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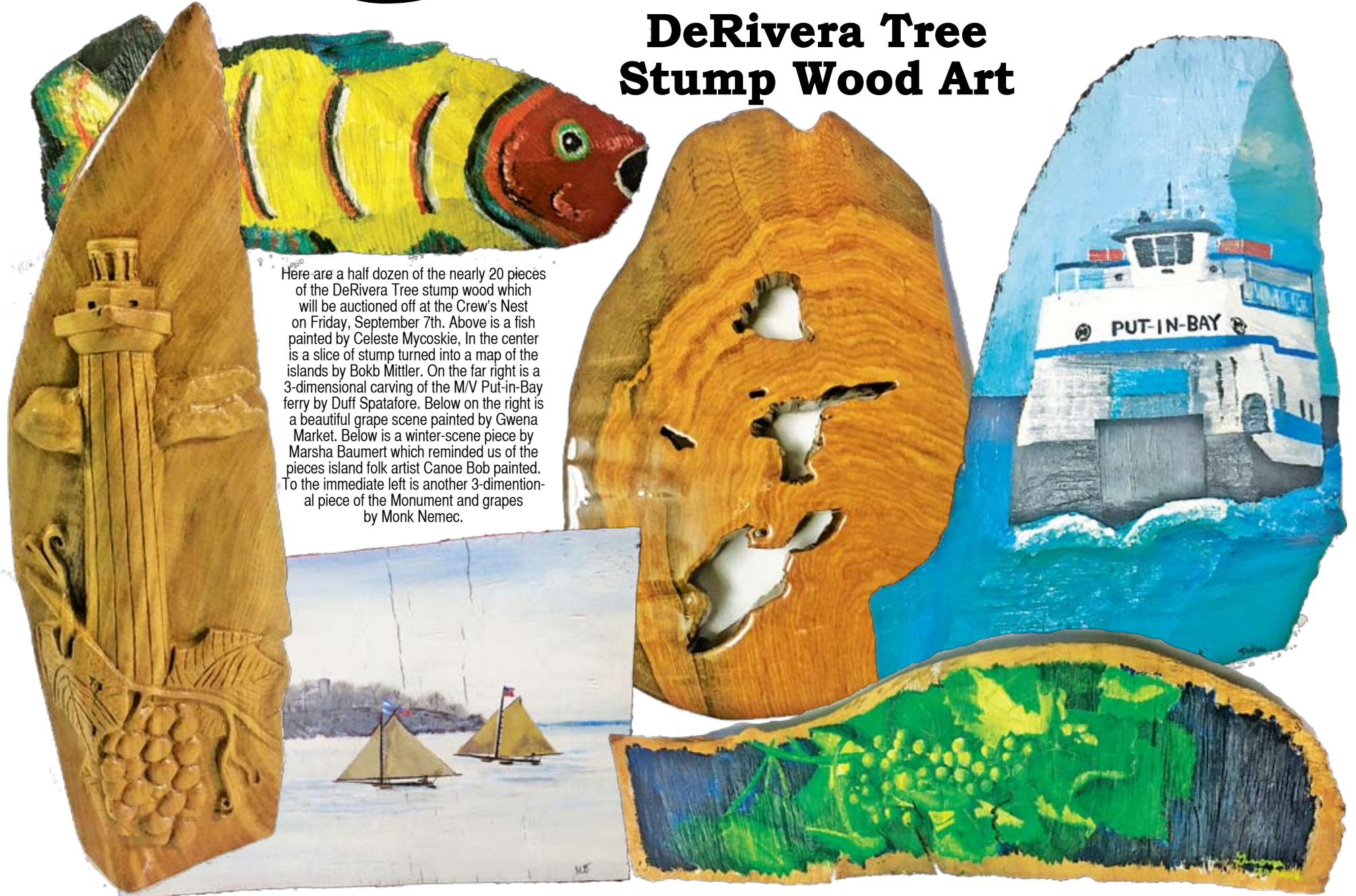
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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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## DeRivera Tree Stump Wood Art

Here are a half dozen of the nearly 20 pieces of the DeRivera Tree stump wood which will be auctioned off at the Crew's Nest on Friday, September 7th. Above is a fish painted by Celeste Mycoskie. In the center is a slice of stump turned into a map of the islands by Bokb Mittler. On the far right is a 3-dimensional carving of the M/V Put-in-Bay ferry by Duff Spatafore. Below on the right is a beautiful grape scene painted by Gwena Market. Below is a winter-scene piece by Marsha Baumert which reminded us of the pieces island folk artist Canoe Bob painted. To the immediate left is another 3-dimensional piece of the Monument and grapes by Monk Nemeec.



ABOVE: The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum will have a special auction at the Crew's Nest on Friday, September 7th, thanks to some of the talented island artists and crafts people and a tree that was alive when Commodore Perry stationed his fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie. It also stood when island pioneer Jose DeRivera came to Put-in-Bay, plus more than a century later witnessed the burning of the Colonial in 1988. Arts and crafts people took the carving scraps from the Jose DeRivera oak tree in the park and have turned them into the works pictured above. Now they can belong to you! Preview will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Auction to be held at 6:30 p.m.

## DeRivera Tree Art Auction

Did you ever want to own a unique piece of real island artwork and at the same time help preserve a bit of cherished island history? Your opportunity will be here on Friday, September 7th, when about 20 pieces of art using wood from the new Jose de Rivera tree carving in DeRivera Park will be auctioned off at the Crew's Nest. Jose de Rivera purchased the island in 1854, and sold off parcels to grape growers who helped make the islands what they are today.

Curator Dan Savage got permission to collect many of the large pieces of the oak which the stump carver sawed out and was discarding as his chainsaw created the statue of island pioneer Jose de Rivera. Dan then asked some of the most talented island artists and crafts people to come up with creative ideas for the pieces he salvaged from the tree which was estimated to be about 230 years old.

Viewing of the various pieces will start outside on the Crew's Nest patio at 4:30 p.m., at the same time happy hour begins. Anyone, not just Crew's Nest member will be able to join in the fun, plus drink tickets will be available. There will also be a buffet set up for the event. The auction is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. In case of iffy weather, the event will be moved inside, so don't let that deter you from attending the worthwhile event.

There will be about 20 pieces to bid on, each one of a kind which can never be duplicated. Each item auctioned off will come

with a certificate of authenticity.

The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum is a non-profit organization which strives to promote the history of the Lake Erie Islands. It raises funds to operate through donations, admissions to its museum, sales at its Resale Shop which is supported by donation items, memberships, the golf cart trips to North Bass Island every other year, and fundraisers including its annual historical auction in August, beer and wine sales at the Put-in-Bay Music Festival in June, and the silent auction at the Wine Festival in October.

If you haven't had a chance to get to the museum lately, you should plan now to do so. There's an impressive collection of items and displays which highlight the rich past of the islands. And while you are there, ask about becoming a member.



The Jose DeRivera Stump Carving in DeRivera Park

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**2018 SEPTEMBER EVENT CALENDAR**

Sept. 8 & 9 - Art in the Park/Perry's Victory Heritage Festival

Sept. 15 - The Miller Boat Line 5K

Sept. 15 - New Years Eve at the Bay

Sept. 22 - Half Way to St. Patrick's Day

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August: 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 & 31  
September: 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 16, 22 & 23  
October: 13, 14 & 27

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September 2018  
Sat. 29: Old Firehouse Winery 4:30 PM  
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October 2018  
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**This and That Around the Islands**

**Another Drowning**

This past month there was another drowning in the island area. Details are sketchy as exactly what happened, but apparently a man jumped in the water off his boat near the south end of South Bass Island and didn't come up. His wife, not really knowing how to run the boat, somehow beached the boat and got help. Put-in-Bay police responded to the call before other help arrived to search for the man's body. It is interesting to note, there have been 64 drownings in the Great Lakes this year, with 23 in Lake Erie alone. Put-in-Bay has had three this year.

**Champagne Taste**

For New Year's at the Bay, several island businesses have let it be known they will be doing champagne toasts at midnight. The goal of this is to move everyone back into the bars before midnight! We're sorry, but our goal is to be in bed sleeping at midnight, and we will not have pictures in the October Gazette of people drinking their champagne.

**Looking For Help**

Speaking of New Year's at the Bay, Tina Rogers from the Chamber of Commerce and Caitlyn Bolyard from Miller Boat Line are looking for businesses to be able to volunteer for a few hours or "sponsor" a table by running a game. If you are interested, contact either of them.

**Coming Soon**

Speaking of Miller Boat Line, we understand there will soon be a news release about the building of their new ferryboat. We'll have something in the October issue.

**Mariah Loud**

We're happy to see Mariah Loud is back working at Mossbacks and the Goat. She had a knee infection which put her out of action for a bit this past month.

**Do you remember?**

Do you remember when people parked their cars on the concrete area in front of the Park Hotel? It's where people sit and enjoy those great BBQ chickens today.

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**A bit of island history from Robin Burris Cadez**

This will be the first fall since 1860 that grapes haven't been picked on North Bass. Back in the day women pickers would come over from the mainland, they were considered low of character. The women of the island houses would lock up their silver and spices to keep them from being stolen.

**The Ray Fogg Show**

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Sat, Sept 15, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar  
Sat, Sept 22, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar  
Sat, Sept 29, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar  
Ray's 30th Anniversary at Put-in-Bay!

**October**  
Fri, Oct 12, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar  
Sat, Oct 13, 7:30pm @ Reel Bar

Check [www.RayFogg.net](http://www.RayFogg.net) for more schedule information, updates and to order Ray's Cd's and T-shirts.



ABOVE: On Wednesday, Aug. 15th, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority hangar at Put-in-Bay. One of the other great things about the hangar is that having a place for emergency, protected parking will allow for the Ford Trimotor to come to Put-in-Bay and offer rides like were available the first Monday of this past month. The turn out and excitement were great. This is a prime example of being able to offer family-friendly activities at Put-in-Bay. Left to right in the photo are PIB Twp. Port Authority board members Russ Brohl, Patrick Myers, Chris Ladd, Eric Engel, Jane Ruvolo from U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur's office, and Rick Ziebarth.

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### On the ballot in November

The mid-term elections in November will see state and federal officials elected, but there are no local officials on the ballot in the upcoming election. There will, however, be several local issues on the ballot.

The first one is a levy renewal for the Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority. It is actually a 0.45-mill decreased renewal levy over five years for maintenance and operations. It isn't often island voters get to vote on a decrease for a levy. This is mainly because the loan for the purchase of the airport has been paid off. The airport operation is crucial for island living.

The second issue is a 1.3-mill renewal levy over five years by the Put-in-Bay Township for the EMS. For anyone who lives here, this is a very important levy.

The third is a Put-in-Bay/South Bass 1.2-mill renewal levy over five years for fire protection. Again this important levy help assure fire protection for the island.

The final levy is a Put-in-Bay Township 0.45-mill renewal levy over five years for cemeteries. There are several cemeteries on the islands.

Island voters will go to Senior Center at Put-in-Bay to vote on Tuesday, November 6th. Remember to bring your photo identification with you. If you will be off island that day, you can arrange to vote using an absentee ballot, or you can vote at the Ottawa County Board of Election on State Route 163, just east of Oak Harbor.

## Lights of Peace, The Harbor Illumination

It is hard to believe that this will be the seventh year for the Harbor Illumination, celebrating 200 years of peace with Canada and Great Britain. This is an event that continues to capture the imagination and memories of islanders and visitors, something that connects us to our history. This spectacular annual event will take place at dusk on September 8th. From the Monument property to Stone Lab and along the shores of Gibraltar, flares will be deployed every 15 feet. In order to have this event occur each year we need your help. Buy a flare or two for your lost loved ones or your family that enjoys life here in the Bass Islands. They cost just \$10 each and you can write a special quote or memory to be shared on our website.

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**This year's event will take place on Saturday evening, September 8th!**  
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ABOVE: Here's a cute photo of the kids who participated in this year's Vacation Bible Camp at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall in late July and early August. This year's camp featured stories about heroes, heroes from the Bible and heroes in our own community. One of our community heroes was Patrick Rogers from the PIB EMS (standing in the rear). Each hero who visited received a Hero Cape as a thanks for spending time with the kids. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Rachel Cooper, Melody O'Donnell, Benjamin Louis Graves (visiting from Florida) and Avery Leonard. In the back row (left to right) Eli Heineman, Caleb Kowalski, Aaron Hill and Meredith Cooper and Flame, the red raccoon.

## Moss on the Rock

### Goat Polka Band

If you thought it was fun at the Goat Biergarten on Saturday, August 11th, when the 20-piece Deutscher Musik Verein polka band played, you're going to love being there on Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, from 3 to 6 p.m., September 2nd, when the Sündenbock Polka Band plays. Joining in the fun will be the antique car paraders who will be stopping by for a beer and hotdog right after the Sunday afternoon parade. Should be loads of fun!

### Winter Meat Supply

Hasselbach Meats is a new advertiser in the Put-in-Bay Gazette this month. They are letting islanders know they can supply all kinds of meat and cuts for the long winter. Now is the time to start thinking about filling your freezer(s). Dave Hasselbach says his family supplied the island with meat many years ago and would come over to the island to actually do a little butchering. See the ad on page 14 of this issue. Hasselbachs can be reached at (419) 332-1747.

### Off to School

Morgan Stacy, the 11th grade daughter of Rob and Kristi Stacy, is attending Vanguard this school year. She will be in the culinary program! First day of 11th grade! Erin Urge who graduated from Put-in-Bay High School last June is off to Miami University in Oxford, OH, to begin her college career. Gwena Market, who also graduated last June, is already in classes at Kent State University.

### The Tin Goose is Coming Back!

The Tin Goose is coming back to the Put-in-Bay Airport on Monday, September 10th! The cost for a 15-minute flight is \$75 for adults, \$50 for children. For information contact 1-877-952-5395 or visit flytheford@eaa.org.

### Professional Sharpening

Kevin Noon from Noon Sharpening will be at Island Hardware on Sunday, Sept. 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sharpen dull knives, scissors and gardening tools. He will also be at the Kelleys Island General Store on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kevin's website is www.Noonsharpening.com. If you're like those of us who can only sharpen pencils, you want to take advantage of Kevin's visits to the islands for your sharpening needs.

### Get Better Soon!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those island folks who spent or are spending time in the hospital.... Debbie Harlan from Fox's Den, Pat Finney from the Island Club, and any others we might have missed.

### Flying High!

Sheldon Stonerook from North Bass Island, PIB Class of 2009, passed his initial training in Oklahoma city to become an Air Traffic Controller. He's still got many hours of training ahead, but he is on his way.

### Get Your Copy of Barr's Book

We wrote about it in last month's Put-in-Bay Gazette. You've seen it publicized in the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today and the National Enquirer, but this great book about Middle Bass and other favorite Lake Erie Islands by "Ace Put-in-Bay Gazette Columnist" Gordy Barr can only be sold to a limited number of island aficionados for their rare book collections. Be one of those who get a copy at Christie Ontko's shop by the airport, Jessie's Jewelry at the Keys and J.F. walleye's On Middle Bass. You will not be sorry.

### The Need for More Bars

Kathy Kaiser-Holscott says she's concerned. Twice in the same day she was asked if there was a bar nearby the ferry where she sells tickets at the Lime Kiln Dock. The people apparently wanted to have a drink while waiting to get off the island. When she told them, "No," they asked her if she had anything in the ticket booth. Of course, she told them "no." Maybe it's time to set up bars at the docks or on the boats to satisfy this need. There's probably nothing better than a double dry Martini while waiting for the ferry. The Jet Express already has a bar at their dock in Port Clinton. Another solution may be to have drink service on the downtown busses for those who can't wait to get to their favorite watering hole. Better yet, what about bar service while waiting in line to go up to the top of the Monument. What do you think?

### State Rep. Steve Arndt to attend Sept. property owners meeting

State Representative Steve Arndt will be attending the Put-in-Bay Property Owners Association's September meeting on Saturday, the 22nd, at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome, and if you are not a member, please consider joining this important group.



## Now That It's September by Woody Widmar

Now that it's September  
You'd think it might slow down  
The calendar says summer's over  
Ha, just take a look around

It starts with a three-day weekend  
The unofficial end  
But it's only the beginning  
With so many events to attend

Arts in the Park show off their wares  
There's demonstrations for you  
Crafts and photos and artsy stuff  
With a silent auction, too

The Boy Scouts set up camp  
At Perry's Monument State Park  
Historical reenactments there  
From sun-up til past dark

The Volunteer Fire Department  
has a clambake  
Stop by for a tasty treat  
Celebrate our New Year's Eve  
With gambling in the streets

The Vintage Sport Car races  
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LEFT: This is for all of the Road Race Reunion participants and fans. Rob Rush, an avid road race fan, does a lot of work in various places around the world and had the opportunity recently to be in Birmingham, England, where Jaguars and Land Rovers are built. He as given a personal tour of the factory and said it was absolutely fantastic. Rob will be attending the Road Race Reunion at Put-in-Bay at the end of this month. He said to tell any Road Racers who see him there that he won't mind autographing their programs, but that they'll probably have to wait in line behind Rich Hahn to get one of the coveted signatures.



## Xmas in July Task Force

At a special meeting of the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, August 8th, at the Senior Center, the group's president, Brad Ohlemacher, met with members of the island business community and presented his thoughts about Christmas in July. Brad told those gathered he had talked with many in the community and put together a reason for the necessity of taking action and a plan to address the various factors which come into play in solving the growing problem of Christmas in July and its negative impact.

The necessity of changing what has happened to an event which was promoted to bring families to the island for a fun outing with holiday lights, parades, decorations and cheer, plus increase business, has changed to a weekend of anything but those things.

And it now comes down to a matter of safety and security of the islands residents, employees, guests and businesses.

Everyone is welcome on Put-in-Bay, but as we have now have experienced for the last few years, the island is physically and financially unable to support the overwhelming masses of people in short periods of time, especially when there is the need for extra security because of those who don't treat the island with respect and behave in such a manner as to keep others away who also want to come to enjoy the island.

During the meeting, suggestions were taken for how to end the Christmas in July nightmare. Just about everyone in the packed center had a suggestion or two, but when it came right down to it, everyone pretty much agreed there was no simple solution, but perhaps a variety of options for solving the situation.

For the first time ever, there truly seems to be a united voice, plus the willingness to work together to begin taking action to mitigate Christmas in July and turn it in to a normal summer weekend.

Brad talked about the four distinct areas of concern that need to be addressed when it comes to dealing with the situation....Promotion, Legal, Transportation and Protection (Law Enforcement). Four committees were set up, one for each area of concern and staffed with members.

If you have ideas for solving some of the issues associated with Christmas in July, here is a list of committee members you can contact Chamber President Brad Ohlemacher, Billy Market from Miller Boat Line, Bryan Edwards and Larry Fletcher from Lake Erie Shores and Islands, Chris Cooper from Island Hardware, Christie Ontko from Freshwater Retreat, Dee Dee Duggan from Island Bike Rental and Perry's Cave, Eric Booker from the Boardwalk, Ed Fitzgerald from Mr. Ed's and the Commodore Resort, Jessica Dress from the Village Council, Joey Wolf from the Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel, Kim Stoiber from Frosty Bar, Mark Wright from the Forge, Mike

Cooper from the All Star Ohio House, Patrick Myers from WPIB.com, Robby Morrow from the Crew's Nest and Put-in-Bay Winery, PIB Police Chief Steve Riddle, Todd Blumensaadt from the Jet Express and Trey Sheehan from Hooligans.

Plans call for some initial recommendations to be announced to the public in early September.

## Big Island 5K Race set for September 15th by Bob Reuter

The Miller Boat Line 5K and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk is expected to draw somewhere between 500 and 800 runners this month. This 5K at Put in Bay® is one of the largest in all of North Central Ohio and this year will mark the 15th year for the very popular run.

The 5K is always held on the third Saturday in September. The date was chosen because it almost always ensures perfect running weather. It is also a time when tourist visits to the island are slowing. Julene Market and Anita McCann have been official "race starters" in recent years. Marv Booker will "do the honors" this year.

Race Headquarters and the Registration desk for the event has always been at the Boat-house Bar and Restaurant. Registration is open Friday September 14th from 5 until 8 p.m. and Saturday the 15th from 8 a.m. until the race begins.

Planning of the race begins in January of each year. The event requires almost 40 volunteers which includes making application to the Village and Put in Bay Police Department; working with a graphic artist who designs a unique race logo each year which appears on the front of the runner shirt, ordering and suppling over 500 long sleeved runner and committee shirts; selecting and sandblasting the island rocks which are presented as unique awards, contracting with the company that electronically times each runner, creating 1500 registration forms; and arranging advertising and publicity in print, radio and TV media. And then,

Race Week-end requires volunteers to act as: registrars, race course monitors, race course timers, water stations personnel, pick an awards emcee, a crew for awards presentation and finally setting out the bottle water, banana and other healthy food for the runners after the race. Additionally, volunteers collect door prizes from island businesses as advertising "giveaways" while the crowd waits for winner announcements.

Quite an organization and a lot of work.

Sponsor logos and/or business names are displayed on all race documents, on 15000 registration forms given out by race timer company at other races they manage, on www.5KatPutinBay.com, on all the race shirts, on media news releases and more. The official 5KatPutinBay® 2018 race poster with the names and/or logos appears on another page of this month's Gazette.

Proceeds of the race help to pay building and grounds maintenance for Mother of Sorrows church here on Put-in-Bay.

Join us in the 5K run or in the Family Fun Walk. Go to www.5KatPutinBay.com to register. If you can't participate be sure to cheer the participants on as they pass your homes.

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# Schedule of Events for September

## Ohio Gumball Rally September 1 - September 3

The Ohio Gumball Rally heads to Put-in-Bay with loads of fancy and interesting vehicles. You won't be disappointed in the cars you'll see.

## Sündenbock Polka Band September 2 @ 3 to 6 pm

Stop by the Goat Soup & Whiskey and enjoy Phil Yan and the Sündenbock Polka Band playing in the Goat's Biergarten, Das Lokal, from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 2nd. The antique car paraders will pull in about 3 p.m., so there will be lots of excitement and fun to go around.

## Historic Weekend September 7 - September 9

The Anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie is a celebration of history, art, music, Perry's naval victory and more two centuries of International Peace. Almost 1,200 Boy Scouts arrive to camp on the Monument's east lawn for their annual camporee. There will be a Grand Parade through the downtown at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, plus musket and carronade firing, a War of 1812 military encampment and black powder demonstrations at the Monument. 2:15 pm: Grand Parade

## Art in the Park September 8 @ 10 am - 5 pm

Join the fun in Put-in-Bay's DeRivera Park for Art in the Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See artists demonstrations and vendors throughout the day while browsing original creations by dozens of artists including pottery, jewelry, stained glass, woodwork, photography, framed arts, watercolors, Put-in-Bay original island designs and crafts, textiles, paintings and more.

## Lights of Peace Harbor Illumination Saturday, Sept. 8th @ Dusk

The impressive Lights of Peace Harbor Illumination takes place on September 8th at 8 p.m. Flares around the entire PIB Harbor are lit to honor friends and loved ones.

## South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours September 8 @ 11 am - 5 pm

Tour the South Bass Island Lighthouse at the southern tip of the island for FREE and learn about its history. Tours will take place on Saturday, September 8th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Stone Lab Open House September 8 @ 11 am - 4 pm

Do you want to take a peek at Cooke Castle or peer down from Perry's Lookout? The Friends of Stone Lab Open House will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The open house gives visitors a chance to visit Gibraltar Island and experience Stone Lab science, education and history up close and personal. For more information email Kelly Dress at dress.3@osu.edu.

## Muffins vs. Mossbacks Old-Fashion Baseball Game - Sunday, Sept. 9 - 1 p.m.

Batter Up ~ Celebrate Historical Weekend at Put-in-Bay with an old fashioned baseball! The game is played with original rules of baseball from more than a century ago. Head to the school baseball diamond, first game at 1 p.m. Sponsored by Miller Boat Line.

## Miller Boat Line 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk - September 15

Runners and walkers of all ages welcome! Attend this annual 5K & 1 Mile Family Fun Walk which starts about 9 a.m. The race begins near The Boathouse Restaurant downtown. A scenic course, much of it winding along the island shoreline, participants consider this to be one of the most beautiful runs in Ohio. Preregister for discount, family discount also available. Registrants receive a discounted fare aboard Miller Ferry to Put-in-Bay. Prizes and unique engraved Lake Erie stones awarded to several age levels, male and female. Sign up at <http://www.hermescleveland.com/> or <http://www.5katputinbay.com/>. Make it a day (or more) with friends & family on the Island. Bring the family, spend the entire weekend. Proceeds benefit Mother of Sorrows Church. This event is sponsored by Miller Boat Line. Participating runners will get \$3 off adult round trip ferry passage to Put-in-Bay on the day of the race.

## Clambake - September 15

The Put-in-Bay Vol. Fire Dept.'s annual Clambake will be held at the Put-in-Bay Fire Station at 199 Concord Ave. between noon and 7p.m. (or until sold out) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The dinner includes: Chicken, 1 Dozen Clams, Clam Chowder, corn, potatoes, vegetables and rolls. It's recommended that you reserve tickets in advanced. You can do so by calling 419-285-7805, texting 419-606-5197 or faxing orders to 419-285-3709. All reserved tickets must be picked up by 3 p.m. the day of the Clam Bake. Everyone is welcome to this island-style clam bake that benefits the Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department. The event will take place rain or shine because there's indoor seating for everyone.

## New Year's Eve Celebration September 15 @ 6 pm - 11 pm

Come help ring in the New Year at this Put-in-Bay soiree, right on the street of downtown. It's a long-standing Put-in-Bay tradition to ring in the New Year early for those who won't be on the island when the real New Year is rung in. Join the crowds on the street who play Blackjack, Big Six, Poker and other casino style games from 6 to 11 p.m.

## Museum & Resale Shop Volunteer Party & Potluck - September 16

There will be a party/potluck for the volunteers who helped out this summer at the Museum and Resale Shop on Sunday, September 16th, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Heineman Winery. Refreshments will be served.

## International Day of Peace September 21

World Peace Day was established in 1981 by unanimous UN resolution. Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial will be challenging the current 5,600-person "World's

Largest Peace Symbol" on Park property. World Peace Day was established in 1981 by unanimous UN resolution. Interested groups should contact the Park at 419-285-2184 for more information.

## Half Way to St. Patrick's Day September 22

Hooligans is the place to be on Put-in-Bay when it comes to celebrating Half Way to St. Patrick's Day. There will be an Island Irish celebration with food, music, and a parade through downtown Put-in-Bay at 2 p.m. Irish Bagpipers & Snare Drum Band will lead the parade and perform throughout the day at Hooligan's on Catawba Ave. There will be Irish inspired food and drinks. Don't forget to wear your green. Decorate your golf or bicycle and participate in the parade.

## Lake Erie Wing Watch September 23

As part of the Lake Erie Wing Watch, there will be Monarch tagging on Put-in-Bay at the South Bass Island Lighthouse with Jackie Taylor from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September 23rd. Miller Ferry to Put-in-Bay will offer discounted ferry passage for registered Wing Watch participants traveling to Put-in-Bay for the event.

## Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Annual Meeting & Potluck - September 23

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be holding their annual meeting at the Heineman Winery on Sunday, September 23rd starting at 1 p.m. If you're a member, or would like to become a member, please bring a dish to share. Grill food provided. RSVP to [leiconservancy@gmail.com](mailto:leiconservancy@gmail.com) or phone or text Lisa Brohl at (419) 366-2087.

## Vintage Sports Car Racing September 24 - September 26

For the 10th consecutive year, the sounds of the open exhausts of MGs, Porsches, Triumphs, Morgan Trikes, Turners and many other unique sports cars of the past will reverberate off the buildings along Delaware Avenue and the roads around the island which were the exact same course that the cars raced in the past. Much more than just a vintage race, the Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion (PIBRRR) also welcomes owners/drivers of non-racing vintage sports cars of all types to come and participate in various events and activities; honoring island's racing history, social gatherings, a car show, original course and airport-track touring, rocker cover races and more. Enjoy watching a wild array of vin-

tage and historic sports cars. Race viewing is FREE! Bring a lawn chair to sit around the airport and get a great vantage point of the races.

## Taste of Put-in-Bay September 27 @ 5:30 pm

The Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its second annual "Taste of Put-in-Bay," on Thursday, September 27th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the fire station on Concord Ave. There will be a great selection of food from various Put-in-Bay restaurants, plus a gun raffle. Tickets are \$35. The event benefits the Put-in-Bay Vol. Fire Dept.

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# Kelleys Island News By Leslie Korenko

July and August were extraordinarily dry. We missed almost all the storms that ripped across the lake. However, relief came mid-August with several days of much welcomed rain and could hear the plants sighing with relief.

## EVENTS

There is still so much to do in September. The Island Singers put on another great show on September 1, the Police



ABOVE: This is a preview of a little of what happened on this year's wonderful and eventful golf cart trip to North Bass Island on Thursday, August 16th. Waiting at the North Bass Church were Lynne James and Pastor Deacon Father Reverend Gary Milson. Lynne officiated at two weddings and several renewals of vows (see the photos on the first page of Section B). As for Gary, we are not sure what his role was, but rest assured there was no lack of communion cheer to go around and it appears he may have had something to do with that. Lynne and Gary are pictured here nervously awaiting the performance of their duties that day.

Dept. holds a car wash on Sept. 2. Hancock Wood Electric plans a power outage on Sept. 6 from 6-10 am and Saturday, Sept 8 is Treasure Island Day. At 11:00 stop by the old stone church on Division Street to take in Pat's talk (and banding) of Monarch butterflies. You can even adopt one and track it online. Council meets on Sept. 13 and the KI Wine Co. holds its 3rd Wine Fest & Art Show on Sept. 15, which is also the Kayak Poker Paddle. Audubon Pot Luck is September 20 (check Facebook for details-Bird-Kelleys Island. Closing out the month is Harvest Fest downtown on Sept. 29. While algae halted the Make-a-Wish swim, the poker run was a sell out with 483 hands sold. You can still make donations to these ladies and their worthy cause. The KI Police Dept. thanks everyone who made the pig roast such a success. It was a sold out event. KILA's Homecoming was loads of fun with a full day of music, food, shopping, marshmallow golf, Twinkie eating, games and so much more. It is a shame that the businesses don't participate in the parade, everyone so looks forward to their floats.

## GOODBYE

Speaking of Hancock Wood, it was with great regret that we said goodbye to Kevin who decided to retire a little earlier than expected. He has been such a big part of our community during his years of service. We will really miss his good nature, ready smile and enthusiasm as well as his generous nature in helping out wherever and whenever it was needed. You can tell he was well-liked, because the party thrown in his honor at the VFW was standing room only.

## OUR (ZION) COMMUNITY CHURCH

Imagine, 125 years of service to the community in one building. Many churches feel that they are in competition with their neighboring parishes, but not here on the Island. The Zion United Methodist Church recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. The many speakers praised the remarkable cooperation between the Zion Church and St. Michael's Catholic Church. Members from each congregation band together to do good works in the community including everything from knitting much needed lap blankets for seniors and booties and hats for babies, to co-hosting events. The congregation first starting meeting in various houses. As the congregation grew, a small building just north of the current church was built in 1873. It was called Beatty's Little Church and is now a residence. The new church was built in 1893 and remains unchanged except for some much needed expansions. This date is inscribed on the corner stone of the building. When the Congregational Church across the street closed its doors, their organ was donated to the Zion Church. When that organ could no longer be repaired, a part of it became the unusually ornate altar. The service was lovely and a nice display of items from the Church's past were on display.

## MUSEUM NEWS

The KI History Museum switches to weekends only after Sept. 9. Their big yard sale has mostly moved indoors at the Parsonage Resale Shop, but there will be late-arriving items on the front lawn so stop by. The Arts & Crafts Show featured about a dozen artisans and you can still order items from them, just check the events tab on the Museum's website. The big Murder Mystery Masquerade held on Long Point was a smashing success. Chef Brittney cooked up some rather tasty dishes featuring specialties from her new hometown of New Orleans. DJ JAZMATI (Rafal) spun tunes while a troupe led everyone on a merry chase to discover who the murderer was among a dozen suspects! The Wine Pull and silent auction were quite popular and Coach Taylor had his hands full dealing cards at the poker table. The Historical Assoc. thanks the many people who made this event possible, particularly Jodie and Scott Smith who were so generous in sharing their lovely Long Point property. Pictures are already appearing on both Facebook and on the museum's website.

## COUNCIL NOTES

The POLICE DEPT. had 27 reports, 540 calls and 11 arrests. There were 11 misdemeanor tickets, 4 accidents, 20 warnings were issued. The EMT SQUAD made 24 runs and will be holding an EMT class on the Island. The FIRE-FIGHTER'S Steak Fry at the VFW was a sold-out event. They will be testing their 7,000 feet of hose at the end of August. The Village is exploring RECYCLE options. Work is progressing on the installation of the 'boosters' which Frontier hopes will improve internet reliability and speed. There was additional discussion on the ordinance to sell the GO-LIAS HOUSE and the tie vote, required the Mayor to cast the deciding vote - voting no. What was so very confusing was that some members who supported the sale voted no and some who objected to the sale voted yes. There will probably be more on this. Erie County is changing their hotel tax to a transient lodging tax of 4% and the Village will likely pass legislation for a similar 3% tax, resulting in an income of \$45,000. The Erie Co. Auditor's office clarified: "All people who rent houses, rooms, and such will be required to register with us, fill out a quarterly tax form that lists their amount of rents for that period of time and pay 4% of their rents to Erie County. Your local government such as Kelleys Island - could also enact their own tax up to 3% and charge you that as well." The new rules go into effect on 1/1/19.



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## Unsocial Media?

### Let's keep it positive

By Peter Huston

Digital connectivity means that we are not an isolated island any more. 10 years ago we might have wondered "What is social media?" and how do I participate in being social? I may be dating myself, but I "sorta kinda" miss the old AOL chat room groups and dial up. Pictures and videos were used very sparingly and discussions were real time with moderators. I especially miss the moderators. Having them, ensured high-level conversations and reduced pointless rhetoric.

The influential power of today's visually oriented social media ranges from amazing locally accessed ways to recycle (Put-in-Bay Garage Sale) and share island information which is a win-win to certain sites that have become regional community sound boards with gripe sessions that end up a lose-lose for most participants.

Many of these forums of information exchange have tapped into a relatively new phenomenon of online "shaming", "outing", "promoting" or "critiquing". We have to understand that anyone with a smart phone can become a "reporter, photographer, or food critic". Unfounded, ill-advised comments can create bitter and divisive social media "neighbors". What started as a great tool for communication can quickly become a tool of divisive ill advised negative imagery.

And whether you know it or not your email or Face Book page could be part of this story. Hackers and hucksters are out there stealing that information every day to swindle others in your name Several people I know here on the island have been hacked by unknown entities to use their online personal profile. This is then used to harvest more information through "friend" requests and links to websites that take you down a rabbit hole and be used to spread fake or hurtful content.

Social Media has also made privacy a thing of the past. Data collection from diverse places like a pet store chain to the big superstore all collect data on us. And all that online sharing goes into profiles and databases that will haunt us forever. I try not to share my information ever these days.

Thankfully some islanders have started a move to "keep it positive". Put-in-Bay's larger "social profile" is culled from these many online exchanges in the cyber universe. We know that there is good that comes from a community working together to promote the things we want to hear about, want to encourage. If we all pull the oars together we can row past the negative posts and fake information to showcase the island as the place we want it to be.

Reinforce the positive and stop sharing the negative. A great day in social media is when the images and stories that we share and like are the ones that will make friends and future friends want to come and visit. We can change some of the bad behavior by ignoring it, but we can actively steer the conversation towards a better image, together. Be positive.



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ABOVE: Leah Hohnberger a 20-yea-old International business major at Ohio State took a break from her job at the Crews Nest to pose in front of the "Shed for Brains" at the Bill and Cantillon residence on East Point because she knew the seven countries that border the Black Sea. If you go on the Internet, the countries bordering the Black Sea are Ukraine, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia and Turkey, only six. We're going to bet she counted Moldova in her seven. Moldova is very close and just touches the Black Sea near Odesa in the Ukraine. Thanks, Bill, for sharing this with us. We learned something about world geography from this. Next time you will have to ask a harder question such as "Name the countries which have watersheds which drain into the Black Sea." If you know someone who knows the answer to this off the top of their head, you've found yourself a real genius.

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## Commander Ahoy!

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

### Potential Tragedy Averted at State Park

Last week I was at the state park cleaning my golf cart and enjoying the beautiful day. There were a good number of people (mostly tourist and some residents) also enjoying the park. I noticed three PIB teenagers (who will remain unnamed) were horsing around with a kayak. The three piled on to the vessel and headed out past the pier where in short

order the kayak violently capsized three times.

About that time, Bob Gatewood (renowned island performer and owner of Water Craft Rentals) began to make his way to the end of the launch ramp to try to communicate with the teens. I joined him signaling the teens back to shore.

The kayak's body had taken on a great deal of water through a drain hole that was missing the plug.

Bob and I flipped the vessel over to empty all the accumulated water and loaded it aboard the mother's vehicle.

Potential tragedy averted.

### Nearly Every Violation Possible

It is rare when I see water craft operator(s) commit nearly every violation possible at one time! Let's list them:

1) Over loaded vessel.

This kayak had a passenger capacity of two yet there were three people on board which is illegal and obviously dangerous. This contributed to the kayak taking on water as the aft portion of the vessel was intermittently submerged and the lack of kayaking skills lead directly to the vessel capsizing three times.

2) Inadequate life jackets. Only one of the three had on a life jacket. While they are not required to be worn it is required that there is a life jacket on board for each person in the kayak.

3) No vessel registration. Kayaks are required to be registered through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Non registered kayaks on Lake Erie are illegal.

4) Unseaworthy. The vessel was missing its drain plug which allowed it to take on water.

### The Good News

While this could have had a tragic conclusion the good news is that none of these kids were hurt or worse. A big Bravo Zulu to Bob Gatewood who could have just as easily look the other way but chose to get involved when he recognized that these kids were in over their heads!

### A Lesson For Everyone

Anyone involved in recreational activities on the lake would be best served by taking a safety class regardless of age. A couple hours spent that could save your life!

For a free Vessel Safety Check call 419-379-9000

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

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



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**DAN STEWART 3PM**

**SEPTEMBER 6**

**PLAYER'S CLUB 9:30PM**

**SEPTEMBER 7-8**

**MIKE PAPAZIAN 2PM**

**THE BRIDGES 5:30PM**

**PLAYER'S CLUB 9:30PM**

**SEPTEMBER 9**

**MIKE PAPAZIAN 2PM**

**SEPTEMBER 13**

**VENYX 9:30PM**

**SEPTEMBER 14-15**

**RYAN DUNLAP 2PM**

**VENYX 5:30PM**

**THE MENUS 9:30PM**

**SEPTEMBER 21-22**

**MEL BURN'S BAND 2PM**

**56 DAZE 5:30PM**

**MUSTANG SALLY 9:30PM**

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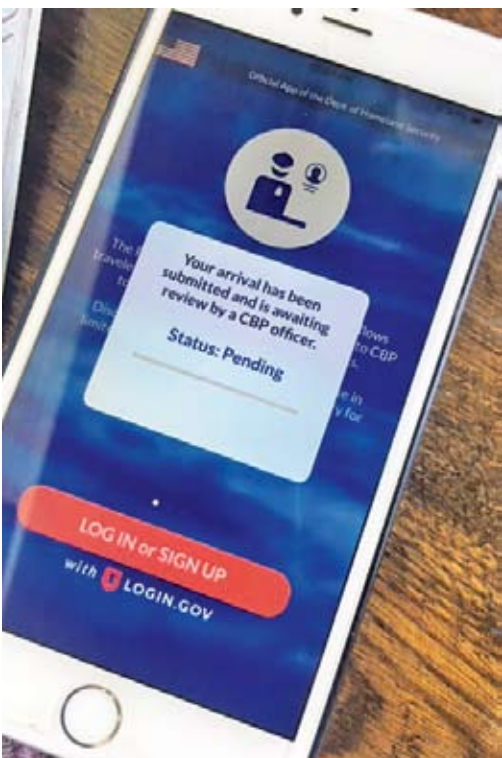
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ABOVE: Dave Frederick from the West Shore presents Father Nathan Bockrath with a farewell gift, Susan Byrnes's book about the history of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, on his departure from Mother of Sorrows where he has served as Chaplain and Presbyterian Moderator of the Island Roman Catholic Parishes. Fr. Nathan is heading to Bellevue and Attica. Fr. Jeff Smith will be taking Father Nathan's place.



ABOVE: Kent McGrain, 5-year-old grandson of Lake Erie Islands Conservancy board member Linda Shull from Rudolph, Ohio visited our island preserves in August. He Loved the Dodge Woods Preserve StoryWalk® Trail. On arrival, his "legs were tired" but after reading the first pages he raced to the next post!! He also enjoyed a walk at the Massie Cliffside Preserve also! Get out and take a walk and enjoy these special spots! The Dodge Woods Preserve is located at the corner of Langram and Thompson. The Massie Cliffside Preserve is about half way out to East Point on State Route 357. Parking is available at both locations.



ABOVE: We couldn't help but take a photo of this cell-phone notice from the CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) when friends from Pelee came for an island visit on their boat recently. When they tried to call Customs and Border Patrol to check in, they were told they could not just call in anymore, but had to use the new app on a Smartphone. They asked about using the CBP check-in phone at the restroom in the Village Park, but learned that had been taken out earlier this summer. If they didn't have a Smartphone, they would have to go to Cedar Point to check in. That being ridiculous, they proceeded to get the app set up. The simple three- or four-minute procedure of checking in by phone, turned into an hour plus while just trying to download the app and get it set up so they could just simply check in. Fortunately, they were with their American friends, a couple from New Jersey who rent on Pelee every summer. The husband was tech savvy and went to work downloading the app after finding a fast wifi connection. It was complicated affair which required boat information, plus photos of everyone onboard. Finally, they checked in and the above notice popped up. Twenty minutes later, they didn't have their verification number and their status was still pending. We don't know when they finally got their OK to be in the U.S., but it was a very frustrating ordeal. Since then we talked to someone who goes to Pelee by boat on a regular basis. When you arrive in Canada, you make a simple call, and if you've been there before, they already know you're name. The procedure takes just a few minutes. This boater has been using the new app and says it's pretty simple to report back into the States once you've downloaded all the information about your boat and regular passengers. He says it takes about 3 minutes to get the "Your trip has been approved" notice on your phone. That's good news, but he did add he had once waited for three hours for approval.



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**Food for thought**

Did you ever wonder about how the island promotes New Year's at the Bay for those who can't be here when the real holiday takes place. What is strange is that the Monte Carlo -style games close down at 11 p.m., an hour before midnight. You'd think if you're going to celebrate New Year's, things would continue to the stroke of 12. Maybe that's what they mean when they say they're celebrating it "island-style."



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The "Clean Lake 2020 Plan" bill, authored by state Sen. Randy Gardner, R-Bowling Green, and state Rep. Steve Arndt, R-Port Clinton, was approved by Gov. John Kasich.

In the \$36 million bill which will fund various programs to help fight harmful algal blooms in the lake \$2.65 million is for Stone Lab. It includes \$1.9 million to expand the lab space and another \$500,000 to equip the labs.

Stone Laboratory currently has about 3,800 square feet of laboratory space and the new construction is expected to double that. Hopefully, construction will begin in 2019.

**Lake Erie Islands  
September 2018 Schedule**

**1 - Topsy Turvey's • 2PM**  
**1 & 2 - Mojito Bay • 8PM**  
**7 - 8 Mojito Bay • 8PM**  
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LEFT: One night on the St. Paul's pilgrimage, the group stayed in a yurt. Left to right are Zavion Henderson (St. Andrew's Episcopal Elyria), Melody Many (PIB), Paula Hubner (PIB), Elora Hubner (PIB), Ed Hubner (PIB), Michael Taylor (St. Andrew's), Tyler Rodrigue-Hejhal (St. Thomas, Port Clinton), Bill Taylor (St. Andrew's) and Ella Kostura (PIB). Not pictured are Rev. Mary L. Staley and Sue Hejhal. The group had a great time on their pilgrimage

**St. Paul's Youth Pilgrimage**

Three adults and three young people from St. Paul's Episcopal Church here at Put-in-Bay joined a small group from the mainland and spent time in August making a several-day pilgrimage to several stops in rural Ohio.

The Pilgrimage began at Bellwether Farm where they hiked, picked fresh vegetables for their meals during the week, plus visited the fruit trees they helped plant last spring.

They then headed to the Friendly Inn where they stayed the night and in the morning helped served breakfast to local people who were in need of a good meal.

The group had other stops including the Stanford House in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Kenyon College, before ending up at St. Paul's in Medina.

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4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.		
5:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.		
6:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.		
7:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.		
8:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.		
9:30 p.m.	10:00 p.m.		
10:30 p.m.	11:00 p.m.		
11:30 p.m.	12:00 a.m.		
12:30 a.m.	1:00 a.m.		

Fridays, August 7, 14		Saturdays, September 8 & 15		Saturday, September 22	
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## You can help the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

- Submitted by **Kate Ptak, Chair of the LEINWC**

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center has been fundraising to build an addition to the center. We have built the porch, and now need to move forward on the much needed office, library and expansion of the inside exhibit space. We have been offered an exciting challenge to raise funds for completing the second phase. A very generous anonymous donor has offered to match funds we raise in 2018 up to \$60,000.00. Our director, Jackie Taylor, is working to find grants to help meet this challenge and the Wildlife Center will continue our fundraising events in 2018, which we hope you will support, but more is needed. We, the members of the board, are appealing to you, our friends, to consider making a donation to the building fund so we can meet this challenge. The cost of the building addition is just over \$175,000, so your donation is more important than ever because it is worth double the amount.

### How can you help? We are offering 3 solutions

#### 1. Adopt or Foster a LEINWC Display Animal

- This would be a great present for Christmas, Birthdays, etc.
- The animals in our center are divided into three levels (see below).
- Visit or contact the center after August 17th for a complete list of the animals available for adoption or foster care.
- Your name will be displayed with your chosen animal.
- Select your favorite ASAP! First come, first served.

LEVEL ONE (\$1,000.00)	LEVEL TWO (\$2,000.00)	LEVEL THREE (\$5,000.00)
LYNX	BLACK BEAR	GRIZZLY BEAR
COYOTE	2 BOBCATS	TIMBER WOLF
RACCOON	ELK SHOULDER	MOUNTAIN LION
SWAN	2 OPPOSSUMS	STONE SHEEP

PLEASE NOTE: From 8/18/2018 to 12/31/2018 all categories are half price to take advantage of the matching funds challenge.

**ADOPTION** Animals are the displays that have a connection with Ohio. An animal that is adopted is a lifetime relationship. The adoption plaque will be permanently placed with the animal.

**FOSTER** Animals are the animals that do NOT have a connection with Ohio. These animals are "fostered" for a set number of years that is defined when you foster that animal. Like fostering children or pets, you know that the one you are fostering may be placed in a permanent home.

- Level 3 Foster animals are a 10 year commitment
- Level 2 Foster animals are a 5 year commitment
- Level 1 Foster animals are a 3 year commitment

If you foster an animal and it eventually moves to a permanent home we will offer the opportunity to you to adopt or foster (at no extra cost) another exhibit in your level. Your fostering plaque will be placed with that display.

Come out to our center or send an email to us at [leinwc@gmail.com](mailto:leinwc@gmail.com) to choose the animal you want to adopt or foster. Information is also available on our website: [lakeerieislandswildlife.com](http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com).

#### 2. SQUARE METER OF LEINWC GROUNDS

- You will receive a designated piece of the island for a \$50.00 donation
- You can acquire adjacent squares
- This is another great gift idea. Your deed of ownership can be passed on for generations
- Come visit the LEINWC, email the center at [leinwc@gmail.com](mailto:leinwc@gmail.com) or mail to PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, OH, 43456 to close this deal.

#### 3. TRADITIONAL DONATION

- No minimum amount, no maximum amount
- No muss, no fuss; your check or cash will help us build our addition.
- Come see us, email to center at [leinwc@gmail.com](mailto:leinwc@gmail.com) or mail to PO Box 871, Put-in-Bay, OH, 43456 to make your donation.

Thank you for considering these opportunities to help us build the addition to our Center. Your generous donation will also help the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center grow into a more versatile nature center serving the residents and visitors to our Islands.

- Submitted by *Kate Ptak*,  
Chair of the LEINWC

## RESALE SHOP HOURS

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ABOVE: Ohio State Representative Steve Arndt (left) and State Senator Randy Gardner were on hand to congratulate I-LYA Commodore Mike Powers (center) at the opening ceremonies of the 125th Inter-Lake Yachting Association Regatta here at Put-in-Bay on Thursday, August 2nd. Representative Arndt will be on hand at the Put-in-Bay Property Owners Association meeting at the Senior Center on Saturday, September 22nd, at 10 a.m. - Photo courtesy of John Schaffner, The Beacon

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# Listen to Larry

by Larry Schrader

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

"It's a beautiful noise ... Like a symphony played, By a passing parade, It's the music of life ... " Neil Diamond - 1976

Life's pace for an Island cottager is slow, relaxed, mellow. The weekend cottager can feel the change, a decompression, almost as soon as the ferry pulls away from the Catawba dock on Friday afternoon. For those of us lucky enough to make the Island our home for the Summer, this tranquil tone welcomes us each morning and remains until we reluctantly return to the mainland for the Winter. Some have suggested that I am particularly adept at embracing the slower side of Island life, an unhurried, simple lifestyle, the quiet, the "beautiful noise".

Perhaps, this is the reason that September is my favorite month. Certainly, the signs of Autumn are already here: Acorns from the big oak, knocked loose by chubby squirrels, already cover the yard; the parched, wiry grass is littered with the dry, brownish petals and tan-colored seeds from the Linden tree; the martens and swallows have deserted their homes, bound for Winter hideaways; sunsets grow closer to eight o'clock as Sol moves further South; by day, the tymbalic beat of the Cicada resonates from atop the big oak, nighttime



LARRY SCHRADER

brings the chirping love song of the busy crickets. The "passing parade" has changed, fewer golf carts make their way down the West Shore, fewer tour trains, bikes, joggers, even walkers seem to have slowed their pace. Students have started back to school, families turn their attention to lives in the real world, Summer vacations are nearly complete. There are smaller crowds on the ferry, once-rare parking spaces abound, a welcome quiet has returned - a "beautiful noise".

Football fans fill the bars on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The music doesn't seem as loud, the crowds more friendly, the mood is light, amicable, smiles come easily. Customers spill out onto patios, outdoor bars and restaurants, eager to absorb the warm sun and soft breezes, well-aware of what Mother Nature will soon reign on Northern Ohio. As darkness falls, the glistening lights of the Village twinkle, free of the buzzing, black clouds of pesky mayflies and mosquitoes that covered them earlier in the year - the lights from the Monument, our memorial to peace, stand in silent approval, bouncing over the harbor and across the lake.



ABOVE: Listen to Larry and his bride, Mrs. Larry, are seen here at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club where Larry can sometimes be found grilling hot dogs and burgers on the grill. Mrs. Larry, Cathy to her close friends, enjoys tending bar there. Larry says he can tell a lot about the people at the club just by how they want their burger or hot dog grilled. He tells us those who love their burgers rare are really different from those who like them well done.

On a recent morning, I climbed onto my bike and pedaled slowly past the vineyards on Trenton and Catawba; fragrant, purple grapes ripened in the warm, late-Summer sun. I breathed in the sweet air, the aroma of a perfect day, the perfect life. There was no traffic - no one, silence - just me, the "music" and September.



ABOVE: Barb Chrysler with her brother Steve Lehman cooking on the grill the afternoon the antique car paraders stopped by the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club after their car parade one Sunday afternoon in August.

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# Recently discovered island history Finding the Ross Island Blockhouse

by William Krejci

It's a little known fact that many of the Lake Erie islands have had multiple names. For instance, Kelleys Island was originally Cunningham's Island, named for an early settler named William Cunningham. Middle Bass Island was first called Isle de Fleurs, meaning Island of Flowers. Starve Island and Green Island were once respectively named Glacial Island and Strontian Island.

South Bass Island is no exception to this. In fact, it's held more names than any other island upon the lake, including Bass Island, Big Bass Island, Put-in-Bay Island, and most interestingly... Ross Island. This raises the question, who was Ross? An answer was hard to find, but after conducting much research on the subject, it was discovered that the island received this title from a man named James Ross, who was originally from Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ross was called up by the Pennsylvania Militia in March of 1813. He served as a private in Capt. George Records Company of Col. Reese Hill's Regt. His company arrived in Erie, PA on April 20th and was assigned to guard the construction of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's fleet, which was being built in that town.

James Ross must have been something of an adventurous soul. As the construction of Perry's naval squadron was nearing completion, and his term with the militia reaching a close, Mr. Ross presumably found himself with a yearning to continue on and see things through. He volunteered to go aboard Perry's fleet on July 25th and was stationed aboard the schooner Scorpion, which was commanded by Perry's wife's cousin, Sailing Master Stephen Champlin.

The details of what transpired at the Battle of Lake Erie on September 10, 1813 are extraordinary and are immortal-

ized in the halls of naval glory. They need not be repeated here. What can be said is that James Ross, for his own part, fulfilled his duty that day to the fullest of his ability. His assigned vessel had the distinction of having fired the first and last shots of that famous engagement, and he assisted in the capture of the British schooners Chippewa and Little Belt.

Following the battle, and with the terms of his service drawing to a conclusion, James Ross found himself in contact with Judge Ogden Edwards, who owned South Bass Island. Prior to the war, an attempt was made at establishing a settlement. Seven families were sent out to South Bass Island with Seth Doan of Cleveland, but were chased off by Native Americans in 1812. Edwards hoped to reestablish a settlement, but needed a new caretaker and James Ross fit the bill. Thus it was decided that he would remain at Put-in-Bay.

To get a better understanding of what life on the island would have been like for Mr. Ross, a closer look was taken at the events that followed the Battle of Lake Erie. Much of this centered around two of the captured British vessels, the HMS Queen Charlotte and HMS Detroit. Both had suffered considerable damage during their onslaught against the American squadron. The day after the battle, they were brought back to Put-in-Bay as prizes. The following evening, a severe gale struck the island and unmasted the two ships. They were in no condition to return to Erie with the rest of the prize vessels. With the end of the naviga-



ABOVE: Illustration of the blockhouse at Put-in-Bay from The Western Magazine, June 1881.

tion season closing in, plans were made to winter them at Put-in-Bay.

A small detachment of men remained on the isolated island, but were joined that Christmas by the arrival of two more vessels that had gained fame at the engagement on September 10th. The Somers and Tigress arrived under the command of Sailing Master Stephen Champlin... Ross' former commander.

It was while reading a letter that Champlin penned to his commander back in Erie that a stunning discovery was made. The letter read thus:

*Put-in-Bay January 14, 1814*

*Sir: I have everything in complete order at this place. I have the guns mounted in the block-house. I have mounted on board the Detroit 21 guns, and on board the Queen Charlotte 19. I have mounted those 32-pounders and 24-pounders that were left on board the Detroit. I can bring 12 guns to bear in every direction. The ice is constantly kept open. I think if they attack us they will meet with a pretty warm reception. The sailors are all well, the soldiers very sick. We have provisions enough to last till the first of April. The beef is very bad.*

*I have the honor to be your ob'dt servant  
Stephen Champlin*

There had been suspicion that a structure of some sort had been erected at Put-in-Bay, but what it might have been was illusive. To learn of the existence of a blockhouse is quite substantial. Apparently, there was great concern over the possibility of the British attempting to cross the ice that winter to Put-in-Bay and recapture the prize vessels. Thus the construction of a fortification was deemed necessary. At least three more letters make mention of this blockhouse, sitting on a rocky point, close to the captured vessels. An actual description was discovered in a copy of the Cleveland Leader dating from 1858. In this article, a man named Atkins, who served with the militia, clearly remembered assisting in the construction of the blockhouse. He describes it as measuring 16 feet square on the lower level and 20 on the upper. He also mentions it as having been floored with hewn timbers.

The last time it has ever been mentioned in print (until now) came in the form of an article published in The Western Magazine in June of 1881. The title of the piece in question is Our Excursion to the Lakes. A work of fiction, this short story tells of a man who takes a trip with his sister and her family to Lake Erie. The descriptions and illustrations of the many places they visit along the way are remarkably accurate to real locations. Included in this is also a mention of the blockhouse, sitting on a high rocky point, in a quiet and unfrequented part of the bay.

There's one more surprise that this article offers. At the conclusion of its columns, the author gives his name: W.D. Boyce. It turns out that this story is a previously unattributed work by the man who would later go on to become the founder of the Boy Scouts of America.

Trying to find the exact location of this blockhouse has been something of a challenge as well. The best clues take us back to James Ross. It's known that in the few short years that he lived at this locale, the island actually bore his name. Unfortunately, James Ross met his death on July 11, 1817 and was buried on Gibraltar Island. In 1863, a writer for the Sandusky Register made an attempt at poetically describing his burial site, but incorrectly listed his death date as August 11, 1848. His headboard (not a headstone, but a piece of wood that marked his grave) was so degraded that his vital information had worn away.

In the years that followed his death, people gradually stopped referring to the island on the whole as Ross Island. According to the book South Bass Island and Islanders by Thomas and Marina Langlois (Ohio State University, 1948) the name "was later applied only to a small adjunct of South Bass Island" and was eventually used "as the site of an ice house, fishery, and boat livery." Some later maps apply this title to what would one day become the site of Miller Marina, but it seems that, according to the description given by Mr. and Mrs. Langlois, the original peninsula to bear the title Ross Island was what would eventually become Peach Point, as this is the appendage of land that contained the aforementioned structures.

Perhaps this is where James Ross himself had resided. The blockhouse was abandoned by the military in May of 1814. It would have been the best structure on the island at that time and would serve perfectly as a residence.

James Ross' grave site on Gibraltar Island was eventually marked by a headstone that bore the incorrectly claimed date of death, but it was removed in later years. What became of the Ross Island Blockhouse remains an island mystery.

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ABOVE: Barry Koehler took this panoramic photo during the dark stargazing cruise. Photoshop had to be used to bring out the details of the fun, starless trip.

# The Stargazing Cruise

By McKenna Stacy

On August 6th during the Island Green Week, the Miller Boat Line hosted the Stargazing Cruise. There were green wrists bands that said "Island Green Week Brought Me Here." All of the profits from the cruise went to the Nature Center. There were plenty of people on the cruise. I went with my grandma and my brother, Matthew. The view was beautiful although there was only one star. The sky was quite cloudy and there were many lighting strikes. Instead of a Stargazing Cruise it was more of a Stormy Cruise. The lighting was beautiful with all of the clouds and just enough

light to see them all. The captain was Glenn Cooper. We left from the Downtown dock and because it was so windy and rainy we had to dock at Lime Kiln. I brought a rain poncho and when the wind blew it rattled. It was a great night and even though it rained I am glad I went. I got the tickets from someone who couldn't make it, and they were given to me on the day of the Cruise. When they loaded us on it felt so different because usually people don't get on the boat and set up a lawn chair on the lower deck. I hope I get to do it again next year, and I certainly hope there are more stars!



McKenna Stacy



ABOVE: The car deck of the Miller ferry was crowded with people hoping to glimpse a few stars on the stargazing cruise one night in August. The overcast sky, dark storm clouds and eventual rain turned the event into one of the most memorable events in recent island history.

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ABOVE: One of the neatest things we've seen on Put-in-Bay was this photo taken on Friday afternoon of the Jeep Invasion weekend at the end of July. About 80 Jeeps went offroading in the field at the corner of Meechen and Airport Roads by the PIB Airport and parked in the form of "PIB." A drone went up and took this photo. Jeeps of all colors, makes and models made up the photo. This was the third annual Jeep Invasion. Promoter Rebecca Peppers, said the first in 2016 had only five participating Jeeps. The event doubled in size in 2017. For 2018, she was expecting about 200 Jeep owners. Many of the Jeep owners stayed at the South Bass Island State Park Campground. Besides the big PIB photo, the group had a car show, an eight-stop scavenger hunt, plus a lot of other fun. A couple of days later, another group of Aquacar owners visited the island. Being able to drive in the water, they visited Middle Bass and North Bass while they were in the island area. That's has become a wonderful event, too.

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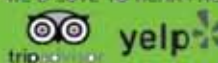
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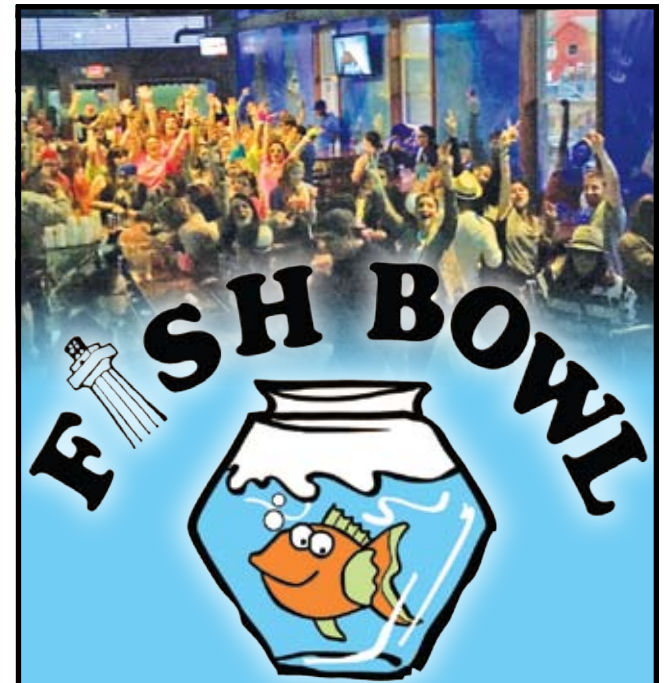


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## Excitement on North Bass Island

A couple of days after the golf trip to North Bass Island, Robin Burris Cadez spotted a guy who was really out it walking down the road like a zombie. He had stolen a boat from Toledo and it washed up on the island. The Coast Guard was called. Hopefully the fellow ended up in the slammer. Never a dull moment on NBI.



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ABOVE: The Put-in-Bay Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed an "On the Town" luncheon and "wineformational" (learning information about wines) presented by Ed Heineman from Heineman Winery on Thursday, August 9th, at the Goat Soup & Whiskey. Left to right are two unknown I-LYA women who joined the group, Judy Prinz from Chapman Rd., Rose Kahler from East Point, Phoebe Borman from Chapman Rd., Kyrle Lee (Rose's daughter), Howard Hanna Realtor Reni Miller, Ed's wife Michele Heineman, Jill Cooks from Shore Villas, Susan Byrnes from Arbor Inn B&Bs, Pati Arth from the West Shore, Maisie Ruchala from East Point, Auxiliary President Deborah Palmer, Heidi Tigges from the West Shore, and two more unidentified I-LYA ladies. Standing at the rear by the famous goat Pali Wali, are Scott Jackson, owner of the Goat, and Ed Heineman from Heineman Winery

### You can help with the Chimney Swift count on islands

As summer draws to a close and the chimney swifts have finished raising their young, these fascinating aerial acrobats begin to congregate in communal roosts prior to their migration in the fall. Some roosts may consist of an extended family group of a half a dozen birds or so, but the larger sites can host hundreds or even thousands of swifts! Here on South Bass Island, a couple years ago, a roost of over 200 birds was recorded during migration at the OSU Aquatic Visitor Center chimneys.

As the daylight dwindles, listen for their twittering call, look up and you may see them, rapidly beating their wings, catching their last meal of flying insects before retiring for the night. Due to their declining population, these birds are on the conservation watch list. A Swift Night Out is a continent-wide conservation monitoring project that helps researchers measure the population of swifts. On one night over the weekend of September 7, 8, or 9 you can help us find their roosting chimneys and count the birds you see go in. Observe the roost starting about 30 minutes before dusk and estimate the number of swifts that enter. Report your numbers to LEIC Board Member Paula Ziebarth at paulasbirdz@yahoo.com. This is a great citizen science project to do with kids.

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## Island Living Pet Peeves

If you've lived on one of the islands for awhile, you will find yourself developing a few "pet peeves." They come naturally. For example, one of ours is those visitors who wear the wrong island T-shirts. For example, on the North Bass golf cart trip one Put-in-Bay lady (we won't mention any names, but she knows who she is) wore a "Pelee Island" shirt. We often see visitors to Put-in-Bay wearing Kelleys Island shirts, and, God forbid, we even saw someone wearing a Mackinac Island shirt this summer right on Delaware Ave.

People pushing baby strollers down middle of the street is another one of our pet peeves. We think busy State Route 357, aka Bayview Ave., along the waterfront of the harbor, should be a target area for child endangerment arrests for all the parents who think the middle of the street is safer than a sidewalk when they bring their infants to Put-in-Bay.

When it comes to cell phone service on the islands, that's a "given" pet peeve. Whether you live on South Bass, Middle Bass or North Bass, you're going to experience problems.

You'll find that Verizon reception of tiny Starve Island is excellent, but it requires a Canadian plan if you want service on North Bass. The Lord help the poor soul on Middle Bass who needs any type of emergency assistance and thinks he's going to get it by using a cell phone.

Those golf cart turn signals on golf carts that keep blinking left while the driver keeps going straight is an-

other high-priority pet peeve among islanders. Until blinkers automatically shut off in golf carts like they do in cars, islanders will continue to pet this peeve for years to come.

Speaking of golf carts, everyone has experienced the slow-moving carts whose driver thinks hugging the center line of the road is his rite to passage (no pun intended). It's kind of like those drivers on the mainland who hug the right side of the road when they make a left turn. We personally like to see the carts driving in the bike lane so they can be easily passed. We hate to tell you this, but that's the opposite of the law which says carts aren't suppose to do that, but everyone does.

Oh! And don't get some islanders started when it comes to kids driving golf carts. We've seen people's blood pressure sky rocket when that's the topic of discussion.

If you have a pet peeve that has to do with island living, email it to us at [pibgazette@frontier.com](mailto:pibgazette@frontier.com). We'd like to share it with our readers. We won't use your name, just your thoughts!

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# The Put-in-Bay GAZETTE

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SECTION B

## North Bass visit marked by Marital Bliss



ABOVE: This year's golf cart trip to North Bass Island was quite a bit different than in years past. The number one reason was the amount of time visitors spent in the North Bass Island Church which was the site for one marriage and four renewals of wedding vows. The church was decked out like a wedding chapel in Las Vegas, complete with a cheesy Elvis impersonator, Nick James, who had everyone smiling and happy in spite of his inability to sing the words to "Going to the Chapel of Love." In the center are Rob Hard and Maria Pope who were married by Nick's wife, Lynne. Between the couple is Travis Kowalski who surprised them to be their best man. The couple at the lower right, Brandy Hedrick and Jeff Wright, were also married by Lynne. At the upper left is Gary Milson presiding over Lynne and Nick James' vow renewal. In the lower left is Elvis (Nick again with Angie and Brad Ohlemacher from the West Shore who renewed their wedding vows. In the upper right is Elvis with Andrea and John Calfee from East Point who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Below them are Dan and Susan Savage with Elvis posing for pictures after renewing their wedding vows. Dan is the curator of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum.

## North Bass Golf Cart Trip 2018

The theme for this year's sold out golf cart trip to North Bass Island on Thursday, August 16th, was Bass Vegas, and true to form, the North Bassians and their helpers delivered in spades (no pun intended).

The fun day started at the downtown Miller ferry dock for the departure to North Bass. It was a bit rainy, but that didn't dampen the fun.

There was a welcoming arrival at North Bass as everyone got off the boat and headed to the school, cemetery or North Bass Church which had been decorated like the Chapel of Love.

Herma Dopps her help-

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## Vintage Sports Car Racers Return to Put-in-Bay September 24-27, 2018!!!



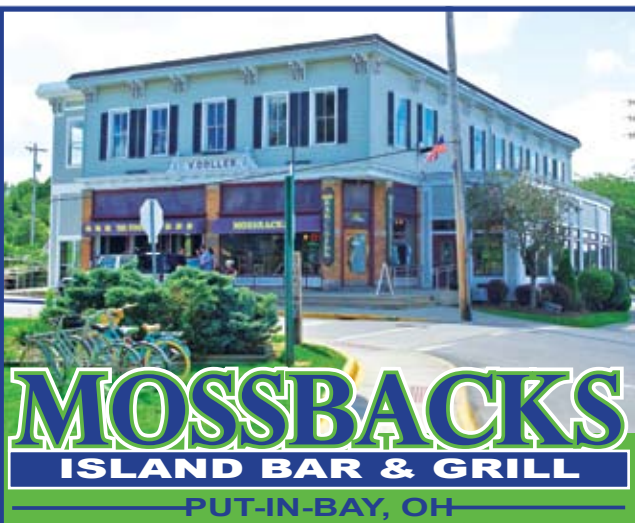
### Monday September 24

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### Tuesday & Wednesday September 25 & 26, 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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ABOVE LEFT: Longtime Island resident Herma Dopps was on hand at North Bass to sell a variety of island items. She is shown here with Bob Reynolds, the grandson of the founder of Matthews Boat Company, who first visited North Bass Island with Capt. Alfred Parker about 1960. Herma, the former postmaster of North Bass, has lived on the island since the 1940s. ABOVE RIGHT: The entrance to the North Bass Cemetery was decorated with this sign which said, "CHURCH LADIES BINGO." Christie Ontko and Jennifer Burris Porter are seen here appropriately dressed as church lady bingo players. There was actually a BINGO game played in the cemetery during the event.



ABOVE: It's not just fun and games on the Museum's golf cart trip to North Bass Island. There's lots to see and explore if you're brave and ready for adventure. Susan Byrnes took this photo of Barry Koehler, PIBHS Class of 2000, as he looked for more places to go from the top of this old junker station wagon found deep in the woods on the island.

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# Golf cart trip continued from page 21-B1

ers were at the concession stand selling everything from North Bass honey to North Bass caps. Mary Stonerook and her helpers were at the food stand selling cookie treats, brat, burgers, hotdogs and more. The Bingo Church ladies, Christie Ontko and Jennifer Burris Porter were on hand to greet people at the island cemetery. Over at the island school, Bud and Ruth Stonerook were selling coffee and lemonade, plus making sure the yard sale inside was going well.

This year, there was a poker run, plus a drawing to keep everyone busy as they crisscrossed the island making sure their coolers with liquid refreshments of bottled water, soft drinks, lemonade and ice tea were safely strapped to their carts. Some were lucky enough to find a bit of beach glass, plus one PIB lady discovered a tomato garden and gave everyone on her cart a freshly picked one to take home to South Bass. Lifelong North Bass resident Dale Burris was also at the Lodge to talk to visitors about what the State has been doing and has planned for North Bass. For others it was just fun exploring the island by golf cart.

Highlight of the day was the two weddings and the wedding vow renewals at the North Bass Church. The weddings and renewals were short and casual to say the least, but everyone who witnessed the happy couples were in agreement that this was a

day they will always remember.

The only shortcoming of the day was that there were no slot machines or games of chance except for a fixed BINGO game where all the players, unbeknownst to them, had the same cards and yelled "BINGO" at the same time.

In a nutshell.....Great day, great event, great fun, great people and let's do it again!

*Editor's Note: Not to put a damper on these great golf cart trips to North Bass, but we did hear grumbling about this event, with all the people, golf carts, coolers and the unbridled fun times, has become North Bass Island's very own "Christmas in July." Obviously, something has got to be done about this and we understand a mailer is being sent out to all North Bass residents, all eight of them, to see what can be done. One suggestion was to bring the police in next time to keep the peace and keep things from getting further out of hand.*

## Thank you

The good folks from North Bass would like to extend a huge thank you too all who supported the North Bass Tour in Aug. The day started out a little soggy but other than that it was the most successful tour to date! We really enjoyed having everyone over, and the weddings were wonderful. Thank you all for coming over to support the North Bass Chapel, without your generosity it wouldn't be as beautiful as it is today.



ABOVE: Newlyweds Rob and Maria were driven around North Bass for a bit by Dale Burris in Dale's old cut down Model A ice car. Fortunately, the Model A did not break down in spite of the fact that it has been to the bottom of the lake.

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ABOVE: Dave's print of the South Bass Island Lighthouse



ABOVE: Dave's print of the famous Round House at Put-in-Bay

## Prints and Paws

Dave & Donna Stepanek have been coming to Put-in-Bay for over 43 years. They both fell in love with the island and its' people from their first visit. Many years ago, Dave started drawing pictures of some unique Victorian Homes. Then he started drawing some of the bars, which led to a poster he made way back when there were only 12 bars on the island. That poster later became a colorful "T" shirt which sold in many of the gift shops. Dave started to sell many of his prints in quite a few of the gift shops around the island. His most popular prints were the lighthouse located at the western end of the island, Pat Daily's Tavern in the middle of the Island (now housing the Goat Restaurant), and above all the Roundhouse Bar, sold the most of all. For several years it became an almost full-time job keeping the shops supplied with prints and T-Shirts.

Dave's real job was being the Art Director of British Petroleum (BP), and Standard Oil Company (SOHIO). He was also the Art Director of 3M Company's Decorative Products Division in Cleveland. He had 15 people working on computers with the latest Technology, and even a Geographic Computer made by General Electric, and it cost over \$750,000. It was used by BP in the development of the "Directional Drilling" capabilities all around the world. It generated animation and videos used to demonstrate how the technology worked in oil exploration. He eventually retired and moved to Florida and later to South Carolina, and then back to Port Clinton, Ohio.

He started producing new artwork from Annapolis Maryland. The US Naval Academy, The Middleton Tavern (oldest Bar in America) in operation since 1750,

The Treaty Of Paris Tavern and Hotel (in 1783). His prints are now hanging in some noteworthy places ... like President Jimmy Carters home in Georgia and Senator John McCain's office in Arizona. Dave started making more prints of his drawings from Put-in-Bay and is selling those to help support the Safe Harbor Schnauzer Rescue dog rescue foundation he and his wife Donna started in 2007. They are looking for new places to sell his artwork to support the rescue operation. Anyone interested please call...419-734-4502. They have rescued over 500 dogs since they opened their doors in Port Clinton. You can generally find Dave and his wife at the Roundhouse Bar most every weekend..."Just ask him and he will gladly show you his prints!"

Dave is a graduate of Kent State University with a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), Bachelors of Arts Degree (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (BFA), and a Bachelor of General Studies Degree (BGS).



ABOVE: Dave & Donna Stepanek



ABOVE: A few of the Stepanek rescue dogs at the Put-in-Bay Winery recently.



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LEFT: Renee Market serving at the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Hog Roast at the Goat Biergarten on Wednesday, August 8th.



RIGHT: Renee Market was seen painting rocks to sell at the Nature Center to sell at the Hog Roast at the Goat.

## Island Diary August 2018

**Wed., Aug. 1st** - Hanna Gottlieb from Steyr, Austria, arrives on the island for a summer visit with Scott and Caroline Jackson. Steyr is where many islanders have visited and it is where Joe Suttman, Erika Suttman Crossley (PIB Class of 2001) and Caroline Jackson (PIBHS Class of 2004) attended school. Kendra Koehler is busy passing out Green Week posters.

**Thurs., Aug. 2nd** - The 125th Inter-Lake Yachting Association Annual Sailboat Regatta is about to start as feeder races to the Island from Detroit, Toledo, Sandusky, Port Clinton and Cleveland take place. The actual regatta begins Friday morning and runs through Sunday. They call it "Bay Week" ... and have for years. On this date in 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an Executive Order which established the West Sister Island Migratory Bird Refuge.

**Fri., Aug. 3rd** - The Regatta officially begins. I-LYA sailors start at Green Island, sail around the east side of South Bass and then north, going between Middle and North Bass Islands and the back to Green. There's a vodka party at the PIB Yacht Club in the evening.

**Sat., Aug. 4th** - The 2018 I-LYA Sail/Tea for the ladies takes place at PIBYC in the afternoon and a rum party takes place in the evening to invigorate the sailors.

**Sun., Aug. 5th** - Over on Middle Bass Island, there is a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the Middle Bass Forested Wetland Preserve off Fox Rd. just north of the Middle Bass General Store and the Town Hall. There is a cake reception following at the Middle Bass Island State Park Pavilion. Renee Market is giving tours of the Lonz Winery cellars on Middle Bass.

**Mon., Aug. 6th** - Renee Market is busy painting rocks to sell on the stargazing cruise that takes place in the evening. The Ford Trimotor from the Liberty Aviation is at Put-in-Bay giving rides. The historical plane gives 16 tours. In the evening, the Stargazing Cruise becomes one of those memorable events. Not a single star is seen as Captain Glenn Cooper dodges a lightening storm in the area. One last big squall force him into the Lime Kiln where most of those on board got wet before busses came to take everyone back to the downtown dock where the cruise started. A big thank you goes to Chip Duggan and his helper for leaving the comfort of their homes to run the packed busses. It was a memorable event to say the least.

**Tues., Aug. 7th** - For some fun downtime, the Round House crew enjoys dressing up in red and eating strange concoctions in the afternoon. Island Green Week's lantern tour of the Hotel Victory ruins at the South Bass Island State Park is led by park naturalist Renee Market.

**Wed., Aug. 8th** - Village Council votes to give raises to many of the utility workers at the water and sewer plants. There's concord grape jelly and habenero jam for sale at the weekly Artisan Fair which is taking place at the Town Hall instead of in the Village Park. It's the last Wednesday night for BINGO at the Town Hall. Last night for Bingo. The Village Planning Commission meets to discuss a variance for the golf cart on top of the rental booth just north of the Boathouse. Renee Market is in charge of the corn and also serves meat

at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center's hog roast fundraiser. There are 600 desserts for those who still have a sweet tooth after the delicious meal. Some of them are gluten free. Thanks, Amy Huston for making all the treats. Entertaining at the event are Jamison Charles and Drew LaPlante. A block away at the ball diamond, the Reel Bar bests a feisty Heineman Winery team by a score of 6-4, while the strong Kelleys Island comes back with two runs in the bottom of the 7th inning to beat the Boardwalk team by a score of 10-9.

**Thurs., Aug. 9th** - The Put-in-Bay Ladies Auxiliary enjoys a wine pairing with Ed Heineman from Heineman Winery at the Goat in the late afternoon. At 5 p.m. bidding starts at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society's annual auction at Heineman Winery. Renee Market stops by to help out. More than \$30,000 is raised to help fund the society's museum.

**Fri., Aug. 10th** - In the afternoon, Pat Dailey tip toes out of retirement to join Mike "Mad Dog" Adams on stage at the Round House for a few tunes. Did you know that Pat Dailey was hired at the Beer Barrel Saloon after being turned down to play at the Round House? There's another Island Green Week event at the Massie Cliffside Preserve. It's a night hike led, of course, by State Park Naturalist Renee Market. The event starts at the entrance to the preserve on the paved road (Route 357) and goes all the way to the lake where participants venture out on the dock there. Renee reports everyone was accounted for when the tour was over.

**Sat., Aug. 11th** - Power goes out for about two hours around lunch time. State Park Naturalist Renee Market is on Middle Bass Island giving tours of the cellars under Lonz Winery. Lake Erie Island Conservancy board member and naturalist Paula Ziebarth meets with people at the Aquatic Visitor Center to view the migrating chimney swifts as they roost for the night. The Biergarten at the Goat is packed in the afternoon at the 20-member Deutscher Musik Verein plays polka music for the beer-drinking crowd. Bob and Dianne Smith host a potluck gathering at their home on the south shore for three foreign university students who will be studying in the U.S. this coming school year.

**Sun., Aug. 12th** - Sponsors for the Sunday Antique Car Parade are the McCrackens, Smiths and Spaydes. The post-parade gathering is at the Put-in-Bay Condos behind the old Skyway. The Reel Barr softball team heads to Kelleys Island for the first game of a best two-out-of-three series to determine this year's Lake Erie Islands Mens League Softball champions. Unfortunately, the Reel Barr loses the important first game.

**Mon., Aug. 13th** - The Put-in-Bay Village Council meets in a special session to review the Village budgets and to take action to correct an incorrectly paid salary to a former village employee. The 4:30 p.m. Miller ferry jogs from its normal route to Catawba to avoid Tom Thanasiu who is leisurely sailing through the South Passage with guests on his sailboat "Timeless." The Kelleys Island softball team wins the second of the best-of-three-games series to take the 2018 Lake Erie Islands Mens League Championship.

**Tues., Aug. 14th** - Dave and Jill Warga from East Point are spotted visiting Pelee Island. The staff

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ABOVE: State Park Naturalist Renee Market conducting a night tour of the Massie Cliffside Preserve during Island Green Week.



ABOVE: Here is Renee Market again talking to a group about the history of the Hotel Victory that was once where the State Park is located today. It burned in 1919.

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from Joe's Bar heads to Kelleys Island on the Jet Express for a Christmas party. Ten island fire fighters are in a class to learn about foam systems for putting out fires.

**Wed., Aug. 15th** - There's a ribbon cutting and dedication for the new PIB Twp. Port Authority hangar across from the Put-in-Bay Airport terminal.

**Thurs., Aug. 16th** - The always-popular golf cart trip to North Bass Island takes place. There's a little rain for the event, but that doesn't dampen any of the fun. In fact, of all the island events we attend, we'd say this is the one with the most smiles. Renee Market can't make it to North Bass. She's working in the office at the Lonz Marina on Middle Bass. Back at Put-in-Bay, there's a meeting at the Town Hall between Village officials and the EPA to discuss water plant issues. You can get your gardening questions answered at the Garden Club meeting at the Yacht Club. In the evening, there's a Perry Group fundraiser at the Crew's Nest Pavilion with some really great music from years gone by.

**Fri., Aug. 17th** - The Brig Niagara is in port! The island gets a much-needed rain after lunch. The U.S. Coast Guard, the Put-in-Bay Police and other agencies are involved in a search for a 46-year-old man who fell off his boat near the south end of the island just before lunchtime and never resurfaced. A ball game between three generations of North Bass Island adults and kids takes place on Isle St. George.

**Sat., Aug. 18th** - The PIB Property Owners meet at the Town Hall to hear Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce President Brad Ohlemacher and Put-in-Bay Police Chief Steve Riddle discuss what can be done to put a damper on the infamous Christmas in July weekend. Ohlemacher provides an update on the Chamber's Safe Island Task Force's activities. The U.S. Brig Niagara is giving deck tours at Fox's Dock (aka the Jet Dock). The ball diamond and McCann field are filled with volleyball players. U.S. Senator Rob Portman comes to visit Perry's Monument to look at two major areas that need work, the seawalls and upper plaza. While there, he goes to the top of the Monument, plus has a group photo with island and park officials taken. Over on Kelleys Island, the History Museum has a successful fundraiser Murder Mystery Masquerade

**Sun., Aug. 19th** - Katie and Chuck Schweinsberg from Fox's Den sponsor the pre-Antique Car Parade gathering at the Twine Shanty. After the parade, everyone heads to

the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. The first sign signally the end of summer season is here! This is the last night for a 9:30 p.m. Miller ferry from the mainland to PIB. Former island employee Bob Holmes brings the Sandusky Fire Dept. All Stars to Put-in-Bay to play our All Stars in a charity game. Mother Mary Staley at St. Paul's is celebrating this day because it marks her ninth year on the island.

**Mon., Aug. 20th** - Miller Boat Line begins the "late summer" schedule." Before going to work in the late afternoon at the Candy Bar, Renee Market tells us she gave about 75 people wine cellar tours at the Lonz facility on Middle Bass Island. The Put-in-Bay Brewery and Distillery is closed for a staff appreciation day. Barb Hunter from Fox's Den and Kathy "Mrs. Larry" Schrader are at Mother of Sorrows watering and tending the flowers.

**Tues., Aug. 21st** - Rain before dawn, rain during the day, this probably qualifies as a rainy day at the Bay even though the sun comes out for a bit in the afternoon.

**Wed., Aug. 22nd** - The last Artisan Fair of the 2018 season takes place in the Village Park on this windy day. There are Lake Erie Islands Conservancy T-shirts and hats, raffle tickets for the afghan made by Tracy Burgess, Nuts by George Gazdick to benefit the Friends of Coopers Woods, and lots of jams and jellies for sale at the LEIC tent across from the Boathouse. Hand-dyed pot holders by Russell Brohl are on a special sale as well as hand-dyed batik fabrics. The Jet Express IV spends several hours during the day tied to the Crew's Nest's Doller Dock in front of the Put-in-Bay Winery. Comedians Charlie Wiener and Molly Kearney are performing a show at the Reel Bar in the evening.

**Thurs., Aug. 23rd** - This year's Experience Ottawa County event is at The Keys on Put-in-Bay. Guests take the Jet Express over to Put-in-Bay to spend the evening at The Keys, featuring delicious food and drinks, as well as local entertainment. Did you know that the date is also the 199th anniversary of his death? Ed Hubner takes his daughter Kira and grand kids out fishing. Kira catches four gobies.

**Fri., Aug. 24th** - The Village Council holds a special meeting in the afternoon and enters into executive session to consider hiring, firing, promotion, demotion, and compensation of public employees.

**Sat., Aug. 25th** - In the morning and early afternoon, there's a steady rain. It seemed like you could see the grass getting greener as it came down. Once the rain stops it becomes quite evident that there are a lot of people around.

**Sun., Aug. 26th** - There's a baby shower for Justine Rhoad Cultice at the Red Moon speak-easy at the Park Hotel. The 6th Annual Perry's Victory Triathlon is cancelled due to the harmful algal blooms (HABs) expected around the Lake Erie Islands. The Antique Car Parade pre-parade is sponsored by Bill Martin of East Point and Dave Marshall and Pat Wenckus from the West Shore. After the parade, everyone heads to Tipper's.

**Mon., Aug. 27th** - It's the first day of school for Put-in-Bay students. Mrs. Rence welcomes the Class of 2033 as proud parents take tons of photos in front of the school. Road repairs and patching begin on Trenton Ave, Mitchell Road and Catawba Ave. Traffic flow is periodically interrupted. These repairs are being done as a temporary fix to preserve the integrity of the roads for paving in the near future.

**Tues., Aug. 28th** - Rascal Flatts semi-trucks are coming over on the ferry and workers are starting to put up the stage equipment for the Rascal Flatts concert at the PIB Airport.

**Wed., Aug. 29th** - The quietest Wednesday in weeks!

**Thurs., Aug. 30th** - Rascal Flatts and the Back to the US Tour take over the Put-in-Bay Airport for the 2nd annual Bash on the Bay. The lineup includes the Cory Farley Band, Joe Nichols, Chris Lane and more. Renee Market is spotted directing the crowds at the Lime Kiln.

**Fri., Aug. 31st** - The Friday night special at PIBYC is Prime Rib! Yummy!

# ISLAND CALENDAR

*Schedule Subject to Change*

TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass TwpH = Township Hall • MOS - Mother of Sorrows PMVC = Perry Monument Visitors Center

- LEINWC = Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10 - 11a • Senior Center
- First National Bank Open • Mons, Weds & Fri - 9:30a-3:30p
- LIBRARY SCHEDULE SEE PAGE 36-B16
- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 35-B15
- PIBYC SCHEDULE SEE THIS PAGE
- RESALE SHOP • OPEN DAILY 11a to 5p
- Ohio Gumball Rally • Sep 1 thru 3
- Knife Sharpening • Sep 2 - 10a - 4p • Island Hardware Store
- Live Sündenbock Polka Band • Sep 2 - 3 to 6p • Goat Biergarten
- School Open House • Sep 5 - 3:21 to 4:30p • PIB School
- Wine Tasting • Sep 6 • Reel Bar
- Historical Weekend • Sep 7 - 9
- DeRivera Tree Stump Art Auction • Sep 7 - Viewing 4:30p / Auction 6:30p • Crew's Nest • OPEN TO ALL
- Art in the Park • Sep 8 - 10a to 5p • DeRivera Park
- Stone Lab Open House • Sep 8 - 11a to 4p
- Lighthouse Tours • Sep 8 - 11a to 5p
- Lights of Peace Harbor Illumination • Sep 8 - Dusk • Harbor
- Muffins vs Mossback Old Fashion Baseball Game • Sep 9 - 1p • Ball Diamond
- Browns Backers • Sept 9 - 1p • Tipper's
- Miller Boat Line 5K & Family Fun Run • Sep 15 - 9a • Boathouse • Proceeds Benefit Mother of Sorrow Church
- PIBVFD Island Clambake • Sep 15 - Noon to 7p • Fire Station
- New Year's at the Bay • Sep 15 - 6 to 11p • Downtown
- Browns Backers • Sept 16 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's Museum & Resale Shop Volunteer Party & Potluck • Sep 16 - 4 to 7p • Heineman Winery
- Bowl-Painting Party • Sep 17 - 4 to 8p • Sr Cen
- Browns Backers • Sept 20 - 1p • Topsy Turvey's
- School Picture Day • Sept 21 • PIB School
- International Day of Peace • Sep 21 • Monument
- Half Way to St. Patrick's Day • Sep 22
- Lake Erie Wing Watch • Sep 23
- Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Annual Mtg & Potluck • Sep 23 - 1p • Heineman Winery
- Bird Banding • Sep 24 - 29 • Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve
- Vintage Sports Car Racing • Sep 24 - 26
- Taste of Put-in-Bay • Sep 27 - 5:30p • Fire Station
- Browns Backers • Sept 30 - 1p • Round House

## SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Village Mayor's Court • Thursdays - 9a • TH
- PIB Al-Anon Family Group • Thursdays - 7:30p • St Paul's
- Village Council Workshop • Sep 5 - 9a • TH
- PIB Twp Zoning Com • Sep 5 - 4p • TwpH
- PIB Rec Com Mtg • Sep 10 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Chamber of Commerce Mtg • Sep 10 - 5p (Social Hour) • Frosty Bar
- DeRivera Park Trustees • Sep 10 - 5p • Town Hall
- Village of PIB Tree Commission • Sep 11 - 9:45a • TH
- Park District Meeting • Sep 11 - 10a • Town Hall
- PIB Twp Trustees Mtg • Sep 11 - 10a • Twp Hall
- LEI Chapter Blackswamp Conservancy • Sep 11 - 7p • TH
- Village Council • Sep 12 - 9a • TH
- Bd of Education • Sep 12 - 7p • School
- Garden Club • Sep 13 - 5p • PIBYC
- PIB Twp Port Authority • Sep 15 - 5p • Mid Bass TH
- PIB Twp Zoning Bd of Appeals • Sep 18 - 7p • Twp Hall
- Legion • Sep 20 - 11:45a • Sr Center
- PIB Property Owners Assoc Mtg • Sep 22 - 10a • Sr Cen

## SEPTEMBER CHURCH SCHEDULES

- Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church**
- PIB Mass • Wed (Sep 5 Only) & Sats (Thru Sep 23) 5:30p & Suns 10:30a
  - Middle Bass Mass • Suns - 8:30a • MBI Town Hall
  - Road Scholar Tour & History of Parish • Sep 12 - 1p
  - Road Scholar Brief History • Sep 19 - 1:30a
  - Road Scholar Photograph Tour • Sep 25 - 1:30a
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church**
- Holy Eucharist • Suns - 7:45a & 10:30a
  - Wednesday Evening Worship - Weds - 6:30p (Weather Permitting) • Labyrinth
  - History Tours every THURSDAY at 9a other times by appointment
- Church of Middle Bass**
- Services • Sundays - 10a • Mid Bass Town Hall
- St. John @ the Bay**
- Services • Sundays 2 & 9 - 6:30p / 16, 23 & 30 - 3p • Mother of Sorrows

## COMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Bird Banding • Oct 1 thru 5 • Middle Bass Island
- Island Wine Festival • Oct 6 - 11a to 5p • Put-in-Bay Winery
- All Sport FUNDamentals Softball Tournament • Oct 13
- South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours • Oct 13 - 11a to 5p
- Oktober Fest • Oct 13 & 14 • Village Park
- Put-in-Bay Alumni Homecoming Reunion • Oct 20
- The Wake • Oct 20 & 21 • Round House
- Halloween @ the Bay • Oct 27

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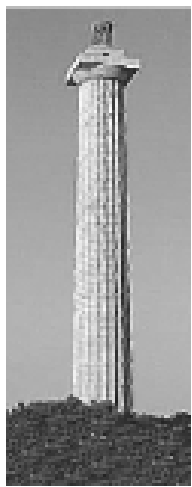
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- 2nd - Island Race Series - 10 am
- 4th - Bayview Room Fall Hours Start
- 7th, 14th & 21st - Wave Sailing Series - Fridays 1 pm
- 7th - Friday Night Dinner - 6 pm - Kielbasa w/Sauerkraut & Pierogies
- 9th & 16th - Adult Sailing Lessons (Free)
- 13th - Garden Club - 5 pm
- 14th - Friday Night Dinner - 6 to 8 pm - Baked Ziti
- 15th - Club Rented - All Day
- 21st - Friday Night Dinner - 6 to 8 pm - Half Way to St. Patty's Corned Beef Dinner
- 25th - Club Rented - 11 am to 3 pm
- 28th - Friday Dinner - To Be Announced - 6 to 8 pm
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- 5th - Friday Night Dinner - 6 pm - Buffet
- 6th - Board Meeting 9 am
- 6th - Change of Watch - Cocktails 5 pm • Dinner 6 pm
- 7th - 2019 Planning Meeting - 9 am
- 12th - Friday Night Dinner - 6 to 8 pm - Buffet
- 13th - Eyecloser Member Appreciation Party - 3 pm - ? Bayview Room Hours End
- 31st - Club Closes Halloween

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ABOVE: Renee Market demonstrates what it takes to be a naturalist at the South Bass Island State Park.



Sheryl Patry & Gretchen Brubaker



Rob Hard & Maria Pope



Brandy & Jeff Wright



Kay Drake

# Milestones

## MARRIED

### Sheryl Patry & Gretchen Brubaker

Best wishes to Sheryl L. Patry and Gretchen E. Brubaker!! Who were married on August 18th, on the shores of Lake Erie at Bay Point Resort, in Marble Head, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Eduardo Santiago, immediately following the beautiful ceremony, a reception overlooking Lake Erie took place, with family, and close friends. They chose to spend their honeymoon at Put-in-Bay at the family cottage on Bayview Ave. A huge thank you goes out to Sheryl and Gretchen's family, and friends, for all coming together, and making it an amazingly, unforgettable day, for the two.

### Rob Hard & Maria Pope

Best wishes to Rob Hard and Maria Pope who were married in the North Bass Island Church on Thursday, August 16th, at the always-popular golf cart visit to the island. Rob and Maria own the Black Squirrel B&B, plus Rob owns and operated the Bike Shop, and Maria works at the Island General Store. The wedding was performed by Lynne James. Travis Kowalski, surprised the couple and showed up to be the best man at the fun-filled ceremony with its Elvis impersonator, Nick James. After the ceremony, Dale Burris rode the couple around on his cut down red Model A which was decorated for the occasion.

### Jeff Wright & Brandy Hedrick

Best wishes to Jeff Wright and Brandy Hedrick who were married at the North Bass Church on Thursday, August 16th, the day of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society's golf cart trip to the island. Jeff who is from Berlin Hts., works part time at the island museum and has his own business, Mafia Custom Fishing Lures. Brandy is from Winston-Salem, NC, and does home health care. The couple resides in Sandusky.

### AWARDED

### Kay Drake

Congratulations to Lady Kay Drake who was recognized by the Inter-Lake Yachting Association as its Yachtman of the Year for 2018. Kay is one of the many volunteers who has stepped forward over the years to help with regattas and events. Among her many accomplishments in support of the I-LYA, she served as the 1981 Commodore's Lady and has lately been on the finish line recording time for the Deepwater and Steeplechase races. 2018 is her 50th year involved with the Junior Sailing Regatta. As a result of her passion, commitment and dedication to the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, it is fitting that she received this award. Kay has a home on the West Shore and is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Stadtmiller Realty.

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## OBITUARY

### Charles Craigs

On his 88th birthday, Charles "Charlie" Craigs peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family. Born in Cleveland on August 16, 1930, he graduated from Parma Schaaf High School in 1948. He has been a resident of Put-in-Bay Township for almost 50 years. Chuck was a family man who loved fishing, baseball and nature. He and Carole met at a DeMolay-Rainbow function when he was 14 and she was 13 years old and they've been together ever since. With their three children, they camped and boated with their favorite spot being Put-in-Bay. When they bought land on the island in High Shores, Chuck left his job as a Stereotypist at the Cleveland Press and went to work as a builder for Fred Wilhelm and later for Craig Eriksen. After eight years of retirement and traveling, Chuck went to work at the new PIB Butterfly House, where he became known as "The Butterfly Guy" and worked until the day he was life-flighted off the island. Chuck read poetry to his children most nights when they were young, taught his grandchildren all about birds and seashells, and his great-grandchildren all about butterflies. Throughout the years, Chuck did countless stitcheries and helped design the quilts Carole sewed. He loved to dance to waltzes with his wife. Chuck and Carole could be spotted most Mondays fishing on their boat "The Pitcher" at their favorite spot off Rattlesnake Island. Chuck enjoyed driving his beautiful blue 1937 Dodge Brothers Business Man's Coupe in the Sunday antique car parades. He also loved his 1978 Dodge Jean Machine pickup truck. Chuck was a two-time Past Master of Ellsworth Lodge, F.&A.M. #507. Chuck loved baseball, the Cleveland Indians and rooted for The OSU Buckeyes. He played softball throughout his years, pitching for the Round House and Island Graphics. For the last 16 years, he was the Boardwalk team's biggest fan. His summers were centered around softball and watching his grandson Eric play for the Boardwalk. He always told each Boardwalk batter as he stepped up to the plate, "Hit 'em where they ain't." He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Carole (nee: Nass); his children Linda (Kendall) Brown, Laura (Hartman) Kirchner, and Chuck Craigs; his grandchildren Eric (Kate) Kirchner, Liesl (Max) Glover, Ryan (Nicole) Kirchner, Josh (Anna) Brown, Sarah (Rob) Hutsler, and Emily Craigs; his great grandchildren Autumn Hutsler, Sebastian and Benjamin Kirchner, Lorelai Hutsler, and Matthias Glover. He also leaves his in-laws and lifelong friends, Howard and Elaine Martens, his niece Donna Martens and great-nephew Johnny Martens. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law Evelyn Nass (Granny) and his nephew, Johnny Martens. Private services were held. Information and condolences at www.burrservice.com. Memorials in Charlie's name may be made to the Lake Erie Islands Softball League. Every Saturday night, with very few exceptions, the entire Craigs/Martens clan met for a beer of two on the far deck at the Boardwalk. It is Carole's wish that all who want to celebrate Chuck's life, join them for a beer on the Boardwalk's Claw Daddy deck at 8 p.m on Saturday, September 8th.



Charlie Craigs



ABOVE: And finally for Jeanette Luecke, Elvis is still alive and well. Here's proof you can show people. Here are all those on North Bass who helped with the Bass Vegas outing, plus Elvis on the dock ramp waving goodbye to the ferry full of people and golf carts that visited the island on Thursday, August 16th. We found him alive and well living on North Bass.

**"If I had it to do over again..."**

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When people reflect on their lives, they very seldom say, "If only I'd spent more time at my job." But they often say, "If only I had enjoyed my family more."

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ABOVE: George Gazdick (left) donated a case of his wonderful flavored nuts, My Nuts, to sell to benefit Friends of Coopers Woods. He is seen here with Kelly Faris. The nuts were sold at the Artisans Fair in the Village Park. The nuts are also normally available at the Island Hardware Store, Topsy Turvey's, and the Boat House party store. Thanks George!

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# A magical journey to an island

by Xiling Song

*Editor's Note: Xiling is a student from China who worked at Harriet's House this summer. Here is a story about her island experience.*

Fourteen hours of the plane, two hours of taxis, half an hour of ferry, and so on, I came to Put-in-Bay from the other side of the earth.

This is not the United States I imagined!

To be honest, I was disappointed when my friend showed me around the island. There are noisy bars everywhere, carnival people, in transportation, all of which made me dislike this island, I even wanted to escape from here.

But there was always a voice in my heart saying to me, "Try to explore the island before fleeing it."

So, I decided to go to the library on the island first. When I went out for a walk, I accidentally found it near the school. I went in. It was small and exquisite. Two librarians sat in the foreground and they greeted me with enthusiasm. The books on the bookshelf are neat and orderly, with clear classifications, and there is a small space to open up to children. The entire library is both warm and full of fun. Going to the end of the bookshelf, we saw three public computers with notes and pens on the computer desk. The note behind the computer tells us we can print what we need, and there was a coffee machine next to the computer.

We didn't know the library borrowing system here, so I asked about it. The librarian immediately helped us with the card catalogue and also recommended two books for me. One was to introduce the history of Ohio. The other was the original "Twilight City" of the classic movie.

Less than five minutes, we two foreigners, got our own book card at the library of the island.

At that moment, the library became our paradise, and the library card became a passport to heaven!

After work, we were no longer just stayed in the dorms; we were beginning to "explore" the island.

We attended church activities for exchange students and became friends with students from different countries.

There were two respectable ladies in the church, Kate and Doraine, who became our "teachers." They taught us native culture and helped us through the most confused times.

They took us to the top of the Perry's Victory Monument. The top of the monument was very windy, almost blowing my skirt. I was ridiculed by my companions to become "Marilyn Monroe." I looked down, the island covered by green, the vast Lake Erie, sporadic ships and Canada, which is faintly visible in the distance, are all so fascinating.

With the little bit of integration into life here, I gradually became attached to the people here. We went to the pig roast and chatted with them and got to know more about their lives.

At the end of the island life, we had a girl's day and made dumplings at Doraine's house. Several girls from different countries packed different styles of dumplings. Candles, lemonade, American sweet and sour sauce and Chinese dumplings, the collision of Eastern and Western cultures produced wonderful effects.

I began to understand that the United States is more than big cities like New York and Chicago, more than resounding slogans like "freedom" and "democracy," and more than top universities like Harvard and Stanford. It is the Americans who made America great.

I will leave here soon, but since then, on the U.S. map, I have a home, a place that I miss from time to time; its name is Put-in-Bay.



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ABOVE: On top of Perry's Monument on a windy day are (left to right) Kate Ptak from Victory Ave., Qian Qiu, Lin Zhu, Xiling Song (aka Marilyn Monroe), Ping Li, Doraine Toms from the West Shore, and Mengna Jiao. The girls, all from China, worked on the island this summer.



ABOVE: Left to right at the Pig Roast at the Goat in August are Mengna Jiao, Xiling Song, Burcak from Turkey, and Lin Zhu.

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# Mossbacks

By: Gordy Barr

In September of 1981, Middle Bass Islander Velva Corner calmly dialed the number for her husband Joe's work. A slight bead of sweat slid slowly down her temple. The snapping turtle had bitten her finger to the bone. It looked at her with dead eyes. It would not let go. The receptionist put her on hold...

Common snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) can weigh up to 45 pounds. They are nocturnal, and eat aquatic plants and various animals including fish, birds, frogs and small mammals. During the day they burrow into mud bottoms and wait for dinner opportunity to come their way. They have a combative disposition but rarely attack humans (unless provoked or cornered).

The Lake Erie Islands are rich with swamp real-estate that is loaded with snapping turtles. Pelee is kept dry with dike works and giant pumps. Without this infrastructure it would be a 2,000 acre swamp. Middle Bass, South Bass, and North Bass have major marsh components. Even small islands like Middle Island and East Sister Island each have swamps on their western flanks.

Trapping snapping turtles has been Middle Bass tradition for generations. Carrie Lunt and her fiancé Sonny Schneider hunted snapping turtles throughout the islands for decades starting in the 1960s.

"Sonny and I had a unique courtship. We would hunt, dress, and cook snapping turtles as a date. It was muddy business. The art of trapping is dying but recently I went turtle trapping with Martin and Linda Dieperink in South Dakota. We have also trapped in Ashtabula, Ohio. The islands are still my favorite spot to hunt.

We would keep the catch in burlap bags in the basement. It was always exciting when one escaped."

Velva Corner was the linchpin that taught several generations of Middle Bass islanders the art of a turtle fry. Carrie was a keen student as was Velva's East Point neighbor Loretta Beachy.

Loretta and her husband Steve were raised in the Amish community near Plain City, Ohio. In the 1980s, they discovered each other during Rumspringa, which is the opportunity for "of age" Amish teens to discover the modern world and choose between the Amish culture (horse and buggy) and the English culture (automobiles).

Steve and Loretta chose the English culture. Steve became a deputy sheriff and currently is general manager for a lab that does blood testing. Loretta chose an entrepreneurial path by starting her own residential cleaning company.

Steve used to do chores for Velva. Velva fed Steve turtle and mentored Loretta on how to catch, dress, and fry snapping turtle.

Snapping turtles are caught using mesh cage traps or "three hoop traps". The traps are baited with throttle meat (the neck of a cow), Carp, or gizzards. The bait meat has to be tough or fish and other competitors will steal it. A trap with no bail is just a box...

What does snapping turtle taste like? In late July, Loretta and Steve invited me to their annual turtle fry. Middle Bass neighbors included Bill and Shelley Hempy and Fred and Tammy Hostetler (Fred was Amish, Tammy was a city girl).

Bill and Steve went to the same church in Plain City, Ohio. Shelley's father introduced Fred's father to Middle Bass in the 1950s.

Some say snapping turtle tastes a bit like chicken but others compare it to venison or lean beef sirloin. It is hearty and filling. I am in the venison camp-which sort of tastes like chicken...

The Beachy's grandson Eli (5) tried snapping turtle for the first time. Steve, Loretta, and their daughter Jennifer were nervous. Would he like it?

Carrie Schneider reported that her sons John and Chuck loved turtle but son Bobby was not a fan. It turned out that Eli found it delightful. He politely asked for seconds.

Preparation:  
1) Render the turtle unconscious. Striking the head with a 2"X4" will stun it so that the neck can be pulled out of the shell and the head cut off.

2) Cut along the carapace line and the upper shell will separate from the breast shell.

3) The back meat and leg quarters provide most of the edible portions of the turtle.

Preparing a snapping turtle for cooking can be tricky and perhaps dangerous work. Velva's husband finally got to the phone. She asked that he please come home immediately and remove her finger from the jaws of a snapping turtle. Joe was shocked.

Velva had been cleaning a turtle for dinner, had cut off its head, and placed the decapitated remains on the sink's drain board. She was cleaning up after and was careless. In spite of being cut off from its body, the turtle still had a vengeful streak left in it. It clamped down of Velva's index finger and she could not pry it off.

Fortunately, the head being severed from the body, it did not have the leverage to bite through Velva's distal phalanx (finger bones).

Stitches (not amputation) always make for a good story. Velva was a story teller...

**Notes on the Story:**

1) Several years ago, I was looking for beach glass on Pelee. I had to work around some trees where the shore had eroded out. I came face to face with a mammoth snapping turtle. I was in waist deep water. The snapping turtle was on land. We were both out of our elements. I ran on shore. He slapped his way into the surf. We passed each other in our respective panic. We turned around and eyeballed each other after trading places. Like a submarine he slowly submerged. I picked my way gingerly back to the boat sticking to high ground.

2) Per Chuck Berry from the popular hit song "My Ding a Ling":

RIGHT: Loretta and Steve Beachy get ready to clean two snapping turtles caught on the mainland by Paul Aquilla John Demer.



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ABOVE: These three ladies, best friends in high school, enjoyed riding in the Trimotor when it was here in early August, but they also had ridden it many times in their youth. Left to right are Beckie Turvey Catri (PIBHS Class of 1971), Julene Market (PIBHS Class of 1974), Sandy Hauck Brausch (PIBHS Class of 1972) and Jude Ferrell-Knight (PIBHS Class of 1973). Sandy's father, pilot Harold Hauck, had more flying the Trimotor than anyone in the world.

## Mossbacks from page 30-B10

- Hmmm, once I was swimming 'cross turtle creek  
Man, them snappers all around my feet  
Sure was hard swimming 'cross that thing  
With both hands holding my Ding a Ling...*
- 3) Berry's ding a ling was a gift from his mother.
  - 4) Native Americans celebrated turtles in effigy and lore. A turtle carries his home with him (his shell). Turtles were considered a good omen/good luck. Snapping turtles could be kept alive for months insuring nutritious meat if hunting got lean.
  - 5) A snapping turtles back shell is nearly indestructible. It was used as a collection/ storage bowl by both aboriginal people and European pioneers.
  - 6) In the 1970's Middle Bass Island's Heinie Kuemmel and Don Hiller made turtle carapaces into clocks using AA battery quartz movements. Many are still in use today (although they might be on their 3rd or 4th clock movement and used countless batteries).
  - 7) Snapping turtles spend most of their lives underwater. Freshwater moss (like you see at the water's edge on docks) grows on the backs of the turtles. Hence, the term mossback.
  - 8) Snapping turtles have been around for millions of years (and have not changed much).

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ABOVE: The customers from Jeannie's Joint in Jefferson, Ohio, read their Put-in-Bay Gazettes at the 30th Annual Burn the Boat Bash on August 4th. Among those enjoying the event were Cleve Young and Wayne "Bussey" Scanlon, a Gary Bussey look alike. - Photo by Deirdre Peters

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## Kelleys Island takes 2018 softball championship

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ABOVE: This beautiful gravestone, to mark where the unknown persons who were found last year at a cottage on the South Shore while a contractor was digging a footer, was recently put in place at Maple Leaf Cemetery. The stone is located about one-third of the way up near the fence on the right. The stone was donated by Kotecki Family Memorials & Monuments. Services for the unknown souls who have been earthed on the island for more than 100 years, were held last fall. The bones never were identified, so it is still a mystery as to the identity of the one adult and two youngsters. There is speculation about them, but the various theories as to their identity or date of death cannot be positively determined.

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ABOVE: Mike "Bud Lite" Conshafter from Concord Ave. and Paul Lemmon from East Point were spotted at the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society Museum's fundraiser auction at Heineman Winery on Thursday, August 9th. Paul was bidding on the panoramic scene of the entrances to Mammoth Cave and Crystal Cave which was photographed by island photographer Otto Herbster in the 1920s. Paul was high bidder.

## Put-in-Bay Garden Club

The monarchs have returned- a sure sign that summer is on the wane. The Garden Club, however, continues to keep the island looking good, watering baskets and tending to the gardens in DeRivera Park. Thanks so much to all the wonderful volunteers who have devoted their time and energy to these tasks this year. Thanks also to Val Chornyak, Reni Miller, Peggy Leopold, and Barb Hunter who coordinate these efforts for us. To these women and their committee members, as well as all others who helped out with Garden Club activities this year, please know that your efforts are truly appreciated!

The Garden Club's final program of the year and annual potluck will be held at the Yacht Club on Thursday, September 13th. The program will begin this month at 5:00 pm when Jodie Frimel will discuss Fall Containers. She will demonstrate how to arrange a colorful container for Fall. Plants demonstrated will be available for purchase at wholesale prices.

The annual meeting and potluck will begin at 6:15 p.m. We ask that you come equipped with ideas for projects, trips, or educational programs you would like the Garden Club to consider for next year. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck. We look forward to seeing you then.

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LEFT: St. Mary's of the Falls choir from Olmsted Falls shared their choral ministry at the Saturday and Sunday Masses at Mother of Sorrows one weekend in August. It was particularly nice to have them for this weekend because Father Nathan Bockrath was celebrating his last services here as the Pastoral Leader of Mother of Sorrows Church at Put-in-Bay. The choir stayed with Carol and Rich Roberts and Bob and Dianne Smith for the weekend.

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**CHRISTIE ONTKO**

# Island Girl "What She Means to Me"

By Christine L. Ontko

Twenty-seven years ago I wrote for The Gazette for the very first time. It was a commentary written during my senior year of high school, and I recall it being a pretty intense one, because of all the comments I got from readers after I wrote it. I remember writing about how amazing the island is and how I wish everyone could see it from my eyes. I recall being defensive of my island, my beautiful Put-in-Bay, writing about how you don't have to come here and party-hardy, but you can come here and revel in her beauty and partake in family-fun activities, too!

That was in 1991, and now I'm feeling the same way. Why am I always feeling the need to defend my best friend, Put-in-Bay?

People come to our island for many reasons, and everyone has her own idea of "WHAT" Put-in-Bay is really all about. For some, it's an island of release, letting go of mainland troubles and taking a breather for a weekend. With that "release" sometimes comes heavy alcohol consumption and

abnormal behavior from some of our visitors. Others simply relax by camping with their families at the State Park, roasting marshmallows along the cliffs while watching the sunset. Then there are homeowners who began as tourists, like my husband, Cliff. For others who have lived here their entire lives, like me, it's been my home. For five generations of Parkers – but who's counting?

Like any friend with multiple personalities, Put-in-Bay has been both a source of contention and affection for me. At times in my life, I've tried to leave her behind to get away from all the negativity she can sometimes bring. When in high school, I was going off to see the world, explore and meet others who share my thoughts on all things spiritual and Earthy. Bowling Green State University wasn't very far away, but after getting my teaching degree, I realized I needed my island friend more than ever with a new baby named Anna. I was then offered my teaching job here and never left, until two winters ago when Maui called my name.

What I think I had to realize was that Put-in-Bay was more than just MY home. I have to share her with many others who have different expectations of her. And that's why she attracts all backgrounds of people looking for all different types of vacation activities. That's what makes her so special; she can make anyone feel at home. I don't think we'll all see her the exact same way, as even my perception of her changes from day to day, year to year. But, remaining the same are my feelings for her. I love her like an old crazy aunt who changes her hats too often.

I encourage YOU, dear reader, to think about what the island means to you. You're probably reading this because a part of you loves Put-in-Bay. If you truly love her like I do, let's try and get her some therapy. She's confused and doesn't know who she is. Or, maybe she doesn't mind being something different to each and every one of us and I'm going to just have to be okay with her changing personalities. Whoever she is, I will always love her. She has brought me so much, and I'll continue to do my best to take care of and give back to her.



ABOVE: For the past few years, Bob and Dianne Smith have hosted stays on the island for Fulbright students from all over the world. In August, they introduced three students (above left to right) Cindy Gonzalez from Colombia, Ali A. Othman from Iraq, and Lali Odosashvili from Tbilisi, Georgia. Cindy Gonzalez will attend Florida International University to get a Ph.D. in Marine Biology. She has been doing Shark Research, genetics and conservation, as well as Coral Reef research in her home country. Ali A. Othman will attend Montclair State University in New Jersey. He is an Environmental Engineer and Web Developer in Iraq. He is seeking a Masters Degree in Environmental Studies. Lali is a Marketing and Information Manager at the National Tourism Administration in Georgia. She will be at the University of Delaware studying for her Masters Degree. The group is seen here at a potluck given for them at the Smith home on Saturday, August 11th.

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### Island Multiple Choice Game #5

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

- Last month's winner was Jerry Bane from Heineman Winery.
- The Yellow Tree B&B is found on which road?  
A. West Shore Blvd.  Your Answer Here  
B. Put-in-Bay Rd.  
C. Chapman Ave.  
D. Lakeview Dr.
  - The Middle Bass post office was first opened in  
A. 1854  Your Answer Here  
B. 1864  
C. 1874  
D. 1884
  - The common carp which is found in the waters of Lake Erie around Put-in-Bay can live up to  
A. 5 years  Your Answer Here  
B. 20 years  
C. 30 years  
D. 50 years
  - The Cellar Cache gift shop was originally located where...  
A. The Chocolate Cafe is now located  Your Answer Here  
B. Mossbacks is now located  
C. The Reel Bar is now located  
D. None of the above
  - Which Island entertainer spends the winter in Costa Rica?  
A. Mike "Mad Dog" Adams  Your Answer Here  
B. Drew LaPlante  
C. Jamison  
D. Ray Fogg
  - Algae bloom severity forecast numbers are determined by  
A. The amount of rainfall in lake  Your Answer Here  
B. The amount of phosphorus in the lake  
C. The clarity of the water  
D. The zebra mussel population
  - On which island will you find Kenny Rd?  
A. North Bass  Your Answer Here  
B. Sugar  
C. Pelee  
D. Kelleys
  - Late Islander with a chocolate wine named in his honor  
A. George Lonz  Your Answer Here  
B. Gustav Heineman  
C. Valentine Doller  
D. Bob Gottesman
  - Middle Island is  
A. Between West Sister and East Sister Islands  Your Answer Here  
B. Between Kelleys and Pelee Islands  
C. Between Middle Sister and Green Islands  
D. Between North Bass and Pelee
  - He cleaned the South Bass Island Lighthouse Tower back in the day  
A. Bob Ladd  Your Answer Here  
B. T.B. Alexander  
C. Marv Booker  
D. Skip Duggan

Your Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Island Multiple Choice Game #4 ANSWERS FOR LAST MONTH

Puzzle for this month is on the left.

- Dry Dock AA Fellowship takes place on which island?  
A. Middle Bass  
B. Pelee  
C. Kelleys  Your Answer Here  
D. South Bass
- A youth choir group for many years on Put-in-Bay was...  
A. Island Boys Choir  Your Answer Here  
B. WA-LI-RO  
C. Dominican Youth Choir  
D. Boyz in the Band
- Miller Boat Line employee who went in the water to help a passenger who fell in and dislocated his elbow.  
A. Eric Engel  Your Answer Here  
B. Dick Sweeney  
C. Ben Parker  
D. Mark Keiser
- The Jet Express II was built in....  
A. Connecticut  Your Answer Here  
B. Australia  
C. Massachusetts  
D. New Jersey
- A single Zebra Mussel can produce up to this many eggs in one season....  
A. 1,000  Your Answer Here  
B. 10,000  
C. 100,000  
D. 1,000,000
- The first acre of grapes was planted on North Bass Island in....  
A. 1854  Your Answer Here  
B. 1856  
C. 1864  
D. 1866
- Hirter is a.....  
A. Family on Middle Bass Island  Your Answer Here  
B. Tiny insect found in island caves  
C. Imported dark beer served at the Goat Biergarten  
D. Nonsense word made up for this game
- Hit on the head by a landing airplane on an island in the Caribbean  
A. Ed Gudenas from St. Hazard's on Middle Bass  Your Answer Here  
B. Roger Rhoad, owner of Cameo Pizza  
C. Paul Jeris from the Island Club  
D. JR Domer, Put-in-Bay Postmaster
- Was late to both of his daughter's weddings...  
A. Marv Booker  Your Answer Here  
B. Mack McCann  
C. Eric Engel  
D. Kelly Faris
- Cleaned the South Bass Island Lighthouse Tower  
A. Hooligans  Your Answer Here  
B. The Keys  
C. Margaritas on the Rock  
D. The Goat's Biergarten "Das Lokal"

**NO ANSWER FOR NUMBER 10  
BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE  
SEE #10 IN QUIZ #5**

**The Winner of Game #4  
is Jerry Bane**

### News from St. John@TheBay

The month of September signals a time of transition for us at The Bay. Sunday worship continues each week, though as the Miller schedule changes, so will our worship time adapt. Beginning on September 16, worship will be held at 3:00 pm ... which is customary Fall-Winter-Spring time. We invite you to join us on Sundays for worship with St. John@TheBay Lutheran Mission. We gather at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church on Catawba Avenue. Providing leadership for worship will be Pastor Jim Lehman, along with Jim and Linda Stauffer.

Please take note of the worship times listed below.  
**HERE'S OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER ...**  
Sunday, September 2 ... at 6:30 pm ... Pastor Jim Lehman  
Sunday, September 9... at 6:30 pm... Jim and Linda Stauffer  
Sunday, September 16 ... at 3 pm ... Jim and Linda Stauffer  
Sunday, September 23 ... at 3 pm... Jim and Linda Stauffer  
Sunday, September 30 ... at 3 pm ... Pastor Jim Lehman  
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ABOVE: Ed Gudenas from St. Hazards on Middle Bass found this Sonny S ferry schedule in at the Historical Society's Auction at Heineman Winery in August. At the top it says, "The New Sonny S Ferry." Wow! The Sonny S was running back in the 1960s!

**Do You Have Island News?  
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# Senior Center News

by Chris Joyce

September's here and school is back in session, so please be careful and watch out for those kids heading back to the classroom! We had fun in August traveling to Port Clinton for a guided tour of the Liberty Aviation Museum and then enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Tin Goose Diner. We also learned about the 2008 quilt purchased by Bonnie Lukcs during the Historical Society Auction and had a Meet & Greet with Otterbein Marblehead Senior Life Community. Finally, we took a "story walk" through Dodge Woods and an historic tour of Gibraltar Island. Many enjoyed a variety of other activities during Island Green Week.

## Thank you

A huge shout out goes to The Village Bakery for all the wonderful goodies they've donated to the Senior Center throughout the summer. Another big shout out goes to the PIB Twp. Park District ... Kelly Ferris, Lisa Brohl, Kendra Koehler and several other island individuals, for their generous donations to help sponsor the Historic Tour of Gibraltar Island and other Eco Day/Island Green Week activities for the PIB Seniors! Finally, let's hear it for Yardworks ... they quietly maintain the planter around the front sign at the Senior Center and we all appreciate having it look so nice! We also are so thankful for everyone who generously bakes and brings in goodies for our "Coffee Social Hour", it sure helps, especially during the season when we have a full house! Everyone loves those delicious homemade treats!!!

## Senior Lunches

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

## Staying Healthy

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10:00am, this is a great service they provide, so feel free to come and get yours checked. The "60+ Clinic" is scheduled for Thursday September 27th. This free health clinic is put on by the Ottawa County Health Dept. for those 60 and older. If you'd like to take advantage of this wonderful program, please call 419-734-6800 to make your appointment.

## Center Open on Hot Days

Also, remember that even in September the weather can



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay Seniors learning the ins and outs of Medicare from a guest speaker at the Senior Center.

be hot, so on days when the temperature is 90+ degrees, the Senior Center will be open to Resident Seniors if they need a break from the heat. Remember to stay cool, be careful not to overwork yourselves and stay hydrated!

## September Activities

We have several special activities planned for September: On Monday, Sept. 17th from 4-9pm, the 'Empty Bowls' benefit will again sponsor a bowl painting event here at the Senior Center... no special skills are needed and we would love to see everyone participate. Then on Tuesday, Sept. 25th we'll be enjoying our annual summer picnic while watching the Antique Car Races at the airport.

## Check the Bulletin Boards

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 and our website: [www.PIBseniorcenter.org](http://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!

## Everyone Welcome!

As the season winds down and summer comes to an end, may everyone to continue to enjoy this beautiful place we call home! The number of people attending our regularly scheduled weekly activities has continued to grow during the summer months and we love seeing new faces join our troops!!! If you haven't already done so, I hope you'll come visit us here at the Senior Center!



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay Seniors enjoying a little in-water time at the Perry Holiday pool.



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay Seniors exercising together to stay in shape and stay healthy.

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*\*Don't forget to check out this months highlighted "Special Programs/Events"*

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## What's New at Erie Islands Library? Have You Heard the Buzz?

The Put-in-Bay StoryWalk@Trail is open in Dodge Woods Nature Preserve on the corner of Thompson and Lan-gram Rds. and waiting to be visited by both visitors and islanders alike. Presently the book on display is In a Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming, a resident of Toledo. This month's selection was sponsored by Ahoy B&B and Veronica Van Ness, Put-in-Bay School counselor. Sometime in mid-September, we plan to change the book, which will be sponsored by the Vacation Bible School children and the adult volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in making the StoryWalk@ a reality. Mark Wilhelm needs a high five for working to attach the frames to the poles and then taking time on a hot, humid Sunday to assist in placing the first storybook in the frames. A very special shout goes out to Richard Gump, Scott Ferrell and Alec Lydon. These men worked several hours four days in a row to install the frames and the poles along the trail. Despite the "rocky" start as they dug the holes, their mission was accomplished. Please take a moment to thank these men for their dedication to the community of Put-in-Bay when you see them.

On Thursday, September 6th, Words and Wine Book Club will meet at 5 pm. 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 selection and why the wine you bought is the perfect pairing. Fun, relaxing evening with friends!

Jungle Island Zoo, will be visiting Put-in-Bay School on Tuesday, September 11th at 10:30 am. This program provides a traveling petting zoo service and animal education programs. Approx. 5-6 animals will be brought to this pro-

gram. Ben Osting, president of Jungle Island Zoo, LLC and his wife Kim, have over 75 years combined experience professionally raising and handling native wildlife, alternative and domestic livestock, and exotic animals. They have made careers out of their passion and enjoy sharing their fondness of the animal kingdom. Their enterprises are insured as well as licensed at the state and federal level. This is a special program sponsored by Erie Islands Library and is intended for the children and staff of Put-in-Bay School and their parents. Community members are welcome.

Bingo for Books will return on Tuesday, September 14th at 5 pm. We have the cards and books for prizes. You come for an evening of fun! Lots of great, new books to choose when a "BINGO" is called! It is suggested that participants know how to play Bingo and how to read numbers from 1 to 75. Younger patrons may want to have a parent or caregiver stay to assist.

Need a break? Come to Erie Islands Library and relax with a cup of coffee on Wednesday, September 19th at 2 pm while you color your worries away with one of our adult coloring books. Visit with friends and neighbors. Invite your own friends to come along! We supply the coloring books and colored pencils. You bring your imagination. Sorry, but this event is intended for adults only.

Join us for a kid-friendly movie on Thursday, September 20th at 5 pm that will be sure to delight! This month's selection will be "Meet the Robison's." Popcorn and beverages will be served. Don't miss out!

If you have any programming ideas please do not hesitate to let one of the librarians know. We would be happy to bring it to you! Or if you are in need of notary services, we can help you out. Need a Golden Buckeye card? We have the applications. Let us know how we can serve you!



ABOVE: Put-in-Bay Property Owners Association president Jim Duffy presented Patrick Rogers from the PIB EMS with a check for \$300 at the group's August meeting at Senior Center.

## He did it again!

Jacob Ackerman had the highest winning hand with two aces to snag the first place prize again this year in the Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day fundraiser to benefit MBI preserves in the PIB Township Park District! Courtesy of Miller Ferry, Jacob and his wife Lindsey will receive round trip tickets for two adults plus vehicle to MBI!



ABOVE: Here are Dawn Schrenk and Jacob Ackerman with the "Traveling Trophy" which each winner of the 2018 Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day. Jacob won the event for the second year in a row and gets to keep the trophy until next year. Dawn came in second place. The event was part of Island Green Week in early August. Tina Larson on Middle Bass organized the event.

With a pair of queens and a king high, Dawn Schrenk won second place prize of a \$35 gift card courtesy of the MBI General Store!

A pair of queens and a 10 delivered a package of Costco steaks to Joan Eischen!

All kayakers braved one foot waves, full sun, warm temperatures, and brilliant sunshine to make the trip completely around the Island. This was the kick-off event for this year's Island Green Week.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Julene Market of Miller Ferry, Joe Hart and Eddie Sheller of the MBI General Store, Dave Larson of TMP Architecture for copies, and to Lisa Brohl of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Susie Clipp of the MBI State Park and Jim Roesch of the MBI Volunteer Fire Department for items for the goodie bags.

Heaps of thanks, too, to our many volunteers who made the event work by helping with registration, attending stops to hand out poker cards and treats, spotting for safety, and assisting at the hot dog cookout at the end: Karen & Tony Dolejs, Gary & Michele Herman, Lee Hisey, Dave Larson, John Schrenk, Jim Ungvarsky, Butch & Diane Wrocklage, and Americorps Intern Samantha Newhouse! It could not have happened without you.

## Cellphone bill way out of whack!

Islanders may remember in early July how their Verizon cellphone service wasn't functioning very well at all. Not only were there numerous calls to Verizon, but regular land lines were impacted, too, including the phone lines going to the police department at the town hall.

Well, when we received our monthly cellphone bill, we noticed an increase of about \$40. Thinking we had downloaded too much data or were victims of some other nonsense we get itemized on our Verizon bills, we almost paid the bill. But then, reason set in, and we decided to call Verizon and find out what exactly caused the increase.

When the service tech told us we had made calls from outside the country, we went through the spiel about how we live near the Canadian border and sometimes we get one of their towers. As he was about to tell us it was our fault that we didn't monitor our usage correctly, we decided to ask exactly when this happened, especially since we hadn't been to East Point, Middle Bass or North Bass.

When he checked, he discovered there were \$40 worth of phone calls emanating from England on July 5th to Port Clinton, the same day everyone was having trouble here on Put-in-Bay. A further check confirmed calls from our phone were made on July 4th and July 6th from Put-in-Bay to Port Clinton. Case closed, bill adjusted!

So with that in mind, if you had a spike in your July bill, you may want to call and find out what exactly happened and get it corrected if necessary.

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LEFT: Teddy Koehler and his big sister Piper enjoyed going on the StoryWalk® Trail in the Dodge Woods one day in August. The StoryWalk® is sponsored by the island library and others. Stories are periodically changed. Teddy is in preschool and Piper is in first grade at Put-in-Bay School.

## School News

by Steve Poe, Superintendent

This year's motto is, "Achieving Excellence Together." It is the support and help from home that helps each student achieve excellence. From providing a good breakfast each morning to helping with school work in the evening, parents and guardians play a vital role in a child's success at school. Communication is the key. We encourage parents and guardians to regularly check their child's progress. Do not wait till grade cards go out or when parent/teacher conferences are scheduled. We look forward to "Achieving Excellence Together!"

Parents are encouraged to attend the Put-in-Bay School Open House on Wednesday, September 5th from 3:21 to 4:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about the academic goals for the year. Refreshments will be provided, along with free baby sitting.

Our school's attendance policy has changed considerably with House Bill 410 being passed. Instead of counting days absent, schools now must keep track of hours absent. Excessive absences will now be reported to the Ottawa County Juvenile Court. The new definition for excessive absences is: absent 38 or more hours in one month or 65 or more hours in one school year. Prior to filing a complaint with the court parents will be notified, followed by an absence intervention plan. Complete details of House Bill 410 will be sent home. Parents are advised to make appointments and plan vacations on the following dates that school will not be in session:

- September 1 - 3 (Labor Day)
- October 20 - 22 (Appointment Day)
- November 21 - 25 (Thanksgiving)
- December 22 - January 2 (Christmas Break)
- February 23 - March 3 (Winter Break)
- April 20 - April 28 (Spring Break)
- May 23 - STUDENTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The school day will be lengthened this year by six minutes. School will continue to start at 8 a.m. Students are asked to arrive at 7:50 a.m. Primary elementary students will begin lunch dismissal at 11:50 a.m., followed by grades four to six. Grades 7 - 12 students will be dismissed for lunch at noon. All students are to return from lunch at 12:50 p.m. to begin classes at 1 p.m. Elementary students will be dismissed after school at 3:16 p.m. instead of 3:10 p.m., while high school students will end the day at 3:21 p.m. instead of 3:15 p.m.

These changes allow us to meet state requirements for hours of instruction and to have a full week off at Easter instead of an extended weekend and to be out before Memorial Day weekend.

The date for Picture Day is Friday, September 21st; Evacuation and Lock down Drills are scheduled for Friday, September 28th; and the Health Department Screenings have yet to be scheduled.

Don't forget to check our website, [www.put-in-bay.k12.oh.us](http://www.put-in-bay.k12.oh.us), for the latest school announcements. And again this year, we will be utilizing our "School Messenger" system to notify parents of important announcements and school closings.



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RIGHT: Karmi Moldovan from Cuyahoga Falls made her maiden voyage in her hand-built wood kayak in her four-day trip through the Lake Erie Islands in August. She hit four islands, Kelleys, Middle Bass, North Bass and South Bass, and traveled 40.5 miles. Her beautiful kayak took a year and a half to build.



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ABOVE: Left to right are iNancy Welter, Kelly Faris, Lisa Brohl and Bruce Miles at the Ribbon cutting of the Put-in-Bay Park District's new trail at the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve on Sunday, August 5th, during Island Green Week. Conservancy Chairman Kelly Faris welcomed everyone to the new Preserve and Commissioner Lisa Brohl thanked all those who assisted with the project.

Former residents Earl, Thurid and Greg Campbell walked and enjoyed the new trail. Everyone met for a cake reception at the Middle Bass Island State Park Pavilion. About twenty people were in attendance including Kelly and Jay Faris, Tina Larson, Jim Ungvasky, Michelle and Gary Herman, Ed Gudenas, Lisa and Russ Brohl, Renee Market, Karen Cummings, Nancy Welter, Bruce and Kim Miles, Marcy Miles Gough, Jim Aurelio and Gordy Barr.

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A jury ordered Put-in-Bay Township and the Put-in-Bay Vol. Fire Dept. to pay Sal Tripodi \$483,000 for the parcel of land where the fire station and Senior Center are now located. They were expected to pay \$230,000.

Corky McIlrath and Jerry Flint became engaged to be married when Jerry asked her on the Round House porch.

Entertainer Rich Sulzer was wowing island fans with his rendition of Phantom of the Opera selections.

The Boys Scouts on the island for Historical Weekend pitched their tents on the west side of the Monument. They've pitched their tents on the east side of the Monument for years.

Put-in-Bay Police had their hands full over Labor Day Weekend. The number of arrests skyrocketed as police changed their tactics and decided that after dark there would be no more warnings, just arrests for violations. Between Friday and Monday, there were 100 arrests in the Village and Township. During the entire previous month, they made only 79 arrests.

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ABOVE: Cheryl Wendt says the 6th ANNUAL PINK DAY AT THE BAY was a huge success!! Team Lulu (picture here), in memory of Linda Lulu Key, collected a total of \$5,759.90 for the 2018 NW Ohio Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure! Special thanks to the Crew's Nest, Mossbacks, the Jet Express and all the PIB establishments that allowed us to collect donations this year!

## This & That New Recycling bins

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy has new recycling containers at the island preserves thanks to an Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District grant and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. Visitors are using them for the most part correctly! Please empty your beverage container before recycling! Thank you.

## 2018 PIB School Yearbooks

The 2018 Put-in-Bay High School yearbooks are now on sale for \$20 each? The cover the girls designed is especially cool. It has cut outs of the islands with the topography of the Bass Islands and lake underneath. Contact Teri Pierce at the school to get your copy.

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## Letter to the Editor

We want to say a sincere "thank you" to all who helped my brother Guppy after his bicycle accident on Fox Road, Middle Bass Island on August 4th, 2018.

Kudos to Margaret (Medical Assistant) and Judy (RN) for tending to Guppy's needs. They stayed at his side for one and one half hours until EMS arrived from Put-in-Bay.

Later the Doctor said they checked for the right things and the paramedic did a good job on Guppy's nose!

We also wanted to thank Margaret's husband who had the patience to wait the whole time! We were touched by the boaters who witnessed the accident and checked in on him (especially Bruce from Michigan).

So nice to know there are such kind people who care on MBI!  
Sincerely yours, Libby Farson and Bill Yarnell

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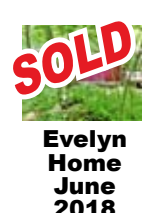
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ABOVE: This scene at the Goat on Saturday, August 11th, reminded us of Biergartens in Germany and Austria. A 20-piece Deutscher Musik Verein polka band played for the crowd. Scotty and Caroline Jackson invite everyone to the Goat Biergarten on Sunday afternoon, September 2nd, for another live polka band. Stop in for a hotdog, a brat or pretzel, a cold imported beer or glass of wine and plenty of fun. Adding to the air of excitement will be the antique car paraders who will be there after their regular tour around the island.

**Sturgeon release party set for October**

On October 6th, there will be a sturgeon release party in the Maumee River at the City Boat Launch along Broadway St. near Walbridge Park in Toledo. It is part of a new program funded in part by the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to reintroduce Sturgeon into Lake Erie. Years ago, sturgeon populated the lake, but gradually they disappeared. Some 3,000 juvenile will be released. The young fish are recognizable as small as aquarium fish in early August, or about the size of a human thumb. Mature sturgeon can grow to 300 pounds and be seven feet in length. They won't stay in the Maumee, but will soon make the Western Basin of Lake Erie, including the island area, their home. At one time, over 5 million pounds of sturgeon were taken from Lake Erie in a single year. The fishery collapsed, largely by 1900, and they are extremely rare at this time.



ABOVE: Seen here are Amy Backus and Sue Zawacki from Vermilion visiting with Bill Boag at the PIBYC Key West party in August. Amy has been sailing for years here at Put-in-Bay, but we hear she and Sue power boated to the islands for the event.

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