google. Mother Mary Staley from St. Paul's Episcopal Church is on hand in the morning to bless the Ford Broncos that have gathered at the first Bronco's at the Bay event. Around 20 classic Ford Broncos, are meeting at Heineman's Winery before their parade. It's a packed station at the 44th annual PIBVFD Clam Bake, all 250 tickets were sold this year! The Put-in-Bay Panthers volleyball team won a close match, 3-1, versus Toledo Scott. In the evening there is gambling at the Monte Carlo games for New Year's at the Bay on Delaware Ave. If you're not into gambling, there's a craft beer party at PIBYC.

Sun., Sept. 15th - Al and Marsha Ashley lead the car parade for the first time since purchasing the lead police car from Art Boyles. St Paul's welcomed the antique car parade participants for burgers and dogs afterward. Kayakers representing several Episcopal churches came to Put-in-Bay to spend the afternoon together. There is a pig roast and fish fry at Mist for the employees of Mr. Ed's, Commodore Resort and the Tree Bar.

Mon., Sept. 16th - It's release day for William Krejci's 7th book, Ghosts and Legends of Lake Erie (Haunted America). It's available for \$21.99 on Amazon. The North Bass airport is getting a cement injection, the final stage before asphalt is laid. The Browns play the Jets on Monday Night Football and

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the Browns Backers meet at Topsy Turvey's.

Tues., Sept. 17th - Heineman's Winery releases a new collectors edition White Riesling wine, honoring the 10th anniversary of the revival of the Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races that ran on the island from 1952 through 1963. Workers are in the process of conducting a leak investigation of the Memorial Column today and over the next few days at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. Hooligans' Kilted Classic golf scramble is a great success with over 30 participants! In the evening there is a "onesie" bar crawl.

Wed., Sept. 18th - It's starting to cool off with temperatures in the low 70's. The smell of ripe grapes is in the air as grape picking has begun. Workers at the airport are gearing up for the Road Race Reunion next week as 2 truck fulls of hay bails arrive to create the course barriers. Doug Wilhelm drops off PIBVFD shirts to the Attica Volunteer Fire Department in Attica, Ohio to help with a benefit for one of their members battling cancer.

Thurs., Sept. 19th - Liam Market was putting in some time at the Lime Kiln freight warehouse. He was promised some Boardwalk lobster bisque for helping out. The Panther Volleyball team hosts a Volley-4-a-Cure game against Woodward. Proceeds go to the Susan G. Koman Foundation of Northwest Ohio. The third annual "Taste of Put-in-Bay" draws a great crowd at the PIBVFD station in the evening. Zach Hiss from the Fishbowl was a lucky gun raffle winner. Chef Mike Catey and his crew from the Crew's Nest take top honors at the event.

Fri., Sept. 20th - School photos are being taken at the Put-in-Bay School. Even the youngest three, the class of 2037, gets their photos done. The Space Coast World Trade Council Seminar is at the Town Hall. The leak investigation is completed on Perry's Monument.

Sat., Sept. 21st - It's another busy Saturday at the Bay. Members of the PIB Cross Country Team are running in the Miller Boat Line 5K. Sailors from around the area are racing in the Fall Bay Regatta. Natalie Ontko, Monk Nemeck, Carmen Trisler and others are helping Lisa Brohl pick her last rows of grapes. At the Monument they have a giant peace symbol on the lawn with the park's collection of flags from around the world to celebrate International Day of Peace. At Hooligans there's the Half Way to St. Patty's Day parade and a huge group breaking the Guinness Book of World Record for the largest pretzel/cheese dip at one time. The Goat is having its Oktgoaterfest in it's Biergarten. Westside Steve is at the Keys Put-in-Bay for his last show of the season. On Middle Bass, the grape stomping and pig roast at J.F. Walleye's were lots of fun.

Sun., Sept. 22nd - Vintage sports cars begin arriving on the island for the 10th Anniversary Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races. The Antique Car Paraders stop at Hooligans after the afternoon parade. There's a wedding shower for Agnes Uszak at the Crew's Nest. The Sand Bar closes for the season. Heineman Winery and the Kelleys Island Wine Co. are both having their employee dinners at the Goat. The Browns Backers are at the Reel Bar for the evening game against the Rams.

Mon., Sept. 23rd - It's "Crazy Hair Day" at school, and Braylee Dobos takes the cake with her donut hair style complete with icing and sprinkles. The Wine Club meets at the home of Tom and Barb Cooper on the shore of Pinky's Pond. Just before 7 p.m., the emergency sirens sound and the fire department responds to a kitchen countertop propane burner fire and leak at the home of Skip and Kim Morrison.

Tues., Sept. 24th - Scores of vintage sports cars are on display at Heineman Winery. In the late afternoon, the vintage sport cars do laps around the island on the original race course used back in the 1950s and early 1960s. The original race course was on Catawba, Delaware, Toledo, Langram and Meechen Roads and Avenues.

Wed., Sept. 25th - The road racers are at the closed PIB Airport racing around the course set up on the runway and aprons. You can hear the cars accelerating all the way downtown.

Thurs., Sept. 26th - A crew from Heineman Winery is using their new mechanical grape picker in their vineyards on Mitchell Rd. The second day of car racing takes place at the airport. Doug and Barb Mehling host the PIB seniors who enjoy what has become the annual potluck as they watch the sports car races. A drilling crew is working along the north seawall at Perry's Monument. There are temporary lane closures on Bayview Ave. as needed for their safety.

Fri., Sept. 27th - Bill Cantillon from East Point is conducting a seminar on world trade at the PIB Town Hall. Among the topics are terms of trade, tariffs and classification and import/export formalities. Happy Hour at the Crew's Nest is interrupted a bit when a few pre-rain-storm strong blasts of wind blow through the crowded patio area.

Sat., Sept. 28th - The two mayoral candidates, incumbent Jessica Dress and former mayor Judy Berry, along with incumbent PIB Twp. Trustee Chris Cooper, address those who attend the PIB Property Owners Association meeting in the morning at the Senior Center. It's Jim Duffy's last meeting as president of the organization. Bill Boag jumps head first into his duties as the newest PIBPOA board member. Later in the day, there's a public meeting at the Township building rehashing the 2019 Bash at the Bay to make an even better 2020 Bash on the Bay. The 50th anniversary of the moon landing is the theme at The Crew's Nest's close down party. For those who love chocolate treats, it's the last day of the season to get one at the Chocolate Cafe. A golf cart coming down the hill by the Goat's biergarten hits a sign. The cart has to be towed.

Sun., Sept. 29th - The last official car parade of the season takes place. Preparade sponsors are Bill Martens from East Point and, Dave Marshall and Pat Wencku from the West Shore.. The post-parade stop is at Heineman Winery.

Mon., Sept. 30th - The Miller ferry boat schedule changes again. Fall is officially in full swing!



Ohio Senator Theresa Gavarone stopped by the PIBVFD Clam Bake on Sept. 14th. Left to right are Andy Shuttleworth, Ryan "Doc" Daugherty, Senator Gavarone and Patrick Rogers.

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Letter to the Editor

Congratulations and kudos to Tim Niese and his organization for another successful Bash on the Bay.

Thanks also to Eric Engel, the PIB Port Authority and Rosann Keiser for their invaluable contributions to this venture.

Gratitude for the seamless and superb job by the Miller Boat Line and the Jet Express for moving all the concert equipment, vendors, and especially, the 15,000 music lovers.

Thanks go to Chief Riddle and the PIB Police and the County and State security officials who worked to have a safe and peaceful event.

We would be horribly remiss if we did not acknowledge the foresight of Patrick Myers who contributed the creative thinking for an "out-of-the-box" usage of the airport property which benefits us "year-rounders" in so many ways.

Sincerely,
PIB Islanders Bob and Dianne Smith

Listen to Larry

By Larry Schrader

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

I rolled out of bed. The room was dark, clouds hung low in a mostly gray sky to the west. I pulled on some shorts and dug through a drawer for a clean tee shirt. I put it on as I walked toward the bathroom, careful to be quiet, as not to wake Mrs. Larry. As I washed my face in front of the large mirror over the sink, I smiled as I noticed the tee shirt I had blindly selected: It was dark blue, on the front, in large white letters, it read "I'm on Island Time!"

I decided instantly, today would be just that, Island Time! Sometimes, the pace of life gets in the way, we become too busy, too caught up, too distracted to notice, to see and feel those things around us that are most important. With another island season about to slip away, it is the perfect day to pause, to see – today, Larry is on Island Time.

As I made my way down the stairs and into the kitchen to make coffee, I thought how in just another month, I would be back on the mainland, Winter on the doorstep – what better time to take in an Autumn gem, Island Time. Settling into a soft chair with my coffee, I contemplated my day and looked out over the quiet lake.

I began with a short walk – with coffee in hand, I strolled over to Oak Point. The muted sun turned the low clouds on the horizon into a rainbow of pinks and blues. The harbor was quiet, just a single boat pattered past Gibraltar. I sat and watched.

Later, back at the cottage, I dug through the freezer, I remembered a nice slab of meaty beef ribs that would be perfect for the grill, ideal for an afternoon by the lake. Then, I was off to the beverage store, just in case I get thirsty later, watching over that smoky charcoal. I tossed together a late breakfast and headed out to the shore. The low clouds from earlier this morning were breaking up, it looked as if the sun might peek out later in the afternoon. I ate slowly, content to let the time pass, on Island Time.

I pattered around in the garage for a while, sweeping up some sawdust and gathering some scraps of lumber tossed aside from yesterday's project. I stacked some of the wood pieces in the corner, thinking they would be the perfect size for some building projects next Summer with my grandsons – perhaps a bird house or maybe a toy ferry boat. As I casually pattered, the sun poked through the clouds to the north while a rogue thunder storm made its way across the lake far to the southwest. I sat down to enjoy Mother Nature's show.

Time slipped by, no clock, no schedule. I piled a few sticks in the fire pit and swept some persistent spider webs off the screens. And, before long I was under the big oak, a hot grill close by, hungry squirrels jumping in the branches overhead, feasting on chubby acorns, ripe for harvest. The quiet was only occasionally interrupted by a fumbled acorn falling to the lawn. Island Time. Boaters, anxious to get in a final trip or two, crisscrossed in the choppy water. A lightly loaded Jet Express passed a few times, the Miller's South Bass ferry lumbered by, carefully negotiating a few fishing boats, anchored over a school of hungry perch.

The day melted away. After dinner, Mrs. Larry joined me as we quietly shared the sunset with a glass of wine. No words, the only sound, light waves on the rocks below – background music, the perfect sound, an ideal ending. Island time.



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Senior Center News By Chris Joyce

Fall has finally arrived with its vibrant colors, crisp days & nippy nights! This is the time of the year we start digging out the boots, sweaters, scarves, coats and everything else we need to keep the coming chill away. The cold wet weather & dark mornings make it tempting to stay at home rather than get up & come to exercise class. That being said, we remain very busy here at the Senior Center and participation in our activities is strong. Some of the islanders that worked during the summer are now rejoining our ranks & of course we are sadly saying good-bye to some of our summer comrades. We encourage all seniors to join in any of our programs ... bring a friend, encourage your neighbor, or whatever it takes. We are a group of some of the most active seniors in the county. Let's keep it up!

We had several special events in September including the "Empty Bowls Benefit" bowl painting evening. We had a great turnout & many island residents joined in to paint their special bowls. If you'd like to see your fired & finished "Empty Bowl", they will be on display sometime in October at the Senior Center. We'll let you know the date as soon as we know! We learned about upcoming "Changes in Medicare" through a program put on by American Senior Associates' Ed Clunk & also discussed "End of Life" issues through Jennifer Waldron from Walker Funeral Home. We also had a special program put on by Gretchen Franklin from Stein Hospice on "Improving Our Memory". We ended September with our annual picnic while we watched the PIB Road Races at the airport. A huge shout out goes to Barb & Doug Mehling for opening their beautiful property to the Seniors for the picnic & to watch the races.

October brings more fun activities: Our annual Fall Cider Press Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday October 8th @ 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share & a container if you'd like to take some cider home. Anyone that has an apple tree in their yard and would like to donate apples, please just drop them off at the Sr. Center. We are also planning our first trip to the Toledo Zoo on Tuesday Oct. 15th. Finally, on Oct. 31st the Senior Center will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for all the Island "Trick-or-Treaters" ... Seniors bring the Treats & Parents bring the Kids! Costumes are encouraged for all!

Please remember to check the bulletin board at the Senior Center, as well as the calendars posted at the Senior Center, General Store, Post Office, Twp. Office, Library & our website: www.PIBseniorcenter.org for any last-minute events that are not planned far enough in advance to get them on the calendar in time for this publication! Please be aware that our website has not been updated recently, we are working hard to resolve the software issues preventing us from updating the website.

Our Senior Lunches continue every Thursday at the Reel Bar @ 12:00 noon. Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. on Wednesday by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. A very special "Thank-You" goes out to the staff at the Reel Bar for keeping the senior lunches running smoothly!

The awesome people at the EMS continue to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10:00 a.m. during the Coffee Social Hour. Feel free to come get yours checked as this is a great service they provide. The "60+ Clinic" is a free program for those 60 and older. It's held at the Senior Center every 4th Thursday of the month. The date for Oct. is Thursday the 24th, if you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful program, call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment. (The Flu Vaccine will be available to 60+ Clinic patients in October. Please remember to bring your insurance card if you would like the flu vaccine.)

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

I'd like to give a shout out to all our seniors for both their participation & suggestions, as well as volunteering to assist in all our activities. Nothing goes unnoticed and all is truly appreciated.



LEFT: What a great celebration Bob Engel had for his 100th birthday on Sunday, September 8th, at his home on Langram Rd. Surrounded by his family and many island friends, he was honored with a proclamation by Put-in-Bay Mayor Jessica Dress and recognition from Peter Huston of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce. Entertainment was provided by a five-piece Mariachi band, plus he enjoyed a shot of Jaeger with his son Eric. Bob is seen here holding a copy of the September Gazette with the article written about him turning 100 years old.



RIGHT: Art Boyles leading the car parade with his Car 54 for the last time.

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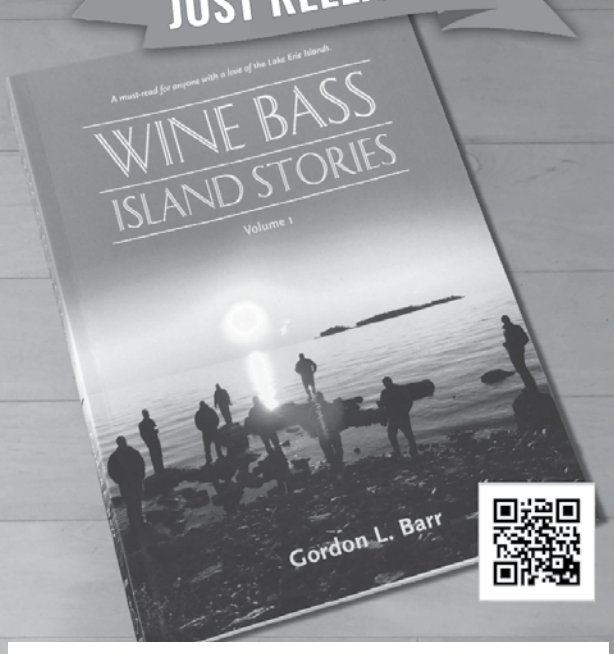
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PIBIO - Crickets By Peter Huston

I was trying to put this past summer season on South Bass Island into perspective. How would I describe the unimaginable journey we've collectively taken from the Arctic cold of June to the balmy Caribbean island days we're enjoying now in these waning days of summer?

At first I was trying to imagine explaining this summer like it was a hobbit journey, as we plotted our adventure to find the magic ring. Or better yet maybe this is more like an Appalachian Trail hiker preparing to go northbound from Georgia to Maine. Maybe it was a little bit of both.

If the summer season on Put-in-Bay was like a fantastical hike it might have gone something like this:

We sent away for the new "island" guide. While we awaited the secrets that it might contain, we anticipated all the fun places we would visit on our action packed journey to our island destination. Our trip would feature helicopter rides, parasailing, kayaking, jet skiing, music and endless feasts. We would sail across the grandest of lakes, seeing the mighty Erie beckon us as we made the crossing to South Bass Island.

So we packed our sunscreen, bug spray and beachwear, filled our water bottle and set off on the journey to the distant isle of sun and fun. And with great expectations dancing in our head, images of the moment that we would reach the mountaintop, just in time for that majestic fall foliage to explode across the horizon, off we went.

I felt a little like a first time hiker, but fearless like Bilbo Baggins. Little did I know that there would be so many trials and tribulations on the journey north! Over the tundra we went, with fleece vests, down coats and mittens packed.

Across the fair lake was the emerald island of our dreams. Vast distances of open water were between me and the shining vessel we needed to board. Alas neither boots nor waders did I have,

but intrepidly I did ford the raging waters to make my way to the ferry with fearless mariners aboard who would take me to the island of my dreams.

And neither fierce packs of mouth-less bugs nor rumored algae monsters could keep me from my intended destination of leisure and summer joy. No giant waves, nor waterlogged plains to cross could keep me from the promised joys that were drawing me forward on my journey.

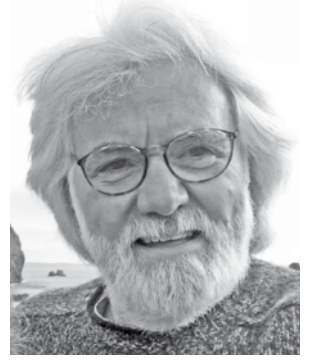
There on the other side would be the realm of family fun, parades and countless hours of laughter.

Upon arrival at the Lime Kiln many of the friendly island people shared stories of good days ahead. All we needed to do was make that final slog through these last days of wind and water and make it to the mountaintop. There, we would see that good times were just ahead.

And so we made it past June and out of the rain and shadows and into the warmth of summer promised. Many good days and nights of carefree happiness and merry making slipped by nearly unnoticed.

And now with summer fleeting and chilling wafts of winter's air dancing its way towards me, I make my way to the final Oktober festival of summer, brats, and mugs of golden dew. I see young children playing on the leaf-strewn lawn and I think back not about the difficult days that are past but of the amazing summer we have just enjoyed.

And after the warm days of enjoyment and contentment are all but passed and the revelers have headed home, I relax and take it all in. Sitting back in my reclining chair looking out upon the azure waters of the lake, all I can hear is crickets.



PETER HUSTON



Superintendent Poe addressing the crowd on the first day of school.



These island youngsters participated in the Miller Boat Line 5K this past month. Left to right are Mia Hristovski, Eva Heineman, Elora Hubner, Richie Scarpelli, Ella Kostura, Joe Blumensaadt and Lukas Kostura.

School News

By Steve Poe, Superintendent

Seventy-two children in grades pre-kindergarten through grade twelve started the 2019 – 20 school year. We wish a warm welcome to one new student, seventh grader Haylee Melton.

On September 12th many of our parents came to our annual Open House to listen to our teachers speak about their goals for the school year. We look forward to working together to help our students achieve academic success. The end of the first grading period is November 1 and parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesdays, November 6th and 13th from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

September was National Suicide Prevention Month. Mr. Andrew Rohde, Cold Creek Counseling, talked with our students on September 19 about depression and mental wellness. He addressed students in grades 2 – 5 in one session and grades 6 – 12 in another.

Ottawa County Businesses will be on display for every ninth grader in Ottawa County on October 4th at Camp Perry. We will be taking our nine (9) freshman to this annual event. Students will have the opportunity to perform tasks that are required for different occupations and hear about potential careers.

The High School Quiz Bowl team were the hosts for their first three matches of the season on September 17. The team is made up of the following players: 12th grade : Joe Byrnes, Alexandra Knauer, and Cecilia Glauser; 11th grade: Nora Ladd, Elena Schroeder, and Lucy Schneider; 10th grade: Kate Byrnes; and 9th grade: Macy Ladd and Alice Lentz. Put-in-Bay defeated two of their first three opponents with victories against Fremont St. Joseph and Tiffin Calvert, while losing to New Riegel. The Quiz Bowl League includes : Buckeye Central, Bucyrus, Calvert, Carey, Clyde, Colonel Crawford, Columbian, Fostoria, Fremont Ross, Hopewell-Loudon, Mohawk, New Riegel, Old Fort, Ontario, Riverdale, Seneca East, Shelby, St. Joseph Central Catholic, and Upper

Sandusky. The Put-In-Bay High School Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday, September through December, during lunch to practice on strategy, speed and accuracy. Good luck Quiz Bowl Panthers!

The Cross Country Panthers have been running since August 1st and have already shown great strides! The team consists of five dedicated middle school runners: Joe Blumensaadt, Elora Hubner, Ella Kostura, Ava Heineman and Richie Scarpelli. The team has been able to avoid the bad weather incurred some weekends and have competed in three races. Three of our runners have improved their personal records by at least one minute. The season will wrap up on October 5th. Each runner is looking forward to more personal records! Go Panthers!

The Put-in-Bay Panthers are off to another strong start to the volleyball season. As of September 17th, their record stands at 4 – 3. There are eight games remaining. This year's team consists of: Hannah Lentz, Nora Ladd, Lucy Schneider, Elena Schroeder, Kate Byrnes, Lilian Frederick, Macy Ladd, and McKenna Stacy. The team works extremely hard and looks to finish the year strong. "Get your growl on!"

The Great Lakes Islands Basketball Tournament will continue this year at Mackinac Island. The tournament will be held December 6th and 7th. Fans planning to travel north for this event are encouraged to make hotel arrangements as soon as possible; rooms on Mackinac are filling up fast.

Please mark your calendar. This year's annual Harvest Dinner will be on Friday, November 8th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Tipper's Lounge. This dinner is open to the public and all proceeds benefit the Gustav Heineman Scholarship Fund. Come enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Our school utilizes "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.



Here's Michael Diskin and Maureen Dula reading their Gazette after landing at the Longyearbyen, Svalbard airport. In August, they went on an expedition trip to the High Arctic that included Longyearbyen, the most northern city in the world.

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The Sponsorship Grant is offered for new and existing community-friendly events that take place in the Lake Erie Shores & Islands region. It is designed to assist organizations and businesses to grow quality events that create media exposure, increase area economic impact, generate awareness that Lake Erie Shores & Islands is a year-round destination, and may generate overnight stays.

This grant is available to any organization actively marketing to attract visitors from outside the region. Events must be planned to stimulate economic growth and promote tourism activities in Lake Erie Shores & Islands. The applicant must demonstrate financial stability and organizational capacity to make the event a success. Generation of overnight stays is highly encouraged. Organizations/events receiving funds through other Lake Erie Shores & Islands funding streams are not eligible.

“Lake Erie Shores & Islands is committed to developing and supporting local events and helping them to be a success,” says Amanda Smith Rasnick, Director of Group Accounts. “We are dedicated to assisting events that provide exposure for the destination and encourage visitors from outside of the region to come and enjoy our communities.”

The Sponsorship Grant is available for community festivals, concerts, and other special events. Applications are currently available for events occurring in the next calendar year and will be accepted until October 31, 2019. Organizations are asked to submit the event’s sponsorship packet/prospectus along with the application. All first-year events will be reimbursed granted funds upon event completion. Applications are reviewed by a committee and decisions will be announced by November 30, 2019. A limited amount of grant funds are available and will be dependent upon budget restrictions and collective number of applications received.

Are you ready to put the power of Lake Erie Shores & Islands promotion behind your event? Contact Amanda Smith Rasnick at 419.625.2175 or amanda@shoresandislands.com today for your Sponsorship Grant application or to inquire about the other grant opportunities.

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Google Video Crew Visits Put-in-Bay

On September 14th, a video crew from Rootwood Films of New York City was sent to Put-in-Bay by Google at the invitation of Megabits Island Internet or Mi2 (www.mi2wifi.com). Google provides Megabits with cloud services that automate control of their new LTE radio system operating the "Citizens Broadband Radio Service" or CBRS. Google was looking for CBRS customers like Megabits to highlight in a promotional video. Megabits responded by describing the "unique island setting" of Put-in-Bay and was selected as one of the three companies in the United States that Google will use in the video.

The FCC gave Google authorization to begin initial commercial deployment of CBRS nationally on September 16. Megabits has awaited this authorization for months as this means it can now provide high-speed Internet connectivity to South Bass and Middle Bass Island homeowners who currently have little or no Internet access. Megabits is one of the first companies in the nation to use CBRS LTE technology that can penetrate more of the dense foliage on the Islands. With this news, Megabits is now busy seeking residential subscribers and installing year-round wireless Internet service in homes all over South Bass and Middle Bass Islands.

Among those interviewed during the Google video crew's visit was Anita McCann in a temporary video studio set up in the Red Moon speakeasy. Tip Boyles had video taken at the front desk of the Park Hotel, and Round House bartenders were captured during a Mike "Mad Dog" Adams performance. The Megabits team was filmed performing equipment maintenance at the Bay Lodging Resort tower. Megabits has had great community and business support since its inception. The video crew traveled around the Island to record activities at many businesses including The Boardwalk, The Keys, The Crews Nest, Mojito Bay, Miller Boat Line and the Jet Express. The two-day visit ended with Trey Sheehan providing a boat ride to Middle Bass and Ballast Islands, which included taking aerial drone shots following the boat and a wonderful sunset.



Anita McCann being interviewed by the Google crew.

Moss on the Rock

Inflated Number

The little tidbit came from the Detroit Free Press Website. "After featuring a feisty, barbed "stump speech" in his shows during 2017 and 2018, Rock seems to have pared the politics out of his recent performances. His sets this summer, including a show last week at Ohio's Put-in-Bay that drew 20,000, have been all-hits affairs with some cover tunes tossed in." The number of tickets for the concert was 15,000. We wonder where the 20,000 figure came from.

PIBYC News

After many years of dedicated service, the two trustees whose terms were expiring, Bob Bahney Jr. and Dick Bliss, decided not to run again. The club is immensely grateful for their service. THANK YOU Bob and Dick! Both have promised to continue serving the club, but are happy to be able to sleep in on meeting mornings.

Unsolicited Product Endorsement

Remember the Maytag Repairman? Roger Parker says, "My mother's (Annie Parker) 1970 Maytag washing machine finally gave up the ghost. Couldn't quite make it to 50 years. It even still works except the timer is bad. She bought it when dear ole' Joe (her husband) was a mechanic, 5 of us were still at home, and 3 of us got dirty every day at Parker's Garage. Then she used it through those years of renting the house. I guess she got her money's worth."

Helping to Solve the Communication Problem

If you suffer from iffy cell phone service on the island, but have internet availability, there's a way to set your smart phone so you get great cell service. Check the internet for how to do it or ask your provider about setting up your phone. We found it works extremely well.

Experience Ottawa County

The Ottawa County Improvement Corporation (OCIC) held its annual "Experience Ottawa County" program in September at The Keys, bringing local business leaders, community leaders, elected officials, and prospective business clients together to demonstrate that Ottawa County is an advantageous location to expand existing and relocate new business. About 220 people

gathered together throughout the day for professional development and business networking. This year's gathering marked the 25th anniversary of the event.

Lake Erie Water Level

The level in Lake Erie has been going down ever since July, but it is still extremely high for the fall. If there's a forecast for an old-fashioned three-day nor'easter, get prepared for some flooding worse than there was last spring.

Local Help to the Bahamas

Shawn Chaney, a former Put-in-Bay cottager, spent several days flying his personal jet from Florida to the Bahamas and back providing relief for hurricane Dorian survivors through an organization called AERObridge. Shawn flew 4 missions; one carrying specialists and their supplies, the second a ham-radio operator, his equipment, and personal camp supplies, and the final two missions involved flying supplies, including dog food that had been specifically requested.

Conservancy Winter Wild Bird Seed Sale

Have your winter wild bird seed delivered to your island residence! The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be selling winter bird seed this fall. Titgemeier's Feed and Garden Stores will be supplying us with the following types of seed: niger/thistle, black oil sunflower, and mixed birdseed of several grades. Titgemeier's is a family owned feed and garden store in business since January 12, 1888 at 701 Western Avenue in Toledo, Ohio. A most unusual store, their products range from grass seed and fertilizer to pet, wild bird and brewing supplies. Stop in and check them out the next time you are in the Toledo area! We appreciate their assistance with this sale! Please get your order in before November 4th to have it delivered to your island residence. To place your order, please check out our website at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org starting in October or feel free to contact Kelly or Marty Faris at 419-285-4772 or kelmar@thirdplanet.net. Delivery will be in mid November.

Walked Away

One lucky driver this past month was fortunate to have walked away uninjured after running his little sports car into the blocks where State Route 357 ends on East Point. Police officer Jeremy Berman who responded to the call reported there were a hundred yards of skid marks.

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The PIB high school class of 2037 got together for a group shot on picture day. Left to right are Saylor Buttrey, Evie Cultice and Greta Koehler.

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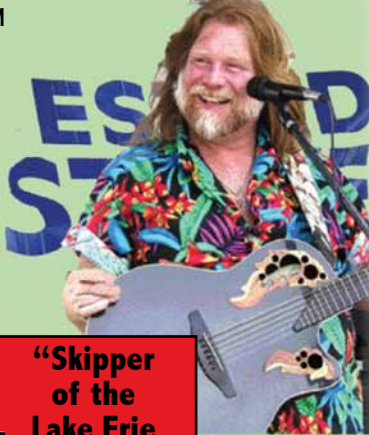
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- Fri. 8: Easy Street Band reunion - Tangier, Akron Ohio - 7:00 PM
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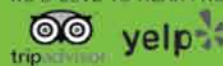
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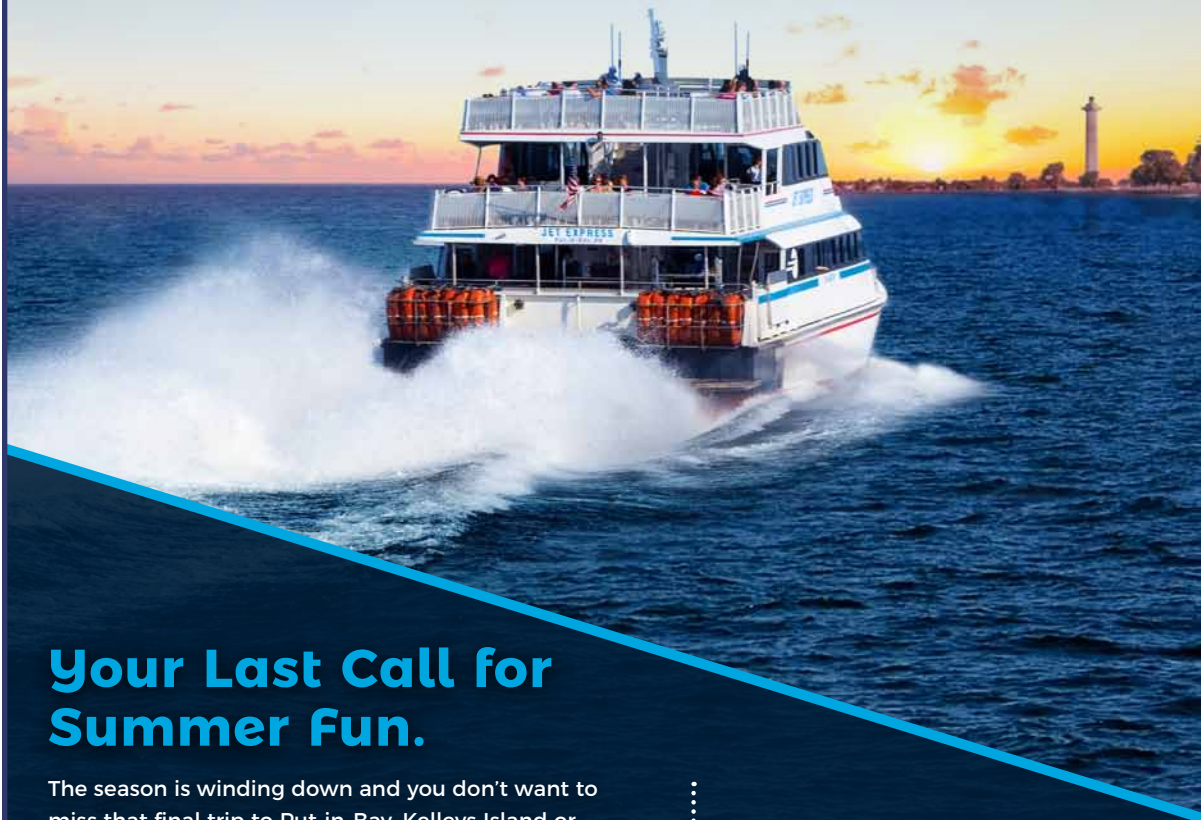
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A Message from Mayor Jessica Dress

I've had the fortunate circumstance of starting my life on Put-in-Bay by marrying an islander.

Six years ago, I moved here on the cusp of a new adventure, changing careers from journalism to the service industry, unsure of anything except that my future was on the island with my future husband.

I slung drinks and waited tables before stumbling upon a career in that little office on Langram Road, where most readers likely know me from, delivering their packages and their bills.

But something was missing until former Mayor Ruth Scarpelli asked me more than four years ago to fill a vacant seat on the village council.

With extensive experience from the other side, attending more government meetings than I can count and reading hundreds of police reports during my six years as a professional newspaper reporter, I accepted the invitation. The experience I had, in my career that followed my graduation from Ohio University with an honors degree, was more valuable than I could know.

From the inside, government operates differently. It's meticulous, often appearing slow to the public. It's careful. When well done, it's accountable for every decision -- for every dollar and cent of taxpayer money that passes through its doors.

After years of closely observing the government from the outside, then having the privilege of serving on council, I'm both empathetic to the taxpayers' desire for efficiency and realistic about the prudence mayorship requires.

My time on the island may appear to be short. Relatively, my experience in village government is not. My abilities as a leader, of honesty, communication, accountability and transparency, quiet initiative, and firm decision-making, are what have led to my current position as Mayor.

They are qualities that have always guided me to the forefront in leadership.

What I want, and what I will do, are simple things. I will take action to preserve our community as somewhere our children would want to raise their children. I will do all I can to keep our community safe. Keep it well-funded. Keep our boundaries between the commercial development that makes our world go-round, and the peacefulness that preserves this incredibly unique place.

In my time working in village government I have:



Jessica Dress

- Reorganized the fiscal office for better accountability and transparency;
- Invested in a multi-focused, multi-resourced law firm with full interests on public practice, rather than one with a single practitioner with limited means;
- Secured a motivated, long-term village administrator with a decade-plus experience, retained a highly-qualified wastewater superintendent, as well as hired a new water superintendent, all of whom are vested in the long-term future of the island;
- Pushed forward a transparent tri-system of accountability in docks funding collection, appeasing state officials in a way that hasn't been accomplished before;
- Overseen the previously delayed execution of a \$2-million investment in the village's continued prioritization of a safe drinking water supply by implementation of the recent ozone project;
- Prioritized the police department in general funding by supporting the increase of the budget by \$200,000 a year in the past three years and authorizing, in collaboration with council, higher wages to invest in longevity of officers;
- Supported purchase of additional downtown property to also support longevity of officers, with potential additional use for future village needs;
- Facilitated participation and success in the goals of the Safe Island Task Force in preparing the village and our law enforcement to effectively manage our greatest needs during the busiest weekends of our visitor season. In addition, I've participated in one of the greatest accomplishments of SITF -- effective communication between government and a dozen-plus effective business owners.

It's with great humility that I ask for the continued support of village voters to finish what I've started. My greatest goal is for all residents and voters to have unfettered confidence that the village is, and will always during my leadership, be acting in their best interests. This is your island. This is your future.

Most Sincerely,
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A Message from Mayoral Candidate Judy Berry

I am Judy Berry and I will be asking the residents of Put-in-Bay to vote for me for mayor in the upcoming November election. I hail from Mansfield, Ohio and while there, worked for Sears Roebuck for 20 years, first as a cashier and as an assistant department manager in retail. My last 10 years with them, I was the department manager over a large credit facility. I worked on the team that was responsible for the development and implementation of our own, pay scale, scheduling, incentives and training. The experience was invaluable for sharpening management and team player skills.



Judy Berry

I was a visitor to the island through the years, and in 1985 we purchased land and started our lodging venture by building the Perry Holiday Hotel. In 1990 we branched off from our partners and built and managed the Bay Lodging Resort. I have worn many hats while living on the island. I've owned and operated a successful hotel business, a 5-room bed and breakfast, managed the Put-in-Bay Winery, and was the recreation manager at the Crew's Nest, retiring after the 2014 season. During this time, I served on the Chamber of Commerce Board for 4 years and was the past president for 2 years, helping to promote and support the fun events enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

During the 4 years I served on village council I was involved in the following projects: upgrading the waste water treatment facility, construction of an additional water holding tank, obtaining housing for the utilities department, changing the heating system in the bath house resulting in substantial cost savings, and working to procure grants for all the above.

As the former mayor of Put-in-Bay, I was dedicated to beginning the 1.5M upgrade to the water processing facility to deal with the algae blooms. I worked diligently on securing grants and funding for the Dock Project. I developed a Safety Program with the Ohio Department of Workers Compensation which helped to lower the village premiums, assisted in securing a grant for Safe Routes to School Program, and entered into a "Sister's Cities" partnership with Monroe, Michigan and Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada. I have also been a member of the village zoning commission.

I am asked why I have chosen to run for office. I love engaging with people and feel a strong civic commitment to this island. I find problem solving both challenging and rewarding. I have volunteered and served in many capacities. In addition to the routine operations of the village, I have an understanding of the many facets of Put-in-Bay. I have been a visitor to this island, a part-time resident for 10 years, full time resident for 24 years, a business owner and a homeowner. I am dedicated to listening to your concerns and comments and will address them with urgency and transparency. I will be open-minded when exploring options and finding solutions to village problems. I feel it's important to have choices and I ask for your vote.

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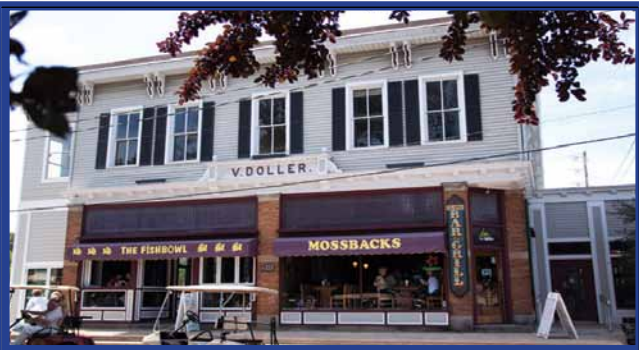


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Bike & Build Experience

By Miranda Krueger

Editor's Note: Miranda is the daughter of Carl and Chris Krueger and a graduate of Put-in-Bay High School Class of 2012.

Bike & Build, a service-oriented cycling trip to raise money and awareness for the affordable housing cause, was hands down one of the most challenging, but ultimately the most rewarding experiences of my life. The bike trip across the southern U.S. route was 78 days.

The mental push every day to finish each ride was even more of a challenge than the physical push. Finishing a ride on the hardest days (headwinds in New Mexico, 6,000 feet of climbing over into Lake Tahoe, the neverending rain in Texas that caused a million flats was a feeling unlike any other. The final ride descending down into Santa Cruz was overwhelming with emotion, and running into the Pacific Ocean with our team of 18 riders was a moment I will never forget.

On average, we would ride about 70 miles a day, with our longest day being 110 miles in Nevada on the loneliest road in America. We had two support vehicles, a lunch van that would take the coolers and food bins and set up a lunch spot about halfway through the ride, and the van and trailer that had all of our bags in it and would drive to the host each day. We mostly stayed at churches or in community centers, but we camped a few times in Zion National Park, Grand Canyon National Park and sometimes in a park in the middle of a small town. The ride into Zion National Park was definitely one of the highlights of the trip.

Overall, the trip was 3,991 miles covering 11 states from Jacksonville, FL, to Santa Cruz, CA. The days we crossed state lines were always fun and extra motivation knowing we were making progress, because some days seemed redundant to say the least. We had 13 build days throughout the trip in places like Jacksonville, New Orleans, Dallas, Santa Fe, Flagstaff and more. Those days were a great experience as well to learn more about the communities we were biking through and their efforts to overcome the affordable housing crisis.

I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible for me! It was such an amazing experience, and it wouldn't have been possible without the amazing generosity of my friends and family.



ABOVE: Carl, Jessica, Miranda and Chris Krueger on the beach in Santa Cruz.
BELOW: Miranda riding her bike.




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St Paul's Hosts Many Guests

A myriad visitors came to St Paul's in September. The vestry was happy to host the Skip Duggan Antique Car Parade on September 15th. Grill master Bernie Meyers assisted by Chip Duggan, Jeanne Burgess, and Sandi Hartzel fed the cheerful crowd at 2:45 p.m.

At 4 p.m. the same day twenty teenagers from six nearby Episcopal churches returned to St Paul's from an afternoon at Kayak the Bay.

A special quartet provided music at the church on September 8th. The Road Scholars and others came for scheduled historic tours. There were also labyrinth orientations offered to visiting groups. Tours of the church or labyrinth for any size of group can be scheduled by contacting the church office. 419-285-5981.



ABOVE: Car parade participants enjoying a meal at St Paul's. Left to right are Sean Koltiska, Rich Hahn, Jim Panehal, Debbie Parker, Kay Drake and Judy Kania.

LEFT: Teenagers from nearby Episcopal churches kayaking in front of the Monument.

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Library News

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Wednesday, October 9 at 2 p.m.: Wine Cork Pumpkins

We have the corks and glue guns to create a really cute Halloween decoration that you can display through the Thanksgiving holiday. Great fun with good friends! Ask your bestie to come along!

Wednesday, October 9 at 5 p.m.: Words and Wine Book Club

What's better than a good book? A good book paired with the perfect glass of wine, of course. (Aren't you just imagining relaxing with your book and wine while taking a bubble bath.) And there's no better time to combine books and wine than with our 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.

Thursday, October 17 at 5 p.m.: Popcorn and Movie Night: "How to Train Your Dragon"

All ages are invited to attend. Join us for a fun family movie sure to please all ages: "How to Train Your Dragon." Patrons will be treated to a beverage and popcorn.

Saturday, October 19 at 10 a.m.: Book Folding with Sue Hartman

Join Danbury teacher Sue Hartman for a unique experience in folding books to create designs and words sure to delight everyone. This class will include instructions on how to do book folding with cutting. Sue has also been designing the three Bass Islands for folding.

Participants are encouraged to bring a book between 500-600 pages to fold. Books can be found at resale shops or used books stores or on your bookshelf.

Don't miss out on this fun morning!

Tuesday, October 22 at 5 p.m.: Halloween Craft Night

We've dug into our cabinets and found lots of crafts leftover from previous Halloweens. Stop by to create a fun Halloween decoration!

Monday, October 28 at 5 p.m.: (Rain date: Wednesday, October 30)

HallowReads at the StoryWalk

Fun, family fall evening!

This year's annual "HallowReads" will take place at the Put-In-Bay Story-Walk Trail, located at Dodge Woods Nature Preserve at the corner of Thompson and Langram Rds. Parents are invited to walk the trail with their children to read a Halloween story and to receive treats from the librarians along the trail. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to add to the fun. Please bring a bag for your treats and a flashlight for easier reading of the story.

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Volunteers from various local fire departments pose with Doug Wilhelm, Mark Wilhelm and Chief Michael McCann during the Kid Rock concert. Several off island agencies assisted with the festivities, including the Ottawa County Sheriff and Ohio State Highway Patrol.



A Perfect Ending
By Woody Widmar

It was a September to remember
We were put through our paces
From Historical Weekend
To the Island Reunion Car Races

Now it's on to October
And the welcoming of fall
The changing of the colors
My favorite season of them all

With a cool crisp night
And a warm sunny day
It makes a perfect ending
To another season on the Bay

The vines have all been picked clean
The pears and apples too
There'll be pies and jams and butter
Before the month is through

Bars and pubs will host tailgate parties
There's baseball playoffs too
And some big weekend happenings
Before the month is through

Then comes the close-downs
As the season finally ends
I get to slow down my pace
And spend time with my friends

And before it gets too cold
There's one more thing I'd like
To dust it off and fire it up
And take a ride on my trike

Miss you Dad
Happy Birthday

Iraq Has Better Phone Service than Middle Bass Island

By Gordy Barr

Middle Bass Island resident and Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Gerald Shanley, was concerned. Following in his father's footsteps, Gerald's son Brendon joined the Marine Corps in 2017 and was recently posted in harm's way in Iraq. Contact is limited because of the confidential nature of Brendon's service. Rare phone calls from his son were highly prized. On a recent call, Gerald and Brendon were mid-conversation when Gerald heard a sharp crack. The line went dead...

Cell phone service to the Lake Erie Islands has degraded in the last two years. According to many the worst offender has been cell phone carrier Verizon. For two decades, Verizon has been the carrier of choice for many Island residents but the recent degradation of quality from Verizon is driving customers away.

Pat Miller (Middle Bass Island), Eddie Sheller (Middle Bass), and Jim Roesch (Middle Bass) were told by Verizon that they had no plans to improve service.

One Verizon Representative was able to look at signal strength for Miller, told him that there would be no improvements of service to the 43446 zip code, and that Miller should switch to AT&T. Sheller and Roesch were told the same thing.

As a band-aid measure, Verizon offered a "mini booster that could be installed in island residences. This helped if the caller was in the residence (and had internet service). But, once away from the house, the mini booster was of no use.

I tried to reach Dave Nostrant (East Point, Middle Bass), Bud Stonerook (North Bass Island), and Dale Burris (North Bass) for comment. No luck. No cell service.

Retired Interlake Steamship Captain, Russ Brohl used to love Verizon. "I was in ports all over the Great Lakes and Verizon was great. However, in the last two years their service has been spotty at best. Lisa (his wife) and I still have our landline (285). If we have an emergency, we can depend that."

Because cell service was so strong many Island residents have given up their hard wire landlines (285). In case of an emergency they grew to depend on their cell phone carrier to connect with police or EMTs.

In the last two years, things changed and service has suffered. Recently a homeowner had to leave their spouse (who was having a cardiac event) and roam their backyard looking for reception. In this case finding a bar of service made the difference between life and death.

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Finding new customers in the highly competitive world of cell phone industry is difficult. When Verizon reps inferred to several island customers that the demographics of zip code 43446 (the Erie islands) did not warrant investment they missed a strategic point.

While there might only be 400 (+/-) full time residents on South Bass, Middle Bass, North Bass, Kelley's Island, for six months of the year, cottagers, tourist visitors, and others swell that number to 15,000 people weekly (60,000 people a month, 300,000 people for the other half of the year). That is significant enrollment.

Imagine the frustration of "half-year" people and tourists when a normally reliable carrier falls flat on its face. Imagine their dismay when emergency services can't be reached during a crisis because of faulty cell service. One person that was interviewed mentioned there should be a class action suit for "reckless" cell phone carrier abandonment.

A brand is a promise to deliver. Verizon is one of the largest cell phone carriers in the industry. Abandoning the Lake Erie Islands illustrates their indifference to a market that is robust. They are sacrificing their brand, because they no longer deliver.

Their service reps have told island customers, "Switch to AT&T." That is not the answer one would expect from a market leader...

Back to Gerald Shanley... When his connection failed, thinking the worst, he ran from his house looking for a service bar to appear on his phone. One minute passed. Two minutes passed. After dodging and weaving a hundred feet from his house, he found a single service bar connection and re-called his son. Fortunately, Brendon picked up on the first ring.

"You OK?!" asked the frantic father.
"I am fine. Are you Ok? You sound out of breath. Dad, you know I get better cell service in Iraq than you do on Middle Bass Island?"



TOP LEFT: Eddie Sheller takes a drink order from Lyndell Bartels at the Middle Bass General Store. Sheller's mother, Becky Cantu, had been lecturing him on the importance of proper telephone etiquette after accidentally hanging up on Bartels.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jane Ibold uses a zucchini to call her children. The reception is amazing. Plus zucchini is a good source of riboflavin and iron.

MIDDLE: Conference call. Cell phones in bars and restaurants on Middle Bass are prohibited yet consumers continue to violate this rule. Left to right are Linda Dieperink, Marguerite Van Derwyst, Rob LaSota, Jerry chaplik and Matt Curtis.

ABOVE: Marguerite Van Derwyst makes \$12 per hour as a robo caller selling aluminum siding for dogs and cats. "Protect your pets from the harmful rays of the sun! Here is how poor phone reception has hurt her business. She makes 1,500 calls per day but only 800 calls get through..."

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Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko



LESLIE KORENKO

As we close in on the end of summer and we are starting to slow down in earnest. Many of the Island's restaurants close at the end of October (with the close of their seasonal liquor licenses), the library is on their winter hours, the History Museum closes on Columbus Day, but the resale shop remains open until it gets too cold in the building. Make sure you catch the changes in ferry service: October still has hourly service, but in November we go down to just a few trips a day.

Isn't it amazing? Remember when we used to see little kids driving golf carts around the Island? Think back to this summer. There haven't been many at all this year. It is remarkable how fast word gets around that tickets are being issued, although five warnings were issued last month.

The Kelleys Island Historical Assoc. announced the big winners: Rodney Rosado won the GEM car raffle and Paula Bier won the quilt. Both are from Kelleys Island.

BIRDS & BEES - The Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Bee Team issued their 2018 report. A bee survey was completed in the Huntley-Beatty Quarry Preserve and the team found 52 bumble bees of the three most common Ohio species (Common Eastern, Brown Belted and Two-spotted). That's pretty good news.

Northern Saw-whet Owl banding begins on the evening of October 14th and continues nightly through November 23rd (weather permitting), beginning at sunset each night. The weekend of November 1-3 is the Kelleys Island Owl Festival sponsored by the Kelleys Island Audubon Club and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. There will be free programs during the day and guided owl walks in the evening. Songbird banding will be conducted at the Jones Preserve daily during the same period. Since so much is going on, there will be signs posted at the banding locations and in front of the Kelleys Island History Museum showing when and where banding is going on. There is no banding during bad weather (high winds, rain, snow, high heat, etc.) so plan your visit accordingly. The Audubon potluck will be October 17 at 6 p.m. at the school and 7 p.m. speaker.

COUNCIL NOTES - Council meetings switch over to Saturdays at 10 a.m. for the winter. Remember

Council minutes are available on the Village website www.KelleysIsland.us. The **SAFETY COMMITTEE** is negotiating a new contract with St. V's. EMS had 17 runs last month. By the way, last month I reported that EMS "a whopping 274 runs in July." Yipes - that should have been 24 runs. Sure our crew is busy, but not quite that busy! In August, there were 17 runs and they are looking into an advanced EMT course. **PAVING** may be in the future for Memory, Fernwood and McGettigan next year. **MAYOR'S COURT** took in \$11,290 last month. The **TREASURER** reported that the 2017-18 audit closed with just one issue - and that was timely deposits from some of the departments. This has always been a problem because part-time workers cannot always coordinate with Village office hours. Not bad. An emergency appropriation was stalled as some Councilpersons did not understand the impact on the general fund. The Treasurer explained the fund, line by line, in detail, which answered their questions. Two additional Council meetings were scheduled to get the appropriation approved. The **FIRE DEPT.** had two runs in August. **BURN PERMITS** will be available on October 1. Give it some time as they must be reviewed and approved before you can burn. A hazmat training class will be held in November, paid for by grants and Erie Co. EMA and will cover how to deal with hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction. The **POLICE DEPT.** received 38 reports and fielded 413 phone calls. There were 10 arrests (underage consumption, fake ID, OVI, public indecency and criminal trespass). 17 tickets were issued (open container, stop sign, disorderly conduct, driving under suspension, parking, and no turn signal (accident)). 54 warnings were issued. There were five accidents. Remember ATV, 4-wheelers etc, must be registered and plated to be on the roadway. **HUNTING SEASON** has already started (so obey all hunting laws). **TARGET SHOOTING** starts on November 1 - not a day sooner. Tickets will be issued to violators.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The morning after the Kid Rock event I was waiting in the Miller Boat corral to leave and over heard some discussion of it. Some visitors were talking about the prior night with an island worker, who I did not know, but wore an island uniform. They had attended and were displeased in the design, where a tent obstructed their view. The concert goers had remarked how the prices were too high and they did not enjoy themselves. The worker agreed, and remarked that unfortunately, the people on the island will do anything for a buck.

Although, I did not chime in, that statement took me by surprise and truly offends me. I myself, have owned a business on the island now for 20 years, and worked here for many years prior. I love tourism and bend over backwards to accommodate the island visitors as much as possible. I believe the same is true for many other island business owners and workers. In fact, it brings me back twenty five years, to my first paycheck from Stoiber Enterprises, which was adorned with the phrase, "These are tourist dollars". That is a very special concept, which we on the island should all hold dear, as every dollar spent, earned, invested and deposited came from somewhere else. Tourism is our life blood and I believe the appreciation for our visitors shines through in the terrific improvements the island has seen over the years. Often tourists only see what is in the moment, the brief time they are here. They are unaware of the hard work, time, effort and investment that was made before they arrived to ensure they had a great visit. Regardless, we as an island never want to give the impression we are only after money, or that our visitors are a burden, and I don't believe that is the case.

We seen the long hours, multiple shifts, and job strain that would make ordinary workers quit. Yet, island workers always rise to the occasion and shine when it seems impossible. One set of workers that deserves a standing ovation is the island cab drivers. They are often overlooked, or the first to be complained about, but these workers are the silent backbone of the island. The cab driver sees everything. They constantly help others in ways you couldn't imagine. From free rides to those who can't pay, to stopping fights before they start, calling police or an ambulance when they see distress, or simply navigating safely through crowds to get you to your destination. Driving cab on Put in Bay is both complex and thankless. The night of the concert, all the island drivers were virtual heroes. Driving hundreds of people back and forth, during the island's largest event ever, among intoxicated foot traffic and golf carts, without a single incident involving a taxi. Donna, Connie, LoLo, New Dave, Paul, Andy, Mary, Dino, Bobby, Tony, Karen, Brad, Pomps, Larry, Kenny, Dave, Miguel, Sally, John, Dusty, Big John, Ziggy, Janet, Cathy, Coop, Kyle, T, and anyone else I missed, bravo and great work.

Finally, a thank you to all the island workers, and business owners who worked anywhere on the island during the concert event, what an amazing effort and result!

- Dave Kniffen

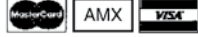
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They've Been Travelling

Debbie and Dale Larcey from Fox's Den traveled to the Vineland region in Ontario for some touring of wine country, Vineland Estates and the Megalomaniac wineries. Mary and Jim Roesch visited Alaska and got to tour Denali National Park. While in Skagway, they took an excursion to Davidson Glacier via small ferry and canoe, then walked right up to the glacier, viewing a raging waterfall. Also in Alaska were Dave and Kathy Holscott who helped out at one of the cruise lines when they were short handed at the end of the tourist season for a couple of weeks. A lot of island folk have been travelling this past month. Gordy and Kyle Barr from Middle Bass headed to Italy for a two week visit. Jean Hilt from victory Woods was off to Italy, Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro. Jeff and Kendra Koehler spent time at the remote Larcey cottage just north of the Muskoka area of Ontario. Jackie Taylor and Glenn Cooper travelled to Washington State's Orcas Island and Mt. Olympia. They did some hiking and rode on several ferry boats. Bob and Jody Frimel from Pinky's Pond travelled to the Ukraine for a bit of adventure.

Drilling at Perry's Monument

You may have noticed stakes and flags on the lawn and a drill truck on the lawn recently at Perry's Monument. There was also a barge in the water near the seawall as well. They were drilling to check the condition of the bedrock on either side of the seawall. One of the many tests to be done in the coming weeks to help with the engineering and design work for repairing the seawall.

While they are working along the north seawall and Bayview Ave., there may be some temporary lane closures with a flagger directing traffic. This lane closure is for the safety of the drilling crew.

Miller Boat Line Put-in-Bay 5K

With perfect weather, over 500 runners enjoyed the gentle breeze coming off the Put-in-Bay harbor on Saturday, September 21st for the annual Miller Boat Line Put-in-Bay 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk. In its 16th year, this was the first time the 5K event switched from pull tab timing to the more accurate chip timing. This is the preferred timing method for large 5K runs, because of the electronic chip imbedded into the runner's bibs, timing does not activate until the start line sensors activate the runner's chip. It took a little under 2 minutes for all of the 500 plus runners to start their personal time. Approximately 89 walkers enjoyed the 1 Mile Fun Walk that preceded the 5K Run.


Ray Fogg, local entertainer, emceed the event and awarded winners at race headquarters, the Boathouse Restaurant. The race is managed by a 10 member Race Committee, aided by 17 race course Marshalls and 13 volunteers. Proceeds benefit the maintenance fund at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Put-in-Bay.



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Milestones BIRTHS

Patrick Michael Mooney, Jr.

Congratulations to Patrick and Megan Mooney on the birth of a 6 lb. 10 oz., 20-inch-long son, Patrick Michael, Jr., on September 1st in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Patrick was a tour guide at Perry's Cave and also the first gemstone mining expert there, taught sailing at the yacht club, worked on the Sonny S and a water taxi operator in his youth at Put-in-Bay. Patrick is the IT coordinator for several charter schools in Milwaukee. Megan worked at the Boardwalk and currently works in HR for Man Power. Proud first-time island grandmother is Laureen Mooney. The baby's dear aunt is Colleen Mooney.



Patrick Michael Mooney, Jr.

ENGAGED

Craig Schuffenecker & Ashley Rill

Craig Schuffenecker is excited to announce his engagement to Ashley Rill. Craig is a Social Studies teacher and coach at Put-in-Bay School. Ashley works as a bartender at the Round House Bar, where they met nine years ago. The couple resided on South Bass Island with their two mini dachshunds, Mr. Peanut and Gretchen. A spring wedding is planned.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Keith Kahler

Congratulations to former Put-in-Bay EMS Director Keith Kahler who was sworn in as the new Ohio Fire Chief's Association North Central Ohio Director at a ceremony at Mohican State Park Lodge in September. After leaving Put-in-Bay a few years ago, Keith became fire chief at Danbury Township Fire Department.

Jordan Rhoad

Jordan Rhoad, former Village of Put-in-Bay dockmaster and son of Roger and Joan Rhoad from Cameo Pizza, was elected President of the Bowling Centers Association of Ohio. His passion for the game leaves no doubt he will do a great job! Jordan is a third-generation operator of Plaza Lanes in Fremont, Ohio.

RETIRED

Cathy Magers

Cathy Magers enjoyed her last day of work at the Put-in-Bay Branch of the First National Bank of Bellevue on Friday, Sept. 6th. There were refreshments and treats to help celebrate her 26 years of service. Cathy and Art Boyles will be moving to the mainland this month.

Andy Blumensaadt working on the demolition of the Crew's Nest pool. The new pool is said to be bigger and not as deep, with many additional activities for kids. We can't wait to see it!



OBITUARIES

Bob "Werty" Wertebach

Robert L. "Werty" Wertebach, 77, of Put-in-Bay, OH passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at Edgewood Manor Health Care Center in Port Clinton. He was born January 23, 1942 at Put-in-Bay, OH, the son of Wilbert and Emma (Kindt) Wertebach. He married Joan Sheetz on December 9, 1961. Werty was retired from Miller Boat Line where he worked with other MBL iconic crew members like Dick Sweeney, Bruce and Skip Duggan and Geno Kindt. He previously served as a police officer for the Village of Put-in-Bay, drove truck for Fox Stone Products, was an ice fishing guide, worked for Put-in-Bay Township, drove taxi and gill netted. Surviving are his wife: Joan Wertebach; daughters: Margaret Snider of Put-in-Bay, Jo Ann (Tim) Luecke of Marblehead; grandson: Stanley Snider, Jr.; sister-in-law: Carol Wertebach of Hubbard, OH; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his brothers: William Wertebach, John "Lefty" Wertebach and son-in-law: Stanley Snider. Visitation was held Monday, September 9th, at The Cornerstone Room at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, with grave side services following at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Friends and family gathered at the Round House after the grave side service. Memorial contributions may be given to The American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckerleveckcrosser.com. Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home, Port Clinton handled the arrangements.



Bob "Werty" Wertebach

Frances Dietrich

Frances L. Dietrich, 91, a longtime Lake County resident, and former summer resident of Put-in-Bay, passed away July 26, 2019, at Fairmount Health Center in Willoughby. She was born January 7, 1928 in Johnstown, PA. Frances grew up in Youngstown, OH, and was a 1946 graduate of Rayen High School and a 1950 graduate of Lake Erie College. She married N. Lee Dietrich in 1951 and worked as the children's librarian and story lady at Morley Library in Painesville. After the birth of her daughter, she left her full-time job at Morley, but continued to be the children's story lady at Morley and Mentor libraries. She was also an active volunteer in the community, volunteering as the art teacher at the first workshop in Lake County for children with developmental disabilities. She also volunteered at the Well Baby Clinic, taught Sunday school for many years, and later in life volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program. She was a former member of the Grand River, Mentor Harbor and Put-in-Bay Yacht clubs and an early member of the Crew's Nest. After her husband Lee retired, she spent many summers at their Peach Point home, where Frances loved to fish and spend time with her friends while Lee pursued his love of boating. Frances will be remembered for her incredible sense of humor, love of reading, gardening and the arts, love for all animals, especially her pets, and most of all, her love for her family. She is survived by her daughter Sara Lee (David) Kobelt; granddaughters Molly Frances Kobelt and Rachel Lee Kobelt; niece Lisa, and nephews Doug, Barry and David. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Norman L. "Lee" Dietrich; her parents Francis and Birde (Jones) Lindemuth, and her sister, Sara Lindemuth Uffelman. A memorial service and celebration of Frances's life took place on August 3rd in Lake County. In memory of Frances, memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society, P.O. Box 25, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456 or the Lake Humane Society, 7564 Tyler Blvd, Mentor, OH 44060.



Frances Dietrich

Dale D. Kadel

Dale D. Kadel, 77, passed away August 25, 2019. He was born on January 1, 1942. He was the beloved husband of the late Sharon Kadel (nee Fowler) and partner in crime, Marsha Gandolf, and loving father of Darrin (April), Rayne Kugler (Mike), and Ryan (Jennifer). Forever in his heart are the Gandolf children, Marty, Chris, Michelle, and Michael. Brother of Les Kadel (Sherry) and Alice Hull. He was the dear grandfather of Faith, Jay, Zach, Cami, Kyra, Karissa, and Addie. Forever in his heart are the Gandolf grandchildren, Laura, Sara, Christopher, Brandon, Alyssa, Payton, Zack, Ashton, Avery, Austin, and Carlie. He was the loving cousin and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Dale was a great friend to many at Middle Bass Island along with countless other friends. He loved his three shadows,

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his dogs, Goldie, Max and Chandler that went everywhere with him! Dale was always willing to put his extensive home improvement skills to work for assistance of family, friends, and anyone else in need. Loved fishing, pool, poker, and any other type of activity he could place a wager on. A Celebration of Life Service was held at Bullfrog's Sports Cafe in North Ridgeville on Saturday, September 7th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Dale D. Kadel, please visit the Jardine Funeral Home Sympathy Store.

Fred Fether

Fredrick Fether, 87, of Bowling Green and former summer resident and B&B owner at Put-in-Bay, passed away Friday, September 20, 2019. Fred was born on December 17, 1931 in Archbold, Ohio, to the late Marvin and Irene (Short) Fether. He married the love of his life, Eleanor Dupes, on January 30, 1955 in Bowling Green, Ohio, and she survives him. Also surviving are his children: Susan (David) Halsey of Bowling Green and P. J. (Diana) Fether of State College, Pennsylvania, grandchildren: Laura and Casey Shaffer, Damon, Madeline and Mara Hesley and a great-grandchild Maxwell Pennington. He was preceded in death by his son Jeffrey Fether and grandson James Fether. Fred was a 1954 graduate of Bowling Green State University where he received his Bachelors' Degree in Marketing. He later became the Director of Purchasing at Bowling Green State University. Fred was a member of the BGSU Presidents Club and Phi Kappa Tau. Fred was also a member of the Wood County F & AM Lodge #112 where he served as Worshipful Master. He later served as the District Education Officer for the 11th Masonic District and was a Past District Deputy Grandmaster. Fred was also a member of the Crystal Chapter #157, Bowling Green Council #124, Findlay Commandery #49, Key to the Sea #112, Rosicrucians, Shriners where he was a member of the Jesters and a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Toledo where he received the highest honor, the 33rd degree. Fred was honest, hard working, and a devoted husband, father and a great friend to so many. He, along with Eleanor, taught their family the importance of family, friends, country and giving. Fred and Eleanor enjoyed traveling and family camping trips to see National parks, monuments, battlefields and EVERY historical marker along the way. He and Eleanor traveled all around the world and were able to visit every continent. Fred loved socializing and being around people. After his retirement, in helping to run their B&B at Put-in-Bay, Fred combined this love and his fondness for breakfast. At the island, he enjoyed the weekend antique car parades, watching the lake and reading. Fred had a great sense of humor. He loved a good joke. And a bad joke. He just loved to laugh. Services were handled by the Deck-Hanneman Funeral Home & Crematory, Bowling Green Memorial contributions may be gifted in Fred's honor to Lake Erie Island Historical Society, 411 Catawba Ave., Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456, Jeffrey Fether Scholarship c/o Toledo Community Foundation, 300 Madison Ave Suite 1300, Toledo, Ohio 43604 or to the Fred and Eleanor Fether Marketing Scholarship c/o Bowling Green State University, 200 University Hall, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. For those wishing to send a condolence or a fond memory, please visit www.hannemanfh.com.



Dale Kadel



Fred Fether

Michelle Mueller

A beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin, love and friend, Michelle Leigh Mueller left this world unexpectedly, at the age of 51 on September 21, 2019. Born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on January 30, 1968 to Frank Rain and Deborah Hayden; Michelle grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Michelle was preceded in death by her grandfathers Frank Rain and Robert Savidge and grandmother Vera Savidge. Michelle will forever be remembered by the love of her life and best friend Jim Helms, her parents Frank Rain and Deborah Hayden, grandmother Thelma Rain, her beloved fur baby Moki, brothers Scott Rain and Sean Gillespie, sister Nicole Hott (Eric), aunts Roxanne Klepper (Mike) and Pat Leeth (Jerry), nephews Austin Rain, Corey, Hayden, and Logan Hott, niece Kailee Rain, many cousins, friends and loved ones that Michelle considered her extended family. Michelle was the welcoming face at Commodore Resort Hotel in Put-in-Bay for 14 years. Michelle helped to make the Island home to so many; she has been called a mom, friend, and confidante that whether asked or not would lecture you, hug you, and love you unconditionally. The Island will not be the same without Michelle's feistiness, sarcasm, quick wit and quick flipping middle finger. Michelle bartended for the last two years at the Veterans Club of America (The Lil Club). In this short time, Michelle made an impact on her work family and patrons that will never be forgotten. Michelle was fiercely loyal to her friends and family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Michelle you never really left us; you now live in our hearts. The family will be putting together a slide show of pictures to play at both celebrations (details below). Please send your favorite pictures of Michelle to her sister, Nicole Hott (nicolehott.chl@gmail.com) no later than October 6, 2019. The Put-in-Bay Celebration of Life will start at noon on Sunday, October 13, 2019, at Mr. Ed's Bar. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that a covered dish be brought. The Cape Coral Celebration of Life will start at noon on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at Dek Bar, 4701 SE 15th Ave., Cape Coral, FL 33904. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that a donation be made in Michelle's name to your local Animal Shelter.



Michelle Mueller



Dave Holscott from Mitchell Rd. and Marie Schiller from Austria who spent several weeks on the island this past summer were at the Cleveland Airport on Labor Day. After reading the Gazette, Dave flew the north-west to Alaska, and Marie flew east to Germany.

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<p>3</p>  <p>8:15am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9 AM Aerobics 4 pm Yoga</p> <p>7 pm Duplicate Bridge</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:15am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Advisory Board Meeting 7pm Men's Cards</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM Aerobics 12p Sr. Lunch/Reel Bar 4pm Yoga</p> <p>7pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:15A Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p> <p>1pm Bridge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Site Manager Christine Joyce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Senior Lunch @Reel Bar THURSDAY @ 12pm Suggested Donation \$3.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please RSVP for lunch by signing up at the Sr. Center or calling: 419-285-5501</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CUT OFF TIME FOR RESERVATIONS Weds. @ 12 pm for Thurs. Lunch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*60+ CLINIC: For Reservations call: (419) 734-6800</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Put-in-Bay Senior Center 195 Concord Ave. Put-in-Bay, OH 43456 419-285-5501 pibseniorcenter.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Don't forget to check out the highlighted "Special Programs/Events" for this month!</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:15am Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 AM Aerobics 4 pm Yoga</p> <p>11am Cider Press & Fall Potluck! 7 pm Duplicate Bridge</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:15 Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am: Sr. Str. Monthly Meeting 7pm Men's Cards</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 AM Aerobics 12p Sr. Lunch/Reel Bar 4pm Yoga</p> <p>7pm Mah Jongg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:15A Aerobic Dance/Walk 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social</p> <p>1pm Bridge</p>	
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Garden Club News
As the summer is coming to a close, I'd like to give thanks to all our volunteers who watered, weeded, planted and participated throughout the year. And especially to the various committee chairman that get it organized! Thanks to the Island businesses the Village Council and the DeRivera Park employees for their support.
Our final task for this season will be to take down the flower baskets in the park on Tuesday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m. We are already busy making plans for next year's planting and programs, so please plan to join us. And consider joining our army of beautification volunteers next year.

Vice Commander...Ahoy!

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

Not The Greatest Boating Season For The Islands

This season has not been the greatest for boating for many including myself. For those of you aware of the incident with my vessel, the insurance company cleared for the repairs and I should be getting her back in time for ice fishing LOL. Until then, my on-the-water experience will be limited to patrol time.

Record high waters made dockage situations difficult for many during the season. Many of the public docks downtown where underwater most of the year. Access ramps around the island were difficult to access and therefore dangerous. Rough seas made navigation hazardous and parts of Put In Bay looked like the Lost Continent of Atlantis at times. Aside from all that, it was a great boating year. Let's hope for a better one in 2020!

Record Breaking 30 Deaths In 30 Days

Sadly, there were a record 30 Deaths in 30 days on the Great Lakes going into August and 76 deaths in total as of Sept. 01. Here's the break down so far:

Lake Michigan=36; Lake Erie=21; Lake Huron=8; Lake Ontario=8; Lake Superior=3

The reasons for the fatalities were varied but included the usual suspects. Poor boating skills, poor swimming skills and/or alcohol. The solution is always a simple one, boater education, swimming education and understanding the effects of alcohol while on the water especially in the heat of the Summer. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers two primary courses. A safe boating class which is suitable for everyone whether your the skipper or a passenger. And a course titled "Suddenly In Command" designed for individuals who are not the primary driver of the boat but who may suddenly need to take over command and control of the vessel if the captain should become incapacitated. This is often the spouse or partner of the vessel's captain. If you are a boater I strongly urge you to look into both of these courses before the start of the next boating season.



next year?" Our answer: "In the new and improved pool corner!" Pictured are the Corner Patriarchs: Jim and Sally Duffy, Alice Boag (looks like Bill everywhere Boag missed this one), Jim French, Joan Booker... The next generation: The Beauty family, The Fegen family, The Calfee family, Danny Drake, Nora French, The Larson Family, Ann Marie Drake, The Tigges Family and the Zerbeys! If you see these folks buy them a drink. They have been running up their Crew's Nest bill all summer.

For more information call the USCG-AUX at 419-379-9000.

Our Plans For The Off Season

Except for the die-hard, October usually brings an end to the boating season for most recreational mariners in our area. I usually dedicate this article to reflection of the past boating season and a look ahead to the off-season.

Starting in November we will restart our 3-4 part Put In Bay Maritime Academy. The waters around our islands are unique to the Great Lakes and merit special attention when it comes to safety and boater education so we will cover boating topics particular to our needs. We will also include our annual Ice Fishing addition so there will be off-season fun to be had by all.

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PAUL BOLDEN



LEFT: "The Corner" at the Crew's Nest pool that has gone from coin phones to FaceTime and first generation to fourth generation and used the Crew's Nest pool for 46 years since it opened in 1973, are looking forward to their new corner at the enlarged Crew's Nest pool coming for next season. Someone asked: "Where will I find all of you

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LEFT: PIBHS Volleyball Team following their win against Woodward at home at the Volley For a Cure game. Back row: Lucille Schneider, McKenna Stacy, Lillian Frederick, Elena Schroeder, Coach Shuffenecker, Front row, Kate Byrnes, Macy Ladd, Hannah Lentz and Nora Ladd. - Photo courtesy of Susan Byrnes.

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The representatives were there to provide information about EPA policies and regulations in the coming years, provide information about possible funding options and discuss engineering concerns about maintaining a water plant on the island or building an underwater line and connecting to the regional water system on the mainland.

The EPA officials began with praising the current status of the Village's water plant and said that the water being produced there is some of the best in the state. They said the agency's relationship with Jaime Hernandez, the plant's operator, is very good.

However, when it came to the future of the plant, Klei could not tell those gathered what to expect when it comes to future mandates for treatment, operations, operator certification and on-site supervision, all of which add to the cost of producing water just like the expensive ozone treatment system that was recently required to be installed at PIB's plant.

When it came to financing options in the future, there was no definite information about what grants and funding opportunities might be available, but the money man on Klei's team

did explain how current funding works in relation to what the agency looks for when assessing new projects.

When it came right down to deciding on whether or not an on island system or a waterline to the mainland was the best, the engineers from the OEPA and Ottawa County had concerns about providing water from the mainland, but did not rule it out. The EPA promotes connecting to regional water systems, but does not decide which option is best for a community. It is basically up to the Village of Put-in-Bay to decide which option it wants to pursue and submit a proposal to the OEPA. The OEPA would then have to approve any proposal.

Needless to say, there are pros and cons for running an island water plant or installing a line to the mainland. An aging water plant makes it important that officials at least look at both options, especially when it comes to operating a small plant with many of the same fixed costs and regulatory obligations that a large plant incurs. Proponents of installing a waterline to the mainland show initial, cost-saving projections in the tens millions of dollars over the life of a line.

It was suggested that an outline of the issues, requirements and questions be put together for both options so that Village officials could review everything that would be involved in making their choice.

When the meeting was over, everyone was certainly more informed about the issues from an OEPA standpoint, but there was no clearcut decision which option would be best for the island. Klei indicated the agency would be interested in any new studies or other case studies that are relevant for the future of providing water for the island.

If you were in the audience and a proponent of one option or the other, you probably walked away with your position unchanged. Hopefully, all parties walked out with open minds about conducting further study of the issue.

LEFT: These two island ladies started an interesting fad this summer. Both island entertainer Allie Market and Heather Durdil from East Point had a cast on their left arm. We understand that it wasn't cool if you wore one on your right arm.



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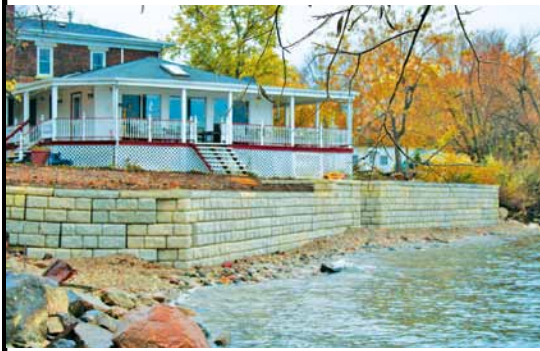
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News from St. John @ the Bay

WORSHIP AT THE BAY ...

During the month of October, we are moving to our Late Fall-Winter-Spring schedule. Please take note of the worship times listed below. This significant change takes place as the Miller Boat schedule is curtailed as we make our way into Winter and beyond. Worship will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 3:00 pm.

We invite you to join us on Sunday afternoons for worship. We gather at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Catawba Avenue. Providing leadership for worship will be Pastor Jim Lehman. Holy Communion is celebrated each time we gather. We practice Faith+5 Worship: Share ... Read ... Talk ... Pray ... and Bless. Bible study continues during the Fall and Winter, contact Val Kowalski for details.

HERE'S OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ...

Sunday, October 13 at 3:00 pm with Pastor Jim Lehman

Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 pm with Pastor Jim Lehman

ALL ARE WELCOME! COME AS YOU ARE! CASUAL DRESS ENCOURAGED!



Richie Scarpelli took 1st Place in the Miller Boat Line 5K's "Male Resident" category last month.

This & That

Here are a few items of island interest.

Ty Winchester tells us that Pasquale's will be open for breakfast and lunch in October. The last day the popular spot in the heart of town will be open is Tuesday, October 29th. On that day, all the money from the food served will go towards Cakes for a Cause and be donated to St. Jude's. Stop by that day and help the cause.

Geraldo Rivera had lunch at the Goat one day in September.

It has been suggested that there be traffic alerts texted to island residents when golf cart traffic gets too busy downtown.

If you keep an eye on the water level in Lake Erie, you know that the it is eight inches higher than last year at this time and 28 inches above September's monthly average.

Congratulations to PIB Cross Country team members Elora Hubner who took 1st Place and Ava Heineman who took 2nd Place in their class at the Miller Boat Line 5K this past month.

A Florida man was fined \$500 when he reportedly smarted off and told police his name was Ben Dover. The man gave them the finger and tried to run off. Apparently, the police were not amused.

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Lake Erie Island Community Honors "The Voice of Put-in-Bay"

On Sunday, October 6th, friends and family of The Voice of Put-in-Bay, Patrick Myers, will host a fundraiser in his honor. Tragically Myers took his own life on June 30th. Friends and family are now turning his death into something positive promoting Community Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. Local musical celebrities will perform and honor the life of the late WPIB Radio Host raising money for a new scholarship and The National Suicide Awareness Foundation. The event will feature a live auction, Chinese Raffle, and basketball shootout. Auction items will include dinner on Rattlesnake Island, a Crew's Nest membership, a CIC dinner, Plane tickets, Cedar Point passes, a lobster dinner prepared in winner's home, at Tour Train Party for 10, and much, much more.

Some have compared Myers life to that of the late Robin Williams, as he, like Williams, was artistic, funny, full of energy and wit, but suffered from deep depression, often in silence. Former co-host and best friend, Rudy Cooks, along with Christie Ontko, took their grief into action and are continuing on with WPIB radio in a new show, "Rudy and the Island Girl." "If we can save one life, then Patrick's death won't be in vain. We must talk about what happened, not hide it. Depression is like any other health issue such as diabetes or heart disease," Ontko says. Sidekick on the new show, Cooks was quoted as saying, "Patrick was seeking an ideal community where kids could truly enjoy their childhood, grow up, have a career, and hopefully come back to this little island and start their own family. He was very much an idealist and a voice for change constantly pushing the community to return to its roots, the family. Unfortunately, his hidden depression simply became too much." Patrick was such a positive influence for everyone on the island, the kids at the school, the softball league, and as a stepfather who helped raise three children.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this family friendly event.

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Ty Winchester addressing those at the 911 Peace Memorial Ceremony at the Monument. - Photo courtesy of Susan Byrnes