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A Monumental Eclipse - April 8th, 2024



Don't forget to pick up your pair of limited edition eclipse glasses from the Miller Express dock on April 8th. These are sure to be Put-in-Bay collector's items!

The Monumental Eclipse

On Monday, April 8th, a total eclipse of the sun will darken the Lake Erie Islands for about 3 minutes and 30 seconds shortly after 3 p.m. The Monumental Eclipse is a celestial marvel that rarely happens, and if you don't get to see this one, you'll have to wait until 2045 for another one in America. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099. The moon's total blocking of the sun promises a unique midday twilight, by casting its shadow over our island, creating a mystical moment of beauty and wonder.

Everyone is invited to come to Put-in-Bay and witness the eclipse on the lawn at Perry's Monument, the perfect backdrop for the viewing. This indeed will be a once-in-a-lifetime unforgettable day where the sky darkens midday, creating a dusk-like ambiance, and witness the spectacular sight of the eclipse in total totality, a rare and awe-inspiring experience for all ages.

The eclipse also promises to be not only a breathtaking experience, but also an educational opportunity. Learn about the science behind solar eclipses, the history of eclipse observations, and their cultural significance across civilizations.

To ensure your eye safety and give you a clear and safe viewing experience, complimentary eclipse viewing glasses will be available. There will also be commemorative merchandise with special eclipse posters and stickers. These commemorative items will be available for purchase at the event and the visitor's center.

Many island businesses will be open, so there will be plenty to do and see before and after the eclipse. Plan now to be at Put-in-Bay for the eclipse.

Dealing with the Eclipse By Anony Muncule

Due to circumstances out of our control, there will be a full solar eclipse that will darken the island on Monday, April 8th. We thought it prudent to put out some tidbits to help get you through it safely.

It's hard to predict what might happen that weekend and the day of. The islands are expecting a huge surge in people visiting the area. The biggest issues we see coming from this are: 1) Traffic congestion with hundreds of golf carts on our streets and roads; 2) The possibility of cell phone and internet degradation as towers and fiber optic cables offload some users; 3) Lack of traffic control and drinking water for the hordes expected to be on the islands; 4) Cloud cover obscuring the sighting causing people to riot; 5) Fishermen not using their running lights during the eclipse; and 6) Visitors driving golf carts and forgetting to take their dark glasses off after viewing the phenomenon and causing accidents.

We highly recommend not using face time for your cell phone calls. It will be dark and you won't see anything. Using text messages to communicate during the darkness is encouraged, but not mandatory. When taking photos of the eclipse, use your flash option. Your photos will come out much better. We also suggest you have a powerful flashlight and extra batteries. Running into a stranger in the dark can be terrifying.

Here are some other things to keep in mind for the eclipse: 1) Top off the gas tank in your car or golf cart; 2) Top off extra gas cans, too; 3) Make sure your pantry is full and you have plenty of pet food; 4) Keep all pets inside; 5) Make sure you have at least a week's supply of any prescription medications and hearing aid batteries; 6) Memorize 911 in

case you have an emergency; 7) Protect your property from looters who will be using the dark to their advantage; 8) Have candles and matches on hand; 9) Make sure your will is in order at least a week in advance; 9) Don't trust anyone passing out bottled water for free; and 10) Don't applaud until the eclipse is over.

The biggest things to remember: Be Resourceful. If you find yourself panicking as the sun darkens the moon, don't panic. Just be ready for absolutely anything to happen and hopefully nothing out of the ordinary will. And last, but not least, have fun! This is a once in a lifetime thing! But if you are not fortunate enough to be on the islands for the eclipse, next time you're on the island, go down in Perry's Cave and ask them to turn out the lights for about three minutes. It's a similar experience.

Eclipse Protesters

Two separate groups of "antheions" have been posting on social media that one of them will be holding a protest march and the other a sit-in on Monday, April 8th, at Put-in-Bay. Apparently, both groups are against anything to do with the solar eclipse that islanders will be experiencing that day.

The protest march group will be free to demonstrate, but will be confined to the parking lot behind the town hall. The other group, those who want to sit-in rather than march, will gather at the ball diamond on Concord Ave. In case of rain, the protestors will gather in the school gym and the sitter-inners will go upstairs in the town hall where there are plenty of chairs.

Both the village police and sheriff officers on the island will be reinforced with additional officers who will come from the mainland to make sure everything is safe and without violence. Deputy Jeremy Arnold told island officials he does not agree with the antheions, so he has only called for regular sheriff deputies from around the area and not the SWAT teams that were called to the island to handle the situation that got out of hand last July. "These are not violent people, only misguided," he told the Gazette reporter. Storm, the sheriff's new police dog, will also be on hand to help with crowd control and howl at the moon as it totally blocks the sun. The other reason security is being beefed up is to guard against migrants sneaking across the border from Canada under the cover of eclipse darkness.

The protest and sit-in will last about 3 minutes and 18 seconds, the same as the total eclipse lasts, but then again who's counting?

In a random nationwide phone poll interview with those likely to be coming to PIB for the eclipse, only 3% said the sit-in and protest would keep them from coming to PIB to view the once-in-a-lifetime event. And 100% of that 3% also mentioned that being afraid of the dark will factor into their final decision.

Chamber of Commerce director Windy Chambers was happy to announce that the other eclipse events will go on as scheduled and not be canceled due to the antheions protest marching and sitting in. She added PIB welcomes normal people to the island to see the sun blocking the moon and hopes they will incorporate eclipse myths into their own celebrations of the celestial wonders on April 8th.

And lastly, Neuman Boat Line is also offering a special ticket price to those protesters who come over on the 6 a.m. ferry from Marblehead. They will be able to purchase two one-way, round-trip tickets for the price of three.

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May 4 @ 7:30pm
May 10 @ 7:30pm
May 17 @ 7:30pm
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May 24 @ 7:30pm
May 25 @ 2pm
May 26 @ 2pm

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May 28th-Call for res.
Wine Tasting

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We often wonder why Billy Market, an avid Ohio State fan, doesn't paint the ferries OSU red instead of blue, the color of OSU's arch football rival University of Michigan. To help Billy along with any decision to change colors, we thought it appropriate to have John Rees from New Colony show a photo of what the ferries might look like if repainted correctly.

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Please address your deliveries to:

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- Island Destination (Put-in-Bay or Middle Bass Island, Ohio)
- Your Phone Number
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Nate Seaberg sorting packages at Miller Boat Line's Lime Kiln Dock.

LEIC Native Plant Sale

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) are taking orders for native plants and trees for the islands. We are using Natives in Harmony and Riverside Native Perennials for our native plant sale as well as plants grown from Middle Bass seed by Chad Machinski. We are also offering trees from Riverside Native Trees, QRST Trees, and Thin Place Native Trees. Buying and planting natives is a great way to provide quality habitat for the birds, butterflies, moths and other wildlife on the islands. We are promoting the planting of native trees and shrubs because our wildlife are adapted to feeding on these plants and using them for shelter. This fundraiser will be used to support the LEIC land preservation and restoration programs!

Plants: LEIC is selling varieties of native perennial plants and flowers from Natives in Harmony from Marengo, Ohio and Chad Machinski. You can use the order form provided for the list of native plant plugs. You can order ahead to make sure you get what you want or we will have them for sale locally at our events in spring.

Trees: Use the order form for trees and inquire about those larger size trees.

Order forms are at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org

New this year are native perennials in larger sizes through Riverside Native Perennials. You can order these by using this website <https://riversidenativeperennials.com/> and use the code LEIC to assure the Conservancy gets credit for the sale. Over the course of the spring we will be adding an additional 100 species of native perennials so please check in from time to time to see what additional plants have come online.

A delivery day will be set in May for these plants. For those on Middle Bass who wish to order, a pick up on Middle Bass will be set up as well.



Two of Put-in-Bay's English fellas meeting up in London, England, this past month. Left to right are Emil Michael (PIBHS Class of 2024) Shelby Iddon, Archie Iddon (PIBHS Class of 2043) and Ryan Iddon, Nick Michael and Emma Michael (PIBHS Class of 2027).

The Ohio Clean Marinas team, consisting of a partnership between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, hosted the 8th annual Ohio Marina Conference on Thursday, Feb. 29, at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge and Convention Center. The Park Place Boat Club at the Keys was honored as a GOLD ranked Ohio Clean Marina. Pictured here are Ericson Booker, Eva Rence and Eric Booker receiving the award.



Message From The Mayor To Fisherman

Greetings Fishermen,

Welcome to South Bass Island! I know you come from near and far for this awesome experience and we want it to be the best it can be for you. As you know, parking is an issue. Finding a parking spot for your boat trailer and vehicle can be a challenge. As the island businesses open up for the season, we will be welcoming even more island visitors.

To avoid a \$50 parking ticket, please be mindful of the parking laws and signs (yellow curbs, no parking areas, no more horizontal parking on the angled parking spaces...etc).

We offer a few alternatives to parking your rig when no spots can be found....

Launch your boat and crew and take your vehicle and trailer back to your lodging destination. Then call a cab and meet up with your crew for a fun day of fishing. Repeat this process when you return after a successful fishing day.

The following taxis are available on the island. Please call to set up arrangements.

- Checker Taxi - (419) 285-2552
- Coop's Cab - (419) 967-2524
- Island Club Taxi - (419) 285-5466
- Put-in-Bay Taxi - (419) 285-6161

Or rent a golf cart for your time here and use that to get back to the dock after you have returned your vehicle and trailer to your lodging location. It's much easier to find a parking spot for a golf cart rather than a vehicle and trailer. There are several golf cart companies, which you can find online.

May you have good weather and catch lots of fish.
- Mayor Judy Berry

ECLIPSE

By Gabriela Kaplan © 2017

A butterfly's dance, high in the sky, interrupted my gaze,
as the solar wind whispered about the ritual I was longing to see.
The sun turned day into night when the moon with mysterious hues shrouded the sun,
while he crowned the moon with radiant light.

Beholding this mysterious passage, that long ago my ancestors also viewed,
I realized how fleeting everything is, as I too like them, shall be no more.
Staring in awe at this total eclipse, I wondered how small and fragile we humans are,
and how magical nature truly is.

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- 6-7 | CASPER - 8P (OPENING WEEKEND)
- 12-13 | WTF BAND - 9:30P
- 14 | TOM BRADY - 8P
- 19-20 | CHRISTIAN BECK BAND - 930P (PAJAMA PARTY WEEKEND)
- 21 | CASPER - 8P
- 26-27 | SLOW BURN - 9:30P
- 27 | CHIEF DJ - 12P (TOLEDO YACHT CLUB WELCOME PARTY)
- 28 | KYLE MIKOLAJCZYK - 8P

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11:00 am	Daily	11:30 am
12:00 noon	Daily	12:30 pm
1:00 pm	Daily	1:30 pm
2:00 pm	Daily	2:30 pm
3:00 pm	Daily	3:30 pm
4:00 pm	Daily	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	Daily	5:30 pm
6:00 pm	Daily ~ Starts April 5	6:30 pm
7:00 pm	Additional Friday Trips Starts April 12	7:30 pm

April 26 thru May 9

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8:30 am	Daily	9:00 am
9:00 am	Daily	9:30 am
9:30 am	Daily	10:00 am
10:00 am	Daily	10:30 am
10:30 am	Daily	11:00 am
11:00 am	Daily	11:30 am
12:00 noon	Daily	12:30 pm
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3:00 pm	Daily	3:30 pm
3:30 pm	Daily	4:00 pm
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LEFT: Islanders Dianne Smith and Molly Sammon were snapped checking the Gazette at Mary Queen of the Universe Basilica in Orlando. Molly's husband Tom took the picture.



RIGHT: Carl LoPresti's Kent State Casino Class showed off the PIB Gazette while visiting The Bellagio Prime Steak House recently. The class is learning about the casino and hospitality industry. Carl is on the far right.

Village Council Notes

There was no PIB Village Council meeting in February, but several items of interest came out of the January and March meetings.

Given the demand from most residents about limiting the number of carts on the island, Council passed an ordinance that halts golf cart rental companies in the Village from adding any more carts to their fleets. There is still a question about how that could be done in the Township.

Council is still working out details about paid park-

ing behind the town hall and on certain streets in the Village this coming summer.

The police department purchased another new vehicle this winter. The department plans to equip them with computers that will provide accurate and timely records management, dispatch, location services, and many other services to help the officers responding to a call. Officers will also have new badges this year and the department is requesting a new speed detector gun.

Garden Club News

From Sheri Murphy, President

A new season is upon us! As well as a new president...Let me introduce myself. I am Sheri Murphy and I live in Findlay, OH when the ferries aren't running. Otherwise, I have enjoyed every moment I can of the last nine years up on this magical island. I have some huge shoes to fill, but hope people realize I am a continuing work in progress. That being said, I would like to encourage others who may have been contemplating joining this energetic group to take the leap and join in on the fun. We can be "newbies" together.


Membership application/renewal forms are available on our website, www.PutinBayGardenClub.com. Individual memberships are \$20 and can be mailed to PIBGC, P.O. Box 815, PIB, OH 43456. I would love to welcome any of you who have an interest in, or appreciation of gardening of any sort...even if you don't have the proverbial "green thumb."

The PIBGC board has been busy throughout these past winter months planning some new and educational events for the 2024 season. These include a bonsai presentation in June and a trip in July to NASA's (Armstrong Test Facility) stunning natural landscapes in Sandusky OH. (Who knew, right?) A full list of 2024 programs is listed on our website and on the member renewal form.


Flower basket planting will take place on Thursday, May 23rd. If you are interested in helping, please contact Val Chornyak (419) 285-4030 or Jody Frimel (440) 320-6473. Also, if you are interested in keeping these hanging baskets looking beautiful throughout the season, Barb Mehling would very much appreciate your assistance and can be reached at (419) 285-5792.

I am looking forward to warm temps, sunny skies and plenty of opportunities to get together. Please join us for what promises to be some fun and new adventures in 2024!

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Library News

What's Happening at Your Local Library?

Thu., April 4th - 4 p.m.: Sit & Stitch with Heather - Join Heather Durdil, creator of the "Spins a Yarn" podcast and knitter extraordinaire, on the first Thursday of each month at the library to work on your yarn project. Knit, crochet, needlepoint, counted cross-stitch...any project is acceptable! No need to register.

Mon., April 8th - CLOSED - for Solar Eclipse

Tue., April 9th - 3:30 p.m.: Paint Your Own Fairy House - Come to the Erie Islands Library to paint your own fairy house out of a clay flowerpot. Easy, fun project! First come, first served. Limit: 8 patrons. Register beginning March 19th at idarupp.org under calendar. Or for assistance, call the library at (419) 285-4004.

Sat., April 13th - 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Story Time - Join Librarian Karen Wilhelm for a half hour of reading, song and a craft to take home. Parents and caregivers are asked to stay with their children. No registration required.

Wed., April 17th - 5:30 p.m.: Words & Wine Book Club - Join us and share a book you have read while enjoying a beverage of your own choosing. Even if you haven't had time to read, you are welcome to join us to hear what others are suggesting. We can't wait to hear what you have been reading! New adult members are always welcome. No registration necessary. Location: Topsy Turvey's, 361 Bayview Ave., Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

Thu., April 18th - 5-6:45 p.m.: Movie Night at the Library "Rock Dog" - Join us for a fun night with friends. We'll show a family friendly movie and supply popcorn and drinks. Everyone welcome! This month's selection: Rock Dog. Approx. 90 minutes. Rating PG. No registration necessary.

Tue., April 23rd - 3:30 p.m.: Book Club for Kids Grades 3-6 - Join us and share a book you have read while enjoying a beverage you bring or hot cocoa. We'll even have popcorn to munch. Even if you haven't had time to read, you are welcome to join us to hear what others are suggesting. We can't wait to hear what you have been reading! New members in grades 3-6 are always welcome. No registration required.

Wed., April 24th - 1 p.m.: Wood Slice Decoupage - Design your own coaster out of natural wood slices/cuts. We have all the supplies you will need to create two of your own coasters. Limited to 15 patrons. Registration begins on April 10th at idarupp.org under calendar or by calling (419) 285-4004.

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Events:

- Wed., June 5th - 9:30 a.m.: Let's Play Putt-Putt at War of 1812
- Sat., June 8th - 11 a.m.: Tea Time Returns
- Wed., June 12th: Professor Tony
- Sat., June 15th - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Sidewalk Book Sale
- Tue., June 25th - 5 p.m.: Cruising with Kathy & David Holscott
- Tue., July 9th - 4 p.m.: Magician Michael Mage
- Thu., July 11th - 5-6:30 p.m.: Summer Reading Finale

Rachel Cooper and Melody O'Donnell created this large playhouse at the crafting with cardboard event at the Library in March.



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OPEN DAILY IN MAY
11a-5p*

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ISLAND CALENDAR APRIL 2024

TH = Town Hall • Senior Center = Sr Cen • MBI = Middle Bass
 Twp Hall = Township Hall • MOS - Mother of Sorrows

APRIL EVENT SCHEDULE

- PIBYC SPRING SCHEDULE • SEE PAGE 11
- LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE • SEE THIS PAGE
- SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR • SEE PAGE 21
- Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10-11a • Senior Center
- First National Bank Open • Wed - 9:30a-3:30p (until Apr 10) Wed & Fri - 9:30a-3:30p (starting Apr 12)
- Cameo Pizza/Mr. Ed's Opening Night • Apr 5
- A Monumental Eclipse • Apr 8 • 3p
- Coffee with a Cop • Apr 16 - 9-11a • Town Hall
- Frosty's Opening Islander Night • Apr 19
- PIB Arts Council Play "Peter Pan and Wendy" • Apr 19 & 20 - 7p • Apr 21 - 3p • Town Hall • SEE PAGE 15
- Earth Week Put-in-Bay • Apr 20 thru 26
- Mr. Ed's Annual Pajama Party • Apr 20
- 26th Whiskey Light Ceremony • Apr 21 • Round House
- Bird Banding • Apr 21 thru 26 • Kelleys Island Jones Preserve
- Earth Day Trail Walk/Run • Apr 22 • Cooper's Woods & State Park
- Toledo Yacht Club Party Wknd • Apr 26 thru 28
- Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 26 • Behind Post Office
- PIBHS Prom • Apr 27 • PIBYC
- Put-in-Bay Draft Day 5K • Apr 28 - 9a • Mr. Ed's
- Bird Banding • Apr 28 thru 30 • Middle Bass East Point Preserve
- Last Day for ATVs on the Road • Apr 30

APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE

- PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- PIB Village Council Mtg • Apr 2 - 9a • TH
- Twp Zoning Commission • Apr 2 - 1p • Twp Hall
- PIB Rec Committee • Apr 8 - 3:30p • School
- PIB Village Council Mtg • Apr 9 - 9a • TH
- PIB Township Trustees Mtg • Apr 9 - 10a • Twp Hall
- PIB Village Planning Com • Apr 9 - 11:30a • TH
- PIB Village Tree Commission • Apr 10 - 9:45a
- PIB Twp Park District • Apr 10 - 10a
- PIB Chamber of Commerce Exec Board • Apr 10 - 10a
- LEI Conservancy • Apr 10 - 7p
- PIB Port Authority Mtg • Apr 15 - 5p • Airport
- Twp Zoning Board of Appeals • Apr 17 - 1p • Twp Hall
- PIB Village Mayor's Court • Apr 18 - 10a
- Bd of Education • Apr 16 - 12:15p • School Multipurpose Room

APRIL CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
 PIB Mass • Sundays - 10:30a • MOS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 Holy Eucharist • Sundays - 10:30a

COMING EVENTS IN MAY

- Junior Class Pizza Fundraiser • TBD • Cameo Pizza
- Art Show & Spring Concert • May 2 - 7p • School
- Spring Fling • May 3 & 4
- Club Clean Up Day • May 4 • PIBYC
- Bird Banding • May 5-9 & 13-16 • SBI Barnhill Vineyard
- Road Scholar Program: Birding the Islands & Shores • May 5-10 & 12-17
- Blessing of the Fleet • May 14 - 11a • Fox's Dock
- Victoria Day Weekend • May 17 thru 19
- Island Wide Garage Sale • May 18
- Perry Monument Opening Day • May 18
- Chamber Spring Membership Mtg • May 20 - 3-5p • Yacht Club
- Flower Basket Planting • May 23
- Garden Club Welcome Party • May 23 - 4p • Murphy Home
- Carronade Weekend • May 26-27 Perry Monument
- Salute to the Troops • May 27 • Perry Monument

RECYCLING HOURS

Mon, Wed - 8a to 2p • Transfer Station (Sat starting Apr 15)

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Put-in-Bay's medication disposal container is located in the lobby of the Put-in-Bay Police Department at the Town Hall

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Island Diary March 2024

Fri., Mar. 1st - The M/V Put-in-Bay leaves the downtown dock to begin the 2024 ferry service to South Bass Island.

Sat., March 2nd - The first ferry runs from the Lime Kiln. Deacon Jim O'Donnell from Mother of Sorrows is on hand to bless the vessels, crews and passengers to start the season!

Sun., March 3rd - Everyone is saddened to learn of the passing of Tyrus Burgess at the age of 88. Island families are returning to PIB after winter break. Rob Hard has fishermen from Wisconsin at the Black Squirrel.

Mon., Mar. 4th - PIB School is back in session after mid-winter break. The temp hits 70 degrees.

Tue., Mar. 5th - A low cloud ceiling hangs over the island. Islanders learn of Cigar Ambassador Richard Warren's death in the Dominican Republic.

Wed., Mar. 6th - Jack and Lorraine Zimmerman from Airline Drive are honored with the Bill Mack Business Leader Award at the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation's Business and Industry awards in Port Clinton. PIB school students and staff take part in a scavenger hunt that is part of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) program. Participants split into groups and have to collect clues inside and outside the school. It's a fun night at the yacht club playing euchre and celebrating Mary Ann McCann's 89th birthday!

Thu., Mar. 7th - Put-in-Bay Township announces a plan for potential vehicle/deer collisions in the future. Drivers have a right to claim the deer they hit, but if they choose not to, a list will be established for those who would like to collect and process the animal. The water is turned on for Mr. Ed's, Cameo Pizza and the Brewery. Island Hardware & Market has a big sale on vitamin D milk.

Fri., Mar. 8th - Put-in-Bay is sitting in 6th place in the USA Today "Top 20 Small Towns in America" contest. The voting runs through the rest of March. It's a rainy cool evening.

Sat., Mar. 9th - Several island baton twirlers perform at a competition at North Baltimore High School in the morning. The chef's special at the PIB Yacht Club is Chicken Milanese. Greg Rumph is the lucky winner of the PIBYC weekly rolling raffle. The Girl Scouts of Troop #10828 are going door to door selling Girl Scout cookies. There's nothing like pairing Tagalongs with Pink Catawba! Sharon Cox spots a couple deer in the lawn by the cottages next to the bathing beach.

Sun., Mar. 10th - Winds are over 35 MPH for most of the early morning and afternoon. Miller Boat Line cancels all afternoon ferries to and from PIB due to wind and cold temperatures.

Mon., Mar. 11th - The PIB Vol. Fire Dept. participates in landing zone training with Mercy Health Life Flight at the Put-in-Bay Airport in the afternoon. Miller Boat Line starts taking commercial reservations for 2024 and season passes are valid. Fr. Robert Solon, Jr. is feeling delighted to be cleared to begin walking after breaking his leg this past winter.

Tue., Mar. 12th - Village Council meets at the Town Hall in the morning. Among the items on the agenda is a cap on golf cart rentals. On this date in 1964, the Schnoor and Fuchs Store was destroyed by fire.



(L to R) Norah Blumensaadt, Isla Koch and Evelyn Wertenbach while at North Baltimore High School for a baton twirling competition on March 9th. All three took home awards.

Wed., Mar. 13th - Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Executive Board holds its regular monthly meeting. Final preparations for the total solar eclipse event in April are discussed in detail. Construction is underway on an addition at English Pines B&B. The PIB library's Craftapalooza takes place at the yacht club where there is a \$2 beer special. Happy Birthday wishes go out to Angie Berger from the Bird's Nest who is celebrating her 40th birthday. Mike and Susan Byrnes and Mariah Loud enjoy a little kayaking in a very still lake.

Thu., Mar. 14th - The PIB High School's freshman class hosts a Community Lunch Fundraiser at the Town Hall. Tipper's opens for the season. Pinky Batt and Patrick Widmer are the first two customers. ES Wagner is removing the remnants of the rubber aquadam that was left in front of the Monument all winter. The annual Talent Show takes place in the evening at the school. Melody O'Donnell takes first place by playing a song on her mini piano.

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Members of Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department with a team from Mercy Life Flight during a landing zone exercise on March 11th.

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Island Diary

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Fri., Mar. 15th - Jim Hurst is busy de-winterizing most of the houses in the Island Club. There's a wedding at the Anchorage on East Point for Kate Ostapchuk and Jacob Fresch. An excavator is busy placing armor rock at the end of East Point. This will help prevent future shoreline erosion.

Sat., Mar. 16th - The Put-in-Bay EMS is conducting a practice drill at the State Park. Volunteers play the roles of victims, bystanders, etc. Funeral services for Ty Burgess take place. Members of the Put-in-Bay Panther Twirling Club are working on choreography at the school gym.

Sun., Mar. 17th - Highlight of St. Patty's Day is the dozen or so people who jump off one of the docks into the frigid lake in front of Topsy Turvey's.

Mon., Mar. 18th - What the heck? It feels like 15 degrees thanks to the windchill factor. Winter is apparently getting its last licks in with a wintery mix.

Tue., Mar. 19th - Most of the day the temperature has been in the 30s, but it goes up into the 40s mid afternoon. This year's Spring begins at 11:09 p.m. tonight! It's bonus day on the Miller ferries. You get a free car wash with every trip you make.

Wed., Mar. 20th - Temperatures are in the 40s overnight then fall back into the low 30s as the sun rises. The PIB Township Port Authority posts that three vehicles need to be removed immediately or they will be towed due to construction of the new terminal. Among those who are at the PIB Yacht Club for the Words & Wine Book Club meeting are Val Chornyak, Amy Huston, Dianne Smith, Karen Wilhelm and Susan Byrnes. They share a number of diverse books.

Thu., Mar. 21st - Ferry service to Middle Bass begins for the season. Delaware Ave. is closed for sanitary tie-in work being done by the old Crescent property. At noon the temperature is 25 degrees with a windchill factor of 15. Sure doesn't sound like spring. Cantankerus makes the first fuel trip of the year. Howard Martens is celebrating his 93rd birthday.

Fri., Mar. 22nd - Former island resident Gene Zajac presents a program about the coming eclipse at the library. Gene is an expert when it comes to the stars and planets. PIBHS Senior Emil Michael celebrates his 18th birthday.

Sat., Mar. 23rd - There's a bit of snow overnight. Palm Crosses are being made in the Undercroft at St. Paul's. The Girl Scouts pop up a stand at the Island Hardware store late in the afternoon to sell cookies. Put-in-Bay School has four students who qualify at regionals for the state Science Fair. Congratulations to Joe Blumensaadt, Emma Michael, Kate Hubner and Caleb Kowalski. Walt Duff wins this weeks rolling raffle at the yacht club.

Sun., Mar. 24th - It's a quiet, uneventful Palm Sunday on the islands. There's no truth to the rumor that island security forces hold a joint-agency drill session in DeRivera Park to prepare for the eclipse on Monday, April 8th. PIB Township Zoning Inspector Greg Dobos resigns from his position to take a full-time position as the new general manager for Commodore Resorts.

Mon., Mar. 25th - Middle Bass General Store opens. Over in Port Clinton, the Jet III is put in the water. Put-in-Bay Arts Council set designers are putting the finishing touches on the set design for the upcoming play Peter Pan & Wendy. The newest PIBVFD members have training on the ladder truck. The new members are able to get comfortable setting up, climbing and operating the truck.

Tue., Mar. 26th - Ferry service is halted for the day as conditions at the Lime Kiln Dock are not favorable for loading. On this date in 1934, 30 Kelleys Island residents get stuck in Sandusky after making a trip to stock up on merchandise. The steamer Mascot was unable to reach the island due to ice floes. The Village is asking for all minnow cars/carts be removed from the public docks by April 1st. Miller Boat Line asks for the removal of them at their downtown dock, too. Lake Disposal is busy hauling away what remains of the old concrete block Shork house on Doller Ave.

Wed., Mar. 27th - PIB School grades elementary students have a field trip to King's Dairy Farm in Fremont, Ghostly Manor in Sandusky and the Sandusky Maritime Museum. Due to so many people off the island, the Senior Center decides to cancel its morning eclipse program.

Thu., Mar. 28th - Members of the PIB High School Class of 2024 head off to Hawaii for their class trip. The PIB School National Honor Society's book drive to benefit kids in the Cleveland area ends. The restaurant/bar at the Middle Bass General Store opens.

Fri., Mar. 29th - There is no school at Put-in-Bay as the long Easter weekend begins. Miller Boat Line adds more trips to its schedule. The PIB Vol. Fire Dept. holds a Fish Fry dinner fundraiser at the fire station. You can choose perch, walleye or cod, along with cole slaw, french fries, dessert and beverage. Lucas Guy provides the live entertainment. Diners also get to meet the new members of the department. All proceeds go towards new equipment to better serve the community.

Sat., Mar. 30th - Due to inclement weather, the PIB Recreation Committee's Easter Egg Hunt becomes a "drive thru" event at the Fire Department. The kids are still able to collect their treats as well



Seen enjoying St. Patrick's Day at Tipper's were Allie Mar, Terri Stanley and Lorie Busold.



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as have a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny! Later, there's a graduation ceremony and reception in the Cornerstone Room at Mother of Sorrows for those who took the EMT class this winter.

Sun., Mar. 31st - There's an ecumenical Easter sunrise service at Oak Point State Park. Up on Pelee Island, the transfer station begins its summer hours.

Patrick Widmer and Pinky Batt had the distinction of being the first two customers at Tipper's when it opened in March.

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The Bass Islands and Passing Issue 2

Ever since the passage of Issue 2 last November that legalized the personal usage of marijuana in the state of Ohio, there has been talk around the island about how the change will affect the island community. Who will be first to have a cannabis shop? How will the police handle smokers on golf carts? Will it be allowed at the pool bars? But these topics pale in light of a recent document leaked from an executive session which included PIB Township Council and Village Trustees and the newly created Ohio Department of Marijuana Resources (ODMR).

Labeled "For Your Eyes Only," the document outlined the plans the ODMR has for the Bass Islands which include South, Middle and North Bass Islands.

The leaked document spurred local officials to dig deeper into what they learned, and what they found reveals a diabolical plan for our beloved islands that only the "mad politicians" in Columbus could come up with.

One island official told the Gazette, "Their plan is one that will drastically change the islands in such a manner that the islands, as we know them, won't be fit for our kids, grandkids and assorted other people. Here is an overview of what has transpired so far and how the plan will evolve in the next few years.

Everyone wondered last year why Hineyman Winery's vineyard lease on North Bass was abruptly canceled last year. It turns out the first step in the state's plan is to turn the Ohio Department of National Resources' (ODNR) 600 acres of old vineyards into massive fields of high-grade marijuana fields. State officials have long been aware that any marijuana issue on the ballot would pass with a large majority. More than twenty years ago after the state purchased the old Meier's Winery vineyards on the island, state officials secretly sent agents to take soil samples. They soon realized the soil that vineyards thrived on for more than a century was also ideal for growing high-grade varieties of cannabis. Bingo! They got rid of most of the vineyards in anticipation of the day when marijuana would be legalized and the rows of grapes could be transformed into rows and rows of marijuana plants.

If all goes well, the plan calls for marijuana plants to be planted this spring on North Bass. Illegal immigrants will be rounded up to do the planting and tending of the fields. The massive amounts of water needed will be pumped out of the lake and used to irrigate the plants. According to the leaked plan document, the water is so nutrient rich with algae blooms, the marijuana plants will produce three crops every growing season. And once the operation gets going, huge glass hot houses will eventually be built to allow for an additional three crops during the winter season. This takes a lot of electricity for the growing lights, but that problem will also be overcome when wind turbines in the lake around the islands will be built to supply the massive amounts of power



According to our sources, Marijuana fields will soon replace the vineyards on North Bass Island

needed for green house growing lights.

You may also recall that the ODMR recently funded the renovation of several old vintner homes and a visitor center to the tune of \$5 million. Once work has been completed, these homes will be transferred to the ODMR to house its workers. The planned visitor center will no longer be a visitor center, but a head shop where visitors can sample and buy the various varieties of grass and pot paraphernalia. An outdoor pavilion will be built to accommodate pot smokers who want to relax and enjoy a joint with a lake view. The center will also be where visitors can rent a golf cart to tour the island and personally inspect the vineyards fields of marijuana plants.

With no ferry service to North Bass, ODMR officials are planning to rebuild the main dock at North Bass so a state-subsidized ferry service can operate for the hordes of potheads expected to journey there to get stoned and wasted, plus provide a means to ship the tons and tons of island grown off to the mainland for processing.

According to a notation in the plan document, when Del Burrs, a seasonal resident on North Bass, heard the details of the plan, he told other island residents about it. At first, they were skeptical, but later relieved to hear the state not only had a plan to revitalize North Bass Island's economy, but that the ODMR also planned to groom the marijuana plants to resemble grape vines as much as possible. At that point, Burrs gave a big green thumbs up and was heard to say, "Thanks to the passage of Issue 2, North Bass will be back on the map!"

Over the next few years, plans call for the transformation of the state's properties on Middle and South Bass Islands into marijuana fields. One ODMR official said, "The demand for island-grown will only increase as the word gets out, and with our new website promoting the benefits of island-grown, gluten-free weed, revenue is predicted to increase 30% to 40% a year." He went on to say, "The state is planning to buy up all the old vineyard land on Middle and South Bass Islands that it can."

You may or may not like what you've read to this point, but the final straw that made island officials leak the ODMR document in the first place and what this means for the island and its people is heart wrenching; State officials plan to rename North Bass Island "North Grass Island," and as the plan progresses, also rename Middle and South Bass Islands "Middle Grass" and "South Grass" Islands.

Any hopes of fighting the ODMR's plans are futile as state officials are already planning ways to spend the obscene amount of revenue they'll see coming from the Grass Islands, plus the state has already contracted with Rand McNally and Google Maps to change Bass to Grass for the Lake Erie Islands. Officials are also banking on the fact that what they are doing will not be opposed by the two-thirds of islanders who voted to legalize marijuana last November.

Pond To Be Filled In

Engineers from the Ottawa County Development Dept. were on the island last summer to review plans for the Lake Erie Islands for the next 50 years. Their report was released in March. Among the items of concern to islanders was the plan to fill in Pinky's Pond (aka Smith's Pond, Terwilliger Pond), South Bass Island's only pond.

According to county officials, filling in the pond would accomplish several things. 1) The current bridge needs to be replaced, and the cost of a new four-lane bridge is not in the highways department's budget; 2) There would no longer be a need for a bridge at the entrance of the pond; 3) Residents around the pond say they are getting older and can't keep chasing kayakers out of it; and 4) A lawn would be safer for their grandchildren than a pond.

One noted marine biologist who lives on the island and commutes to Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island told the Gazette, "Filling in the pond would be a crime, but since there's no specific law against it, what the hey!"

Work on filling in the pond is scheduled for 2025. The project will take the better part of three weeks to complete.

Designated Golf Cart Driving Area for Kids

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

For years Put-in-Bay residents have complained about parents letting their children illegally drive golf carts on Put-in-Bay roads. With all the traffic (golf carts, bikes, buses, semi-trucks, cars, electric scooters, etc.) this is a very serious problem. Now thanks to recent legislation members of the PIB Township Council have come up with a solution to the problem.

This summer, there will be a "designated road" where parents can let their kids drive carts safely and legally. After much discussion, Airline Dr. that runs from the old Skyway entrance around the southeast side of Put-in-Bay Airport to the Dog Park was chosen to be the designated "Kids Golf Cart Road."

Airline Dr. offers several benefits which make it the perfect choice.: 1) It's not a heavily-traveled road and a safe most of the time; 2) There is a variety of road conditions such as 45-degree turns, slight bends, straightaways, plus concrete, gravel and asphalt road base materials; 3) Parents can be dropped off at the south end of Airline Dr. and use the beach while they hunt for beach glass and let the kids practice driving; 4) The sheriff deputies are familiar with the area because they have a house there where they live; 6) This will keep kids using golf carts contained in one area and not driving all over the island; and last, but not least 7) Some residents of Airline Dr. are all in favor of the designation according to anonymous sources that can't be verified or revealed.

Both law enforcement officers and the business owners who rent golf carts are very much in favor of the kid-designated area. This is the first time they have agreed on anything. When asked what they liked about the plan, neither group had an answer.

One of the cart rental company owner did issue a statement saying in part, "Seeing a kid driving a cart puts a smile on my face. The kid who drives a cart today will be the adult who rents a cart in 20 years."

If all goes well with the kid-designated cart driving road, the next step is to allow parents to purchase a special temporary driving permit that would allow their kids to drive on all the island roads. Officials say they will have a public hearing on any proposed legislation, but expect to have little opposition to it.



Here's an exciting announcement about the newest addition to the Miller Ferry fleet, the MINI MILLER. She fits 8 cars and 100 people and is already booked everyday this year for private charters. Listen for the mini HONK and give a wave when you're on Lake Erie this summer.



Diane Nemec is seen here on a beach in Florida this past winter where she took part in a drum circle. Excited about what she saw and heard, she tells us she will be having a drum circle event at the West Shore ramp every night before the sun goes down this summer. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Island officials from the Village and the Township have come to an agreement to install these 19 mph speed limit and speed detectors on all island roads in July. The decision was a compromise between the current 15 mph speed limits in the Village and the 35 mph speed limits in the Township. Nineteen miles per hour seems just about right for everywhere on the island, plus police will now be able to write more speeding tickets.

Listen to Larry

By Larry Schrader
News, Views and Comments
from a South Bass Cottager...



LARRY SCHRADER

My grandson, Owen, is writing an article for his Middle School newspaper about "Listen to Larry". Apparently, the author's quill does not fall far from the old, gray oak! I asked how I might help and he said, "Just send me a picture of you at work and answer these three questions." So, here are Owen's questions along with my response.

"How did you get your start writing in the Gazette?"

Well, about a year before I retired from my real-world job, I decided to look around for something to help keep me busy during my golden years, a hobby, a part-time job, something to keep me thinking, maybe even a challenge, something new. I came across an advertisement in the Gazette, they were looking for a columnist. As I recall, the ad read something like this: "Experienced columnist wanted; writing experience with other national or international publications required; must be witty, interesting, with a good knowledge of Island history; salary negotiable; submit resume with examples of your work to Jeff Koehler, Associate Editor."

To be honest, I didn't have any writing experience, certainly not as a columnist – I thought about just making up a bunch of stuff, thinking they might not check any references, but that didn't seem to be a good idea. So I decided on the direct approach. I tracked Jeff down one day, told him I was an outstanding author, and asked if I could submit a column for the newspaper. He kindly agreed. A few days later I sent the first "Listen to Larry" to the Gazette, not sure of what might happen – one-hundred-forty-nine columns later, I'm still here! We're still negotiating that salary.

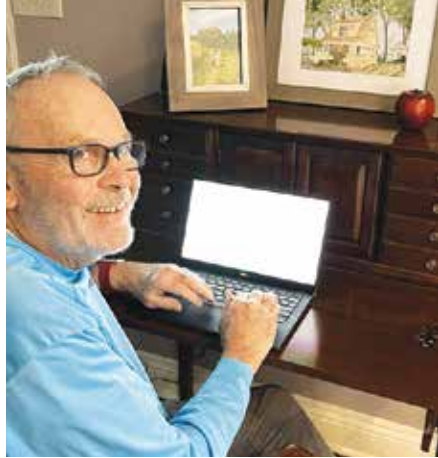
"How long does it take to get an idea for your column?"

The Island is an interesting and busy place, filled with remarkable individuals and a wide variety of guests and visitors. Mostly, I write about things that happen to me, people I meet, or things that I see. Sometimes I will write about a dream or pluck something from my imagination, offer an opinion, or snatch a piece of history. There have been ghosts, time machines, and characters from another dimension – from a gray-haired Peter Pan on an Island Neverland to sloshing beers with Ollie Perry in a noisy Roundhouse. It seems there is never a shortage of ideas – the hard part is choosing the one to write about.

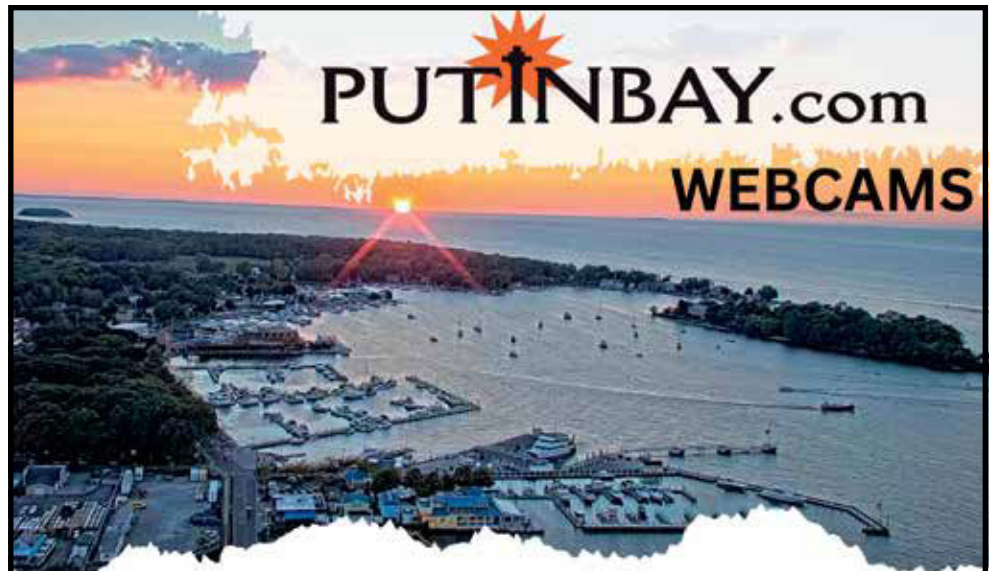
And finally, "How long does it take to write a column?"

During the Summer months, I usually drag a chair into the shade under the big oak and start poking away at my keyboard. Twenty or thirty minutes later, "Larry" is ready for the Gazette. It usually takes me a little longer to run the "Grammar and Spell Check" and gather the empty beer cans from the yard around me – short, sweet, every word worthy of a Pulitzer! The process during the Winter is much the same, but Mrs. Larry gets cranky if I start tossing the empty cans on the living room carpet.

Owen's column is titled "Listening to 'Listen to Larry.'" Brilliant! Perhaps next month Owen and the Hyatts News will give us permission to reprint his article right here.



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ABOVE: John Leopold of Victory Woods, Andrew Marc and Nan Burr of the West Shore and a frequent visitor, Mark Busch, enjoyed the Gazette after a day of deep sea fishing. Got, tagged and returned Sail Fish, got Pompano and Yellow Snapper. Good Eatin'!



RIGHT: Nadine Saunders reading her PIB Gazette at the airport in Jamaica in March. Nadine and her sister Gracelyn, as well as parents Mikayla and Lance spent a little over a month in Jamaica over the winter visiting Lance's family.

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In March of 1935, Ohio Governor Martin Davey and Kelleys Island Mayor Roland Brown had a plan to construct a new Ohio penitentiary on the island, "Ohio's Alcatraz." Opponents to the plan were concerned that the penitentiary would not be built from island stone as was the case for the school that was built in 1901. There was also concern about having four or five thousand cut-throats and murderers in their back yard. They understood that the prison would bring money to the island, but there were things greater to the heart than dollars and cents.

Weather Or Not - Middle Bass Music Fest July 13th, 2024

Can you believe it's just a few days short of 4 months to the 2024 Middle Bass Island Music Festival July 13th? If you missed last year's music fest because of the weather, don't let the rain and wind keep you away this year. We persevered and had an amazing standing room only day of music, arts and food under the picnic pavilion dancing the day away.

We are ready to do it all over again, and with a little help from the weather gods, we will have more great food and music. LEIC board member and Middle Bass Music Fest band curator Bruce Miles has put together another amazing line up of toe tapping bands.

The NORTH COAST GOATS (<https://www.facebook.com/northcoastgoats/>) lead off again with their #goatsrock blend of old-time rock 'n' roll, classic rock and Motown hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s - and you know they will not disappoint!

Tip of the cowboy hat to our music meister Bruce. He found a real Texas tornado in TALL PAUL & WESTERN DRAWL. They celebrate the spirit of dance hall Western Swing music, playing roadhouse standards, along with cowboy songs and ballads. It's pure uptown fun with a Texas drawl. Tall Paul & Western Drawl, honoring the swing tradition but with modern musical twang. (<https://www.facebook.com/TallPaulWesternDrawl/>).

Third up this year at the MBI Music Fest is Cleveland blues rock favorite, award winning, harmonica driven, blues based, roots, rock and soul music' stylings of COLIN DUSSAULT'S BLUES PROJECT. The band was formed in Cleveland, Ohio in May of 1989 by lead singer, songwriter, harmonica player Colin Dussault. In addition to Dussault, the band's current lineup consists of guitarist Jim Feeney, bassist John Atzberger, pianist Brent Lane and drummer Steve Zavesky. (www.colindussault.com)

DRY REEF - This year's featured island groove band will take you away to the warm breezes and summer days on the beach. A chaotic blend of summer sounds - playful melodies, bubbling harmonies and bright, refreshing instrumentals. Like that first smell of lake air as you ferry to Middle Bass on a Friday afternoon. (www.dryreefband.com and <https://www.facebook.com/Dry.Reef/>)

Don't miss the 2024 Middle Bass Music Fest, hosted by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, on the grounds of Lonz Winery. It's free to get in. Come enjoy great music, a hands-on arts tent, shop local vendors and dine on delicious food. Sponsored by the Middle Bass Island Dock Company and the Island Grind.

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These students excelled at the District 6 Science Fair on March 23rd. Together they earned four Superiors, two Excellents, and several other sponsored awards. Left to right are Mrs. Kowalski, Caleb Kowalski, Joe Blumensaadt, Emma Michael, Elias Wright, Jacob Seaman, and Kate Hubner. Caleb, Joe, Emma and Kate will move on to be judged virtually in the State Science Fair. Judging closes on April 15th.



These PIB students from grades Pre-K to 5th Grade had the opportunity to take quite the field trip on March 27th. Not only did they get to visit King's Dairy Farm in Fremont, Ghostly Manor in Sandusky and the Sandusky Maritime Museum, but they also got to ride on an actual school bus. For those that aren't familiar, Put-in-Bay School has no bussing and students rarely have the opportunity to ride on a school bus. Unless they hop on Island Transportation's Downtown Bus of course.

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SCOTT MANGAS

School News

By Mr. Scott Mangas, Supt.

As spring approaches, our students are eager to walk or ride their bikes to school again. We kindly ask all drivers to exercise caution, drive slowly and adhere to our drop-off/pick-up procedures to ensure the safety of our children. Parents are requested to drop off/pick up along Catawba Ave. instead of occupying parking spaces in the school parking lot. Limited parking spaces are reserved for patrons of our library.

The Board of Education and Put-in-Bay School staff extend heartfelt gratitude to all community members who volunteered their time or contributed to various school events or activities throughout the past year. Your support is

indispensable to our school's success.

A huge thanks to our basketball moms for preparing lunch for the entire school staff on March 21st. We are so fortunate to have a supportive community.

Emil Michael, our senior class Valedictorian, will be honored at the annual Ottawa County Top Ten Banquet. Emil has chosen Mrs. Cerny, his Spanish teacher, as his 'honored educator.' Congratulations Emil and Mrs. Cerny!

Lyla Steidl will be honored at the annual Nine-to-Five breakfast. Lyla has also chosen Mrs. Cerny as her honored educator.

District Science Fair results: Put-in-Bay School will be sending four students to the State Science Fair. Joe Blumensaadt, Emma Michael, Kate Hubner and Caleb Kowalski will be representing our school. A huge thanks to Mrs. Kowalski for getting our students to the districts and providing this opportunity for our students.

Upcoming Events:

- Total Eclipse Day (School in Session): April 8th
- HS Art Class Trip to Cleveland Museum of Art: April 10th
- 5th and 6th Grade Mock Trial on the Mainland: April 23rd
- Prom: April 27th at the Yacht Club
- Art Show and Spring Concert: May 2nd at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Artwork from Grades K-8 and high school students will be displayed. Please arrive early (6:30 to 7 p.m.) to view your students' artwork in the Multi-purpose room.
- Mud Hens Game Positive Behavior reward - May 8th
- Graduation: May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Perry Monument. Special Education director, Dee Kosec, will be the keynote speaker.

Arbor Day Celebration Friday, April 26th

Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future." - Julius Sterling Morton

On Friday, April 26th, at 4 p.m., the 15th Arbor Day Celebration will be held at the Village Arbor Day site adjacent to the Put-in-Bay Post Office.

The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay has allocated funds for Arbor Day expenses. During the celebration, members of the community will plant a Sugar Maple tree. Maple trees are important as sources of syrup and wood. Maple wood may be used for bowling pins, bowling alley lanes, pool cues, butcher's blocks, furniture and some baseball bats. The Cherokee Indians produced a purple dye from Maple bark and used it to dye cloth.

Mr. Maxwell Schrimpf, State Service Forester, will attend the Put-in-Bay Arbor Day Celebration. He will plant a tree in recognition of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' 75th Anniversary this year.

At the urging and determination of Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor, the first Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 10th, 1874, in Nebraska. Today, Arbor Day is a national holiday. Arbor Day is also celebrated throughout the world.

The tallest tree in the United States is the "General Sherman," a giant sequoia, located in Sequoia National Park, California. The tree is 275 feet tall.

The oldest tree in the United States is a Great Bristlecone pine, located in the White Mountains of California. The tree is over 5,000 years old and is believed to be the oldest living tree in the world.

Put-in-Bay, Ohio, has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to the goals and principles of the Arbor Day Foundation: a tree commission, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris and Kendra Koehler.

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Doug Leavens, right, applies varnish to a footrest as Tom Siefke looks on while restoring an Oliver Hazard Perry longboat replica. -Photo from Erin Caldwell



Phil Spicer adds a coat of paint to the interior of an Oliver Hazard Perry longboat replica at the Sandusky Maritime Museum -Photo from Erin Caldwell



PETER HUSTON

Island PHoto Op: Perry's Longboat Will Ride Again

By Peter Huston

I spotted this great story written by Tom Jackson of the "Sandusky Register" that showcases the wonderful synergy that the Perry Group enjoys with the Sandusky Maritime Museum and Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. Thanks to Tom and the Register for letting me share his work. Thanks to director Molly Sampson at Sandusky Maritime and her dedicated group of volunteers led by Monty Kaufman for their hard work.

SANDUSKY — It was one of the most dramatic moments in U.S. Navy history. American commander Oliver Hazard Perry, his flagship wrecked in a savage battle near Put-in-Bay, climbed into a longboat and transferred his command to another ship, the Niagara.

Perry went on to win the battle, eliminating the British naval presence in Lake Erie. A replica of Perry's longboat, carefully built to look just like Perry's, is being extensively renovated by volunteers at the Maritime Museum of Sandusky. The boat, 20 feet long, is owned by the Perry Group, a friends' group that supports the work of the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay. The boat is shown off for tourists at the Perry Memorial during the summer tourist season there. It typically spends the winter at the maritime museum.

A crew of five retirement-age men, sailboat owners and faithful museum volunteers have been busy carrying out a complete overhaul of the 12-year-old boat in the museum's boat workshop.

"We don't even have a name, it's just 'the old guys,'" said Monty Kaufman, the leader of the volunteers and a member of the museum's board. "We come in once a week to fix things."

The Perry Group, which supports the Perry Memorial and the park service, asked museum director Molly Sampson if the museum could restore the boat.

"The old guys" are Kaufman of Sandusky, Phil Spicer of Fremont, Doug Leavens of North Olmsted, Tom Siefke of Blackberry Corners near Genoa in Ottawa County and Jeff Smith of Catawba Island.

To restore the boat, the group took it apart, detaching the oars, the seats and other equipment and leaving only the hull. The boat is getting new paint for the first time in 12 years, and other pieces of the boat also are being restored.

For example, the oars, known as "sweeps," were varnished. But the handles of the oars should not be varnished, as that would make them slippery for the rowers, so the handles got teak oil instead.

Work is expected to be wrapped up in about a week, and the boat will then be hauled by trailer and ferry back to Put-in-Bay.

Perry won what was arguably the most important American victory in the War of 1812. Most of the crew of his flagship, the Lawrence, were killed or wounded in the bloody battle, forcing him to transfer his command so he could keep fighting.

Paintings depict him standing up dramatically in his longboat as he went half a mile from one ship to another during the battle. In reality, he was seated in the rear, trying to avoid being shot by a British sniper, said Kaufman, a retired Lutheran church pastor.

The volunteers are all members of the Sandusky Sail Club. In the fall, they put their boats into storage and concentrate on helping the museum.

The work on the Perry boat replica is only their latest project for the museum.

For example, they worked on the museum's new exhibit, expected to be completed soon, on Perry's Battle of Lake Erie. It will feature a replica of a ship's cannon, pointing toward the enemy during a key moment of the battle, when the rigging of the two main British ships became entangled, allowing the Americans to pound the ships into submission.

The work by Kaufman's volunteer group is a key asset for the museum, Sampson said.

"Their efforts, as well as those of our volunteers across all the museum's programs, are what have secured our continued success as an organization," Sampson said.

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On March 9th, Middle Bass Islanders gather around the Mardi Gras tree at Roger and Debby Pinta's annual Mardi Gras Party. Left to right are Jim Roesch, Olive Sherf, Hank Preston, Charity Preston, Chrissy Hart, Debby Pinta with Dixie, Katy and Johnny Schneider, Peg Taylor, Carrie Schneider, Jason Held.

News From Other Islands

Middle Bass

View the Eclipse from Middle Bass

Take Miller Ferry to Middle Bass Island to watch the Eclipse on the Lonz Winery Park Patio where a viewing party will take place. Free ISO-certified glasses will be available on-site that day. There will be food and beverages available at the Island Grind and Prohibition Bar.

Middle Bass Island Trapper

Courtney Dobrovich from Middle Bass Island has acquired nuisance permits from ODNR and has been trapping the beaver and muskrats in the marsh located by the airport.

She and her daughter, Fran, have been working hard all winter and have been filling their tags.

One beaver weighed in at 72 lbs. and others at 48 and 50 lbs.

The beavers have really changed the landscaping and patterns of the tiny marsh and airport area.

Good job Courtney and Fran!

North Bass

150th Anniversary

An important piece of North Bass Island postal history will be marked on April 3rd, 2024. It's the 150th anniversary of the post office on Isle St. George.

Kelleys Island

Bird Banding Season Begins

The bird banding season on the Lake Erie Islands will begin on April 6th when set up begins on Kelleys Island. Birds will be banded at the KI State Park on April 7th and 8th from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Pelee Island

Free Produce

The Essex County Food Security Network had fresh produce available to residents of Pelee recently. Produce was available on the porch of the Township building, and was first come first served. Islanders were asked to take what they needed and share with friends and neighbors. You had to bring your own bag for your produce.

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Courtney and Fran Dobrovich from Middle Bass Island with a 50 lb. beaver they trapped over the winter at the marsh by MBI airport.

This & That

Lisa Brohl from the Put-in-Bay Township Park District was one of the judges for this year's Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp Design Competition.

Put-in-Bay Yacht Club will be closed in April for renovations.

Kelly Mohn has retired from the Commodore Resort after 40 years in the hospitality field. Greg Dobos will be taking her place there.

What's on your mind? Email your thoughts, concerns and questions to pibgazette@frontier.com.

Jack Booker, PIBHS Class of 2019, recently left Maine where he was working at an oyster farm. After skiing in Vermont, he traveled to South Carolina and the Panhandle of Florida to visit grandparents. Kansas and Montana were his next stops.

Joe's Bar was damaged last winter when a pick up smashed into the building. All documents have been submitted to the county and they need one more to get the ok to begin repairs. Thanks to everyone for your patience and support. - Joe's 2024!

Captain...Ahoy!

By Paul Bolden, Captain of the 9th Coast Guard District, Central Region



PAUL BOLDEN

Sea State

As of this writing the current sea temp off PIB is 40.3°F and 41.5°F off of Port Clinton. Water temperature at Put-in-Bay is expected to be a constant 40.3°F over the next 10 days. Waves over the next several days are expected to be 1 to 4 feet on average.

It's Here, Boating Season 2024

Are you ready? As a reminder, for those mariners venturing out on the water in April, please keep in mind that current water temperatures can mean hypothermia very quickly if you should fall overboard. Please be dressed appropriately and have suitable survival gear similar to the anti-exposure suit that I am wearing in this picture which we are required to use when the water temperature is below 60°F. Wearing a PLB (personal locator beacon) is always a

good idea especially when the water is unusually cold. Below is a chart to help you assess your risk level:

Water Temperature (Fahrenheit)	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Time of Survival
32.5 degrees	Under 15 minutes	Under 15 to 45 minutes
32.5 to 40 degrees	15 to 30 minutes	30 to 90 minutes
40 to 50 degrees	30 to 60 minutes	1 to 3 hours
50 to 60 degrees	1 to 2 hours	1 to 6 hours
60 to 70 degrees	2 to 7 hours	2 to 4 hours
70 to 80 degrees	2 to 12 hours	3 hours to indefinite
Over 80 degrees	Indefinite	Indefinite

How To Use Your Horn...

...and other signaling devices. An area of boating that doesn't get discussed much is the importance of using sounding devices to indicate your intentions while boating. Understanding how to signal other boats of your intentions as well as understanding the intentions of other boats by their audible signals can be a matter of injury or life and death.

Boating in and around Put-in-Bay has become increasingly more crowded (especially during peak months). Record boat sales over the last couple of years and no boater education required for most new boat owners (in the state of Ohio) add a degree of risk in being out on the water. Please familiarize yourself with the proper boating signals.

Who Is Required To Use Sound Signal Equipment

Boats less than 39.4 feet in length must carry a sound producing device. This can be a bell, whistle, or air horn or your boat's onboard horn.

Boats 39.4 feet to 65.6 feet in length must carry a whistle and a bell. The whistle must be audible for 1/2 nautical mile.

Sound Signals

Sound signals are referred to as "blasts" and there are two different types of blasts used for warning and steering signals, a "short blast" which lasts one second and a "long blast" which lasts from four to six seconds.

One short blast indicates that I intend to leave you on my port side. When you pass another boat, you will maneuver by leaving them on your left side as you pass. If you are behind a vessel, going the same direction and about to overtake it, "one short" blast indicates that I intend to pass you on your starboard side, my port side."

Two short blasts indicate that I intend to leave you on my starboard side". If you are behind another vessel, going the same direction and about to overtake it, two short blasts indicate that I intend to pass you on your port side, my starboard side."

One prolonged blast indicates that you are departing a dock or slip. It signals that a vessel is getting underway. A prolonged blast is also used when approaching a blind bend.

Three short blasts indicate that you are operating in astern propulsion e.g. backing away from a dock.

One prolonged blast and three short blasts indicate you are getting under way, and that you are backing up (e.g. departing a dock in reverse).

Five short blasts indicates DANGER.

Passing Port to Port. When approaching an oncoming vessel that you wish to pass port to port, give one short blast with your horn. They should respond with a similar blast.

Passing Starboard to Starboard. When approaching an oncoming vessel that you wish to pass on its starboard side, give two short blasts with your horn. They should give the same signal in response.

There are other boating signals beyond these but this is a good start and should be the most useful in our waters. I know that it is a tall order but if you study and use them we will all be a lot safer for it. Now would be a great time to take a "Safe Boating Class." You can contact the Coast Guard Auxiliary to find out how.

For information about serving in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, taking a Safe Boating Class or receiving a Vessel Safety Check. Scan the appropriate QR Code.



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These young ladies stole the stage at the talent show in March. Left to right are Melody O'Donnell- 1st Place, Rachel Cooper-2nd Place and Skylar Stoiber-3rd Place.



Variety is a key of success for the Put-in-Bay community. Tom Thanasiu from the near West Shore and Steve Stapleton from the Monument are seen here showing off their hair styles, both which seem to be at the far end of spectrum.



This group of island folk celebrated St. Patty's Day in Las Vegas. Left to right are Jason Buttrely and Amanda Singh from Subway, Julie New, Joan Rhoad from East Point, Micheal McCann and Paula Garsteck from the Round House, Roger Rhoad from East Point and Lesa and Terry Jenkins from Victory Woods.

Mass Casualty Drill

On Saturday, March 16th, there was a mock MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) for the students taking the EMT class this winter on the island. They arrived at the state park to find the campsites littered with 15 victims of an explosion. They triaged, treated and transported them, using the skills they learned over the past four months. They went home exhausted, but excited.

Thanks to the volunteers who played the victims, Sally Zehe, Lisa Slodov, Cindy Fregeolle, Ashley Mann, Kelly Mohn, Dallas Mohn, Jessica Mohn, Keara Stan, Colleen White, Patricia Fisher, Andy Burns, Mimi Georgieva, Silviya Borisova, Jason Russell and Maddie Hart. They were amazing actors and really kept the students on their toes!

Thanks also goes to: Nick Pettenski for bringing the MCI trailer and helping move patients; Nate Jones for bringing the fire truck, patient care and mentoring; Deputy Gary Allred and Officer Oli Uthumalebbe for patient lifting and moving; Bree Reynolds and Natalie Kowalka, proctors and mentors; Dawn Long, official photographer; and Mike Pucak for allowing us to use the park.

Thank you all for everything you contributed. This was a great learning experience for the class and we can't begin to express our gratitude!

Members of the EMT class are Ben Jones, Megan Beckwith, JR Domer, Jo Jo Cendrosky, Tori Perez and Zach Hiss, plus Krissy Hart and Olive Scherf from Middle Bass.

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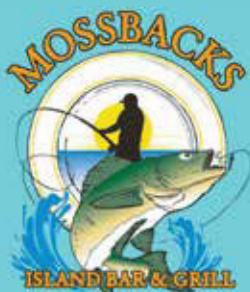
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The Put-in-Bay Utilities Department in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4933.19 is notifying its customers that tampering or bypassing a water meter is considered a 4th degree misdemeanor for theft and will be fined the maximum according to Put-in-Bay Ordinance.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center

Looking for an exciting opportunity this summer? Come join our fun staff at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center! The LEINWC provides environmental education for youth and adults, both residents and tourists, through Center programs, educational outreach activities, & community events. Here are the positions available for the 2024 season:

- **Part-time Seasonal Employees:** Give tours, run front desk, and help with programs & events.
 - **Nature Camp Assistant:** Assist the Coordinator in planning and facilitation of five weeks of Camps on Middle Bass & South Bass Islands for youth ages 4-14, including camp outs for ages 9-14.
 - **Nature Camp Counselors:** Help with 1, 2, or all 5 fun-filled weeks of Nature Camps on Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass this summer.
 - **Internships:** Animal care, social media, research
- Please contact the LEINWC Assistant Director Emily Beal at 440-523-0774 or email leinwc@gmail.com for more information. Check us out on our website at www.lakeerieislandswildlife.com. Help us make 2024 another great season the Nature & Wildlife Center!

VILLAGE SAFETY AUXILIARY

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Duties Include: Serving as an ambassador to our many island visitors, directing traffic, ticketing for parking violations, and other duties as assigned



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HOUSING NEEDED!



Put-in-Bay Community Swim Sail Program is seeking housing for approximately 6 weeks starting in early June for Swimming and Sailing instructors for the 2024 season. Our instructors teach the children water safety, sailing, swimming and now we need a place for them to stay. If you are interested in helping our 501c3 program with housing, please call/text Melissa Fiorilli 216-644-7017 or send an email to pibswimsail@gmail.com. Compensation will be provided to host families.

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Administrative Assistant - Beth Furner - 419-285-3371
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Port Authority - PO Box 278, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456
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Island Wide Garage Sale May 18th

The Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is reminding you to mark your calendars for the Annual Island Wide Garage Sale on May 18th. This is a perfect opportunity to de-clutter your living space after the long winter, or find that missing item you've been searching for in someone else's "junk" pile. The deadline to be included in the garage sale map is May 11th. Please email events@visitputinbay.com with your address.

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Earth Week Island Style

Erie MetroParks is holding an Earth Day Extravaganza at Osborn Park on Saturday, April 20th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lots of activities! The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center (LEINWC), the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC), and the Put-in-Bay Twp. Park District (PIBTPD) will share a table that day so stop by. They will need volunteers for that day as well with their booth hosting an activity for visitors and getting the word out on our programs.

On Monday, April 22nd, there will be a fun walk at the Cooper's Woods Preserve. The start for the 1-mile walk will be at 3:30 p.m., and the start for the longer Trail Walk will be at 3:45 p.m. There will be water bottles and other prizes for participants as well as refreshments following the walk/run. Sign up ahead of time by emailing leiconservancy@gmail.com or (419) 366-2087.

There is also an Earth Day Challenge this year again for those individuals who want to get out and pick up litter or garlic mustard etc. on their own. The Challenge form on the top right of this page can be turned in for a prize at the end of Earth Week April 20th to 26th.

The islands always need a little extra loving to get cleaned up for the season, so come and help out with either the Earth Week Challenge or the Trail Walk!

AmeriCorps Intern for the Island-Sign Up! Or Donate!

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center will be sharing an AmeriCorps intern through a partnership with Appalachian Conservation Corps for the 2024 Summer. See the application to apply in the flyer or <http://tinyurl.com/ameriCorp2024>.

Most importantly we are looking for donations toward this great program in order to make it happen! If you are interested in donating, contact Lisa or send a check to LEIC, P.O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 with AmeriCorps on the memo line. You may also use our PayPal at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org. Make sure to designate for the AmeriCorps intern program. If we are unable to get an intern that has island housing already, we would welcome housing for an intern as well.

PIB Arts Council Spring Play

You won't want to miss a performance of the PIB Arts Council's spring play, "Peter Pan and Wendy," at the PIB Town Hall. Performances will take place on Friday, the 19th, and Saturday, the 20th, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, the 21st, at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adults are \$10, Children 5 to 12 and Seniors (55 & Up) \$8, and kids under 5 are free.



PIBEMT's newest graduating class are (L to R) Jo Jo Cendrosky, Ben Jones, Tori Perez, Megan Beckwith, Olive Scherf, Krissy Hart, Zach Hiss and JR Domer.

Earth Week Checklist

April 20-26 2024

Initial this list and send picture of completed checklist to Lisa Brohl, prizes will be distributed at a later date. Help the Earth, one island at a time! Eligible for Panther Pride! Sponsored by the LEIC and LEINWC.

Send pictures by April 28 to leiconservancy@gmail.com or Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087

_____ Monday April 22, 2024, Fun Walk at the Cooper's Woods Preserve. Start for 1 mile walk will be at 3:30pm and the start for the longer Trail Walk will be at 3:45pm. There will be water bottles and other prizes for participants as well as refreshments following the walk/run. Sign up ahead of time by emailing leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087.

_____ Friday, April 26, 2024 Arbor Day Celebration at the Village of Put-in-Bay Arbor Day Tree Commission site at 4:00pm (beside Post office.) Help plant a Sugar Maple and Common Hackberry.

_____ Pull 1 bag of Garlic Mustard

_____ Pick up 1 bag of garbage

_____ Pre-order from LEIC Native Plant Sale (optional)



New Stop Sign

There is a new stop sign at the intersection of Catawba and Meechen where Joe's Bar is located. Drivers heading southwest on Catawba Ave. are now required to stop at the intersection. Please note the change. The corner has been confusing for drivers for many years.

Put-in-Bay EMT Class Graduates

After months of studying, practicing skills and lots of hard work, those who took this winter's EMT class are finally done and excited to serve their communities. There was a graduation ceremony at the Cornerstone Room at Mother of Sorrows on Saturday, March 30th. Everyone was welcome. Refreshments were served. Members of the EMT class are Ben Jones, Megan Beckwith, JR Domer, Jo Jo Cendrosky, Tori Perez and Zach Hiss, plus Krissy Hart and Olive Scherf from Middle Bass.

Coffee with a Cop April 16th

On Tuesday, April 16th, the Put-in-Bay Police Department will hold an event called "Coffee with a Cop." It will take place at the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to come and chat with the officers about law enforcement issue and other island topics. This is a real opportunity to get to know the officers in an informal setting. If you have any questions, please contact Corporal David Fenstermaker at the PIBPD.

PIB Legion Helps Maui Relief

When members of Put-in-Bay American Legion Post 542 heard about the volcanic eruption in Maui last year, they, in hopes of assisting in the recovery burden, wished to offer some financial support for the community and fellow Legionnaires. The PIB post sent a check for \$1,500 for their Fire Disaster Relief fund along with their sincerest wishes for a successful rehabilitation, and a healthful and prosperous future.

Bike MS: Bike to the Bay

An estimated 300+ cyclists will hit the road for Bike MS: Bike to the Bay, OH on June 8th and 9th. Hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Bike MS: Bike to the Bay is an opportunity for companies, coworkers, neighbors, friends and family to team up for an extraordinary ride to make a difference in the lives of nearly 1 million people living with multiple sclerosis in the U.S. We will have more details about the event in the May issue of the PIB Gazette.

ATV Reminder

ATVs can only be operated on public roads on South Bass Island between November 1st and April 30th. The All Terrain Vehicles are used in the wintertime for winter activities, but apparently aren't compatible with anyone's needs in the summer tourist season when golf carts take over the roads.

Congrats To Caleb!

More than 70 junior and senior high school students participated in the Northwest Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NWOSEF) in February at Northwest State Community College. These students advanced to the regional science fair after competing at their local science fair. Forty-two junior high projects were chosen for judging. One of those was Put-in-Bay seventh grader Caleb Kowalski whose project was among the top four. Caleb parents, Missi and Travis Kowalski, can sure be very proud him.

Spring Chamber Meeting - Save the Date

Mark your calendars for an invigorating Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce Spring Member Meeting! Scheduled for May 20th, 2024, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club, this pivotal gathering will set the tone for our 2024 season. The group's ambitious marketing plans, a sneak peek of upcoming events and exciting developments will be discussed. It's a chance, not only to align our strategies, but to network, engage and collaborate.

Refreshments will be provided, adding a dash of enjoyment to vital discussions. Stay tuned for more details, and prepare to be a part of shaping an incredible season at Put-in-Bay!

Sheriff Offers Golf Cart Inspections

Inspections for new and never-before licensed golf carts in the Township are performed by the Ottawa County Sheriff and must be completed by May 31st, 2024. Inspections are \$20 per cart. On Put-in-Bay, inspections will take place at the Sheriff's Office Sub Station located behind the PIB Twp. Hall on Trenton Ave., Monday from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays 2 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays noon to 2 p.m. Fleet inspections will be conducted by appointment only by emailing jsimon@ottawacountysheriff.org. For Middle Bass inspections, email jsimon@ottawacountysheriff.org at least 48 hours before inspection date. Inspections will be on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. at the Middle Bass Town Hall.

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Kelleys Island/Put-in-Bay Cultural Exchange

The Put-in-Bay Gazette has learned that elected officials from Kelleys Island and Put-in-Bay have been discussing cultural exchange opportunities between the two islands. There's no question that more robust conversations are needed between the two neighboring Lake Erie Islands to preserve their common heritage.

Major Ronnie Herbar of Kelleys Island recently told the Gazette in a taped interview that he was proud to be a member of the Lake Erie Islands community, but was stunned to find out at a recent Lake Erie Islands trivia night contest at the Casino Bar & Grille that he actually knew very little about the other islands. With that, he contacted Major Judy Perry of Put-in-Bay and suggested they indeed start a cultural exchange between the two islands.

After many hours of meetings, the two majors and volunteer committee members from each island came up with a plan that has the two islands trading historic artifacts with each other.

Put-in-Bay will send three of the cannons in its downtown park to Kelleys Island for display there, and in exchange Kelleys will send Inscription Rock to Put-in-Bay. The historic "Battle of Lake Erie" cannons from Put-in-Bays downtown lakefront will be placed on the waterfront at the West Bay Inn aiming out to Perry's Monument across the lake. Inscription Rock will be on display at the Bathing Beach by Perry's Monument.

The exchange will last for two tourist seasons before the PIB cannons and Inscription Rock are returned to their rightful islands.

The work of moving the Inscription Rock and the cannons will take place in May. A crane will first lift Inscription Rock onto a large flatbed trailer and then be transported to Put-in-Bay. Once at Put-in-Bay, the huge rock will be properly mounded on a large yet-to-be-constructed planter box. The three cannons will then be removed from DiRevera Park and be transported by the same semi-truck back to Kelleys Island for placement there.

As part of the exchange, Put-in-Bay officials have agreed to restore the weather-worn and faded markings on Inscription Rock. Workers will use battery-powered hand grinders to deepen the petroglyphs and then seal the entire rock with an epoxy mixture that will protect the rock for the next 100 years. Once that work is completed, the PIB Garden Club has agreed to plant and maintain a petunia and tiger lily garden in the planter around the base. Visitors will actually be able to climb a ladder to the top on the rock and see the petroglyphs close up.

Officials on Kelleys Island will have the Perry cannons restored to working order, so they can actually be fired. The bore size of the cannons will be measured and cannonballs machined for some real live-fire demonstrations.

If this first cultural exchange between the islands is a success, you can expect to see more in coming years.



This photo of Inscription Rock on Kelleys Island's south shore was taken sometime in the 1800s. It shows the 600-year-old American Indian symbols carved in the historic rock that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The famous rock is scheduled to be temporarily moved to Put-in-Bay at part of an intra-island cultural exchange. Put-in-Bay will reciprocate by sending several of the century-old cannons currently in the downtown park to Kelleys Island.

This, That & the Other

Nobody really wants a bridge or tunnel from the mainland, but how about several of either from PIB to MBI, Pelee and Kelleys and maybe even North Bass? It might be cheaper to build a bridge from Middle Bass to North Bass than to rebuild the main dock.

With the darkness coming on April 8th, the big question on everyone's mind is if the Monument lights will be turned on during the eclipse.

As you set your clocks ahead for daylight savings time in the spring, don't forget it's also that time of year to stop waving to other vehicles on island roads.

With Ohio's new law legalizing marijuana, we want to know if the gift shops on the island will be able to sell it, plus all the paraphernalia that goes with it. If they can, can you imagine the increased island gross receipts tax revenue?

We hear one of things Julene Market lives for are the island's pre-dawn sunsets.

Have you got your tickets for Smash at the Bay this coming August? We can hardly wait to see headline entertainer Jelly Bean.

Readers have noticed several mistakes in recent issues. We are looking for a fact checker/copyeditor. No or poor pay depending on experience, plus no benefits.

Diane Nemec will be introducing drum circles to the island this summer by having them for four hours each evening, two hours before until two hours after sunset, at the West Shore ramp. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Some one mentioned about the dark day to come at Put-in-Bay. What do they know that we don't?

We hear the Candy Bar is putting in a swim up bar. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

We hear those cute lemonade stands that the island kids set up every summer will soon be a thing of the past. With the legalization of pot, island youngsters are gearing up to have homegrown island pot stands instead. Apparently there's more money in pot than in lemonade. One parent was heard to say, "With the green my kid raises selling pot, me and my woman can finally afford a mortgage for one of those expensive island starter homes."

What woman from East Point tells us if she ever goes missing, she wants her photo on wine bottle labels rather than on milk cartons? She says more of her friends drink wine than milk.

There is speculation that there is no truth to the rumor that a video camera will be set up at the intersection of Catawba and Meechan to monitor the traffic at the new stop sign there.

We'd like to hear your opinion. Would it help with the riffraff if passports were required to come to Put-in-Bay?

We'd like to see somebody start renting out carts at the Middle Bass ferry dock. It sure would make it easier to get around Middle Bass.

When it comes to child labor, Put-in-Bay is famous. Many island kids had the first jobs before reaching ten. This little unidentified PIB girl had to go to work to support her family. How sad.



Rare Frozen Embryos Found From "Ole Bill Cantillon"

According to a little noticed Reuters report, a farmer's widow, Wilma Winkle whose farmhouse is located just west of Tiffin, Ohio, discovered a crude working freezer-refrigerator containing some 20 vials of viable embryos. Mrs. Winkle, in her 90s, said most were marked "OP" 1814 and one said "Perry." She said her great grandmother experimented with invitro conception while her husband Wilbur tinkered with crude refrigeration inventions. In a diary kept by her great grandmother, Winkle noted that a local burlesque dancer Tornado Winkle (no relation to Wilma) donated ovum to match with semen of seamen of great lakes shipping vessels.

Wilma speculated from folklore at the time that one or more specimen embryos were from Oliver Perry, famed commodore of the War of 1812. She has elected to sell the surviving embryos at the newly opened Put-in-Bay nursery on Trenton near the Tickle Pop museum during the heavily traveled tourist season in early August to gain the best per embryo pricing. She said "Perry-Winkle" embryos could draw big returns considering the accrued Social Security eligibility of any offspring.



ABOVE: After all the snow and ice was gone this winter, it was discovered that the letter Y on the Put-in-Bay sign at the State Park was missing. Guardians of the popular sign say the Y must have blown off during the January storm. Efforts to find it failed, but even though the manufacturers warranty on the sign ran out last December, you can be assured a new Y will be found and will be appropriately replaced so visitors can have their photos taken in front of it.

LEFT: Police officials in the Township showed off this swat gear their new police dog "Storm" will be wearing while on duty this summer. Watch for him on Monday, April 8th, when he will be used to control those coming to the island to protest and march against the eclipse and illegals attempting to cross the Canadian border into the U.S. under cover of darkness. As you can see here, Storm will be equipped with special night-vision goggles.

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Milestones

BIRTHS

Lillian Belle Novella Guy

Congratulations to Renee and Lucas Guy of Put-in-Bay Rd. on the birth of their 5 lbs. 6 oz. daughter, Lillian Belle, on March 5th, 2024 in Toledo, Ohio. Lucas is a local musician and PIB Volunteer Firefighter/EMT. Renee is the director of the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center on Meechen Rd.

Audrey Mella Zamarripa

Sarah and Luke Zamarripa of Shore Villas are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Audrey Mella Zamarripa. Audrey Mella was born on March 21st in Fort Worth, TX and is the first great-granddaughter of Mella Cooks Davies and the late Clark Davies. Audrey Mella begins the 5th generation of Shore Villas summer residents in the Cooks/Davies family and will take her first ferry ride later this spring.

MARRIED

Ekaterina Ostapchuk and Jacob Fresch

Congratulations to Jacob Fresch and Ekaterina Ostapchuk who were married on March 15th, at the Anchorage on East Point. Their reception was held at the Red Moon on March 23rd. Jake is a deckhand for the Miller Boat Line and Kate works for the Round House Bar, Chicken Patio and Park Hotel.

Michael McCaffrey and Amanda Goaziou

Congratulations to Michael McCaffrey and Amanda Goaziou who were married on March 26th, in Key Largo, Florida. Amanda is co-owner of the Candy Bar and Michael has worked on the island for the Round House and Frosty's.

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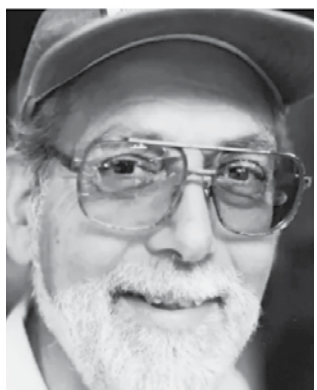
Michael Naylor

Michael Naylor was recently named Western Intercollegiate Rifle Conference Smallbore Rifle Coach of the Year.

OBITUARIES

Theodore McCann

Theodore W. "Ted" "Digger" McCann, 89 of Put-in-Bay, OH died Monday, February 26th, 2024 at Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, OH. He was born April 9th, 1934 in Put-in-Bay, OH to the late William B. and Juanita E. (Phillips) McCann. Ted was a 1952 graduate of Put-in-Bay High School. He then enlisted in the United States Army from January 1955 to January of 1957. On October 15th, 1955 he married the former Joan E. Kindt and she survives. Ted worked for the Miller Ferry for 17 years and rented ice shanties in the winter time. Ted built his own home on Langram Rd. using recycled lumber from the old pony barn that was located where Harbor Square is now located. Back in those days people on the island didn't have a lot of money, and when he found out what it would cost to have his basement dug, he got the nickname "Digger" when he threatened to dig it himself. He ended up getting someone with a backhoe to do it, but the nickname stuck. He did, however, pour the basement walls using stones from the Lime Kiln beach and sand from the shoreline on East Point. He bought the old Doller building from John Nissen where Mossback and the Fishbowl are now located. He owned and operated Ted's Tackle Shop there for 30 years. Ted had was a huge minnow pond in his backyard. During the off season, he would get minnows out of the lake to stock the pond, and in the summer would sell them to fishermen at the shop. After retiring, he made clocks and built furniture, plus walked daily on the island with his wife Joan. Survivors include his wife of 68 years Joan of Put-in-Bay; children: Anita (Paul) Brown of Sandusky, OH, Theodore (Virginia) McCann Jr. of Put-in-Bay, and Kelly (Stanley) Tripp of Springboro, OH; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and brother Bernard "Mac" McCann of Put-in-Bay. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Noon on Friday, April 12th, at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church where the family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Maple Leaf Cemetery, Put-in-Bay. Memorial Contributions may be given to Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Little Sisters of the Poor, or Lake Erie Islands Historical Society. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckercrosserpriesman.com. Neidecker, Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Port Clinton is in charge of the arrangements.



Tyrus Burgess

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Tyrus W. Burgess, 88, of Put-in-Bay, passed away Sunday, March 3rd, 2024, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, Ohio. He was born January 13th, 1936, in Detroit, the son of James R. and Eloise (Ruh) Burgess. He graduated from Berkley High School in the class of 1954. He served in the United States Navy from 1955 - 1961 advancing in engine programs when commanders discovered Ty's aptitude for motors. Later stationed on the USS Washburn he and the engine crew were tasked with repairing two LCM engines for a war games exercise. Successfully completing the work overnight, the team earned the captain's commendation. Ty kept in touch with several Navy friends, especially George "Toad" Thode.

Following discharge Ty was employed by Art Saunders constructing the golf course at what is now Saunders Resort..

In 1967, he began construction work with Fran Morrow. Afterwards he worked for the National Park Service at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, retiring in 1996. Ty was exceptionally organized and earned gratitude from the Park Service for safeguarding Perry's Victory infrastructure during the Blizzard of '78. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Skip Duggan Antique Car Club, American Legion Posts 542 and 374, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Vol. Fire Department and a curatorial advisor for Lake Erie Islands Historical Society.

Ty grew up in Berkley, Michigan with his brother Jim, and close friends Bud Conshafter and Ray Skelton. Ty, Jim, Bud and Ray made many trips from Detroit to Put-in-Bay with Ty's dad Ralph on his sailboat the Wreckless. Ty's summers were spent with his beloved grandmother, Katie Ruh on Put-in-Bay and enjoyed a long friendship with neighbors John "Bullet" Borman and John Titchener. Ty's Bass Islands ancestors immigrated from the Baden, Mecklenburg and Elsass regions of Germany between the 1850s and 1870s. Along with his brother Jim and cousins Susan, John and Roger, Ty was from their fifth generation. His many layers of Metz, Rehberg, Pfistner, Gross and Ruh ancestors are buried on the islands where they made their livings as vintners.

Surviving are his children: Tracy (Sohail Sayeh) Burgess of San Ramon, Calif., Tanya (Chad) Bender of Columbus, Ohio, Tyrus J. Burgess of Buffalo, N.Y.; grandchildren: Kaveh W. Sayeh, Tyrus N. Sayeh, Sophia K. Bender, Evan W. Bender; cousins: Susan (Robert) Mattlin, John (Bridget) Dodge, Roger Dodge, Michele Dodge Heineman, Amanda Mattlin Schutte (Mike), Amy (Dowd) Fox; nieces and nephews: Jamey (Kim) Burgess, Joslyn (Brent) Minic, Michael (Lyndsay) Conshafter, Charles "Chip" Duggan, Dianne "Dee Dee" Duggan, Christian (Kate) Lunt, Patrick Lunt, Marissa (Matt) Burd, Katherine (Brian) Woischke; sister-in-law: Sharon Duggan; brother-in-law: Tom (Renata) Lunt and his ex-wife, neighbor and caregiver: Jeanne Lunt Burgess. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother James R. Burgess, sister-in-law Judy Burgess and brother-in-law Chuck Lunt.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 16th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Graveside at Maple Leaf Cemetery. A Celebration of his Life luncheon was at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. Memorial contributions may be given to Put-in-Bay E.M.S., Put-in-Bay Vol. Fire Department, or the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckercrosserpriesman.com.

Richard Warren

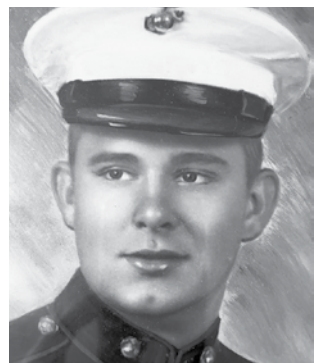
Richard Warren, the Great Lakes Cigar or Put-in-Bay Cigar Ambassador, of Put-in-Bay, died unexpectedly in the Dominican Republic on Monday, March 4th. Richard, a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, studied at Bowling Green State University and was a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services. He had clients on the island before purchasing property on Langram Rd. in 1998. After retiring, he devoted his time to being a tobacconist custom making hand-rolled, premium cigars, many with Put-in-Bay and island themes that he sold at various locations on the islands. One was the Miller Ferry "Mary Ann" Limited Edition cigar. His knowledge of cigars made him the ideal person to be coined the Great Lakes Tobacconist. For many years, he had a small stand at Mojito Bay where he sold cigars, but also had a thriving mail order business. He spent his winters in the Dominican Republic at the Kelner Boutique Factory in Tamboril, where he oversaw the blending and production of the custom cigars he sold. He also traveled to China to promote cigar smoking. Besides creating his phenomenal cigars, he grew giant 1000 lb.-plus pumpkins that he displayed at Oktoberfest for many years. During the Pyratefest he would dress in head-to-toe pirate regalia. Richard's very unique cigar shop across Langram Rd. at the north end of the PIB airport was a gem on the island, and was an integral part of what made him an island character. His shop/home was like the ultimate man cave where friends and visitors could enjoy his eclectic collection, a rum or bourbon, a cigar and/or a talk. On display was his Model A produce vendor wagon which he often drove in the Antique Car Parades on Sundays. Richard was also a supporter of the Road Race Reunions and a member of the Island's American Legion Post. He was also a character in Bob Adamov's series of island mysteries. Richard infused his love for the island in everything he did and helped make the island a special place.



Richard Warren

Robert Burket

Robert M. "Bob" Burket, 93, of Port Clinton and formerly of Middle Bass and South Bass Islands, passed away on Saturday, January 27th, 2024, at Admiral's Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Huron, Ohio. He was born December 1, 1930 in Everett, Pennsylvania; a son of the late Elmer W. Burket and Marie (Karns) Burket. On August 19th, 1952, in Cumberland, Maryland, he married Dorothy Twigg. She preceded him in death on June 14th, 2010. He is survived by a daughter Deborah Navin married to Philip, Woodland, Washington; grandson LTC Sean Navin married to Laura Donahue, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; sibling Ann Mayer, Highland Beach, Florida and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son: Robert Burket, Jr. in August 1987, and his sister Mary Lou Porcelli. Mr. Burket was a graduate of Everett Area High School, Class of 1949, where he played varsity football for three years. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1950-1952. While fighting in the mountains of North Korea during the Korean war with Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, Fifth Regiment, he served as a sniper and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he attended Stevens Trade School (now known as Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology) in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After completing his education as an electrician, he moved to the Cleveland, Ohio area to work at Republic Steel Corporation. He later became a civil service employee for the Nike Missile Defense System in the Lake Erie area, eventually retiring from civil service at Ireland Army Hospital, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He was an active member of American Legion Post 542 and the VFW while he lived in Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Island, as well as participant in the reunion group of his fellow Marine Corps E-2-5 Korean War veterans. He lived on Middle Bass Island full-time for many years and helped form the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. He volunteered at the Middle Bass Island State Park marina when it first opened and enjoyed meeting fellow boaters from all over the country. An avid fisherman, Mr. Burket liked to say he was able to fish full time for longer than he had worked, catching more than his share of perch, bass, and walleye. Mr. Burket's family expresses heartfelt gratitude to his team at the Sandusky VA Clinic for years of exceptional medical care. The family also thanks the home health care provided by the staff at Guiding Hands Home Health Services, and more recently, the physician and nursing staff of Admiral's Pointe Nursing and Rehabilitation center. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.neideckercrosserpriesman.com.



Bob Burket



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Caroline Conrad
Missi Kowalski
- 2nd Sam Wygant
David Skinner
Carlos Madden
- 3rd David Mettler
Nancy Sergi
Scott Sadowsky
- 4th Mike Koch
- 5th Oliver Thwaite
- 6th Jill Cooks
Becky Cornelius
Valerie Chornyak
- 7th Russ Drake • Doug Knauer
- 8th Linda Warrington
Kathy Sopko
Gunnar Auger
John Leopold
Sandy Hartzel
Marc Burry Burr
- 9th Annemarie Eriksen
Jon Blasgen
Ted McCann
- 10th Beth Homon • Marc Wright
- 11th Barry Koehler
Brian Kirchner
- 12th Jen Booker
Charlie Duggan
Rowan Oliver Smith
Dolores Kowalski
Anna Rence
Dawn Stolph
- 13th Donna Martens
Dave Glatzer
Erin Stapleton
Margaret Baker
Sara Meldrum
Rosi Stephens
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Jessica Gedert
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- 16th Nicholas Mettler
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Ian Pippert-Ladd
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McKenna Stacy
Carolyn Young
Alynn Woischke
Yuri Linetsky
Renata Lunt
Carol Rees
- 24th Christie Duffy
Linda Mahony
Eric Kaffenberger
Jessie Greene
Bill Carnahan
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- 26th Ty Winchester
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Brian Edwards
Cullen Arbaugh
Loren Dages
- 28th Catherine Hubner
Gabriela Kaplan
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Dick Bliss
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Judith Racicot
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 - 7th Anthony & Sally Zehe
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Jerry & Marsha Baumert
 - 14th Michael & Meg Naylon
 - 15th Gary & Becky Kowalski
 - 16th Mark & Karen Wilhelm
 - 19th Rudy & Sue Cooks
 - 25th Sam & Kristin Wygant
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 - 26th Jack & Randi Wertenbach
 - 29th Roger & Mary Parker
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Austin & Caitlin Bolyard
 - 30th Bob & Judy Bransome

Milestones

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Laura Nawrocki

Laura K. Nawrocki, 71, of North Olmsted, passed away on Sunday, March 17th, 2024. Born to the late Emma and Frank Erdodi in Cleveland. Laura was also preceded in death by her husband, Richard Nawrocki. Laura worked for UPS. She and her late husband spent summers at Put-in-Bay living on their boat in Squaw Harbor. They were members of the Crew's Nest and Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. She is survived by her daughter, Danielle Nawrocki; sister, Carolyn (late Fred) Duprow; siblings-in-law, Linda (Late Carl 'Bud') Haemmerle, Karen Kuzma, and Ann Marie (Mickey) Hudnall; nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Sperry. Memorial donations may be made to Lung Cancer Research Foundation, 501 7th Ave Suite 230, New York, NY 10018.

Robert Ryder

Robert Lee Ryder, 83, of Maumee, OH passed away on March 4th, 2024 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg. He was born on September 9th, 1940 in Bowling Green, OH to Cilfford and Florence A. (Ernsthausen) Ryder. He graduated from Perrysburg High School and attended Ohio State University and Defiance College. He married Colleen Caswell in Perrysburg, OH on February 27, 1965 and they had one child, Brett A. Ryder. Bob was in agribusiness, fertilizer and chemicals for over 40 years with positions in Marketing and Management. He retired in 2015. Bob enjoyed boating on Lake Erie, special times with friends at Put-in-Bay, The Crew's Nest where he was a member, golf and trips to the Casino, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Colleen Ryder; son, Brett Ryder; grandchildren, Zachary (Abbey) Ryder and Remington (Allan) Thompson. Bob will be missed by many. Condolences can be shared at walkerfuneralhomes.com



Laura Nawrocki



Robert Ryder



Gibby

Gibby

Thomas Patrick "Gibby" Giblin passed away peacefully March 23rd, 2024 while in the care of hospice. He was born January 20th, 1948 to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Giblin of Amherst, Ohio. In his early years, he was a history teacher. He also worked as a prison guard while on breaks from school. He was extremely proud of his degree from Miami of Ohio. He found his way to South Bass Island, a place he called home. Here he will always be remembered as a nomad and handyman, helping many with island projects along the way. He loved to cook. He often bragged about his chicken paprika, saying "I'll make it for you sometime." Gibby was always a joker and charmer. He was quick with a smile or practical joke. He loved to dance with all the girls. His Irish charm was always shining through. His final wish was to be cremated and scattered in the waters of Lake Erie. There will be no service. Online condolences may be shared at www.neideckercrosserpriestman.com. Neidecker, Crosser & Priestman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Port Clinton is handling the arrangements.

Senior Center News

By Chris Joyce

Hello April! This year's early spring brought with it green grass, flowering plants and birds singing their sweet songs. The Miller Ferries started running early, and we are so happy to welcome some of our "senior snowbirds" back home! As always, we also truly appreciate our loyal patronage who regularly attends our activities and special events throughout the year. The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities. The regularly scheduled weekly activities continue with Aerobic Dance/Walking, Strength Training, Coffee Socials, Mah Jongg, Bridge and Senior Lunch at Topsy's. For additional information on special events please check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, Island Hardware Store & Market, Island General Store, Post Office and the Twp. Offices.

This month's total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th, will bring lots of early activity to the island. We also continue to enjoy spending some weekly "intergenerational" time with a couple of the PIB preschoolers. We will try to get one more "Soup & Show" on the schedule this month, date and time TBD.

The Senior Center will be closed and there will be no Senior Lunch on Monday, April 8th, due to the eclipse.

Our Senior Lunches are held every Monday at Topsy's at noon. Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. the prior Friday by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. A very special "Thank-You" goes out to David Hill and the staff at Topsy's for keeping the weekly Senior Lunches running smoothly and also for making our monthly "off season" Senior Socials so much fun!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. during the Coffee Social. Feel free to get yours checked! If you would like to take advantage of the Senior 60+ Clinic, which is a free supplemental program to your regular physician's care, please call (419) 734-6800 to make your appointment. This free program is provided by the Ottawa County Health Department for those 60 & over. It is held at the Senior Center every third Tuesday of the month, this makes travel easier and saves you time and money. The date for April is Tuesday, the 16th. The clinic provides basic services to people age 60 and over such as blood pressure screening, blood tests for anemia, blood sugar and cholesterol screening, weight and diet information, health and medication counseling/education at no charge. Through a comprehensive assessment, a nurse will answer any questions and provide education or referrals to private physicians if needed.

The spirit of volunteering never runs low here at the Senior Center. Thank you to all the seniors who go the extra mile to bring goodies to events, coffee hour, and stay to clean up after activities. Your help is greatly appreciated and I love spending time with such great company!

We are happy to have Spring officially here and in full bloom!!! With that in mind, the PIB Senior Center wishes everyone an energetic and ambitious April as we gear up for the season!



Left to right enjoying Jack & Kathi Spayde's annual winter party in Florida are Doug Mehling from the PIB Airport, former Victory Woods resident Bill McCracken, Jean Hilt from Victory Woods, Gail McCracken, Peggy Leopold from Victory Woods, Debby Fritts from N. Fort Myers, Barb Mehling, Bev Chadwick from N. Fort Myers, and Raymond Art and Pati Arth from the West Shore.



Reading their Gazette at Jack and Kathi Spayde's annual winter party in Florida were (left to right) Dwight Tigges formerly of the West Shore, Sally Stuckey from Peach Point, Don Frolich, Jack Spayde from Fox's Den, Pam Tigges, and Reni Miller from Stones Cove.



Art and Celeste Boyles at Jack and Kathi Spayde's annual winter party in Florida.



Kris Miller from Stones Cove, and Betty and Dick Bliss from Fox's Den at Jack and Kathi Spayde's annual winter party in Florida.

APRIL 2024

Put-in-Bay Senior Center

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1 9 am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10am Blood Pressures 12pm Sr. Lunch/Topsy's	2 1pm Mah Jongg	3 9 am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 10:15 Intergenerational work with preschoolers.	4	5 9 am Strength Training 10 am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
8 <u>SOLAR ECLIPSE</u> <u>No Scheduled Activities</u> <u>No Senior Lunch today</u>	9 1pm Mah Jongg	10 9 am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social	11	12 9am Strength Training 10am Coffee Social 1pm Bridge
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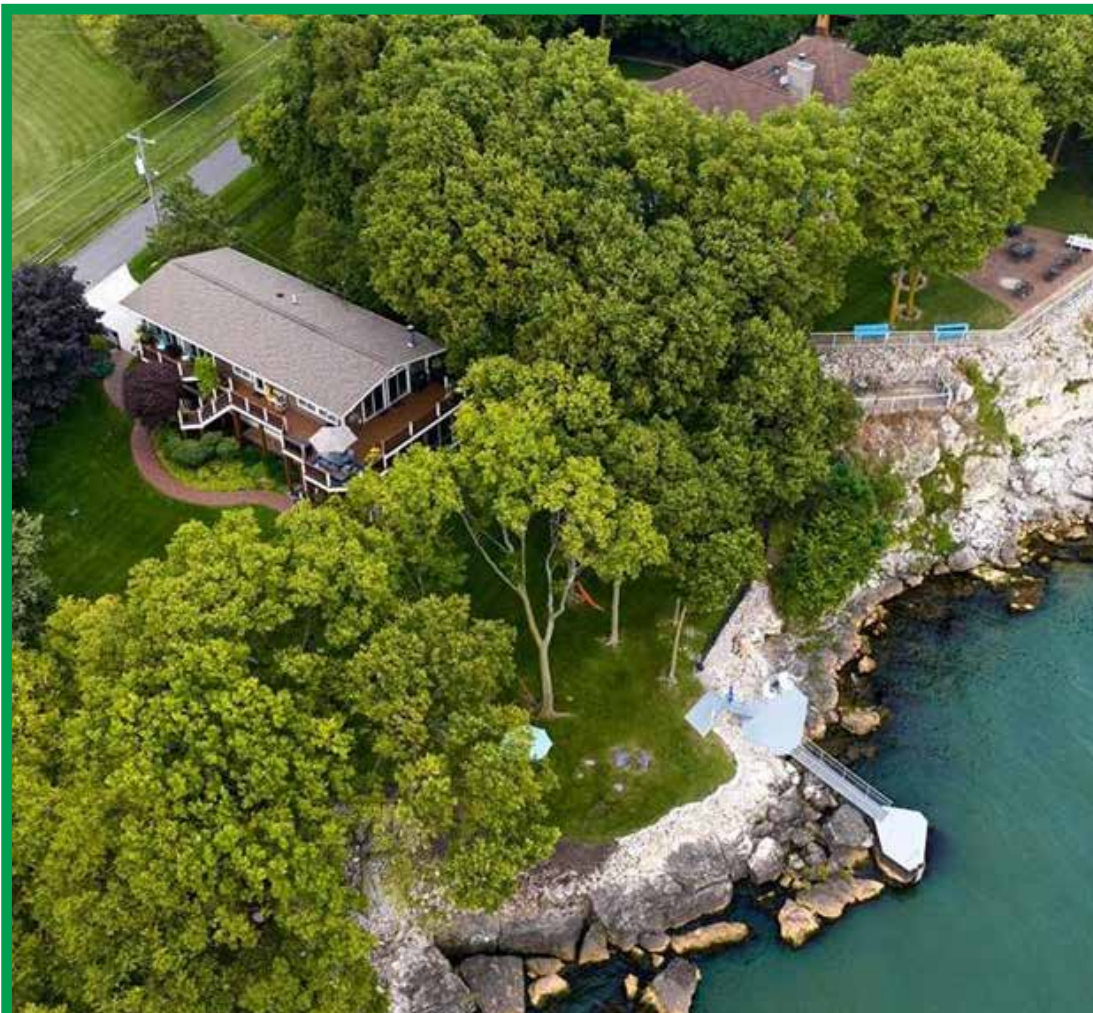


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This photo shows the ingenuity of one property owner who wants to help with the employee housing shortage on the island. The owner decided to rent beds in the old wine cellar on his property. There is nothing against renting bed space in the current Zoning Regulations.



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LESLIE KORENKO

Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko

March 4th was the first ferry run of the season, much earlier than previous years and it was a glorious Spring day. The kind that makes you want to sit out in the sun and go ahhhh. The season is starting. And it is great seeing some familiar faces again.

Everyone is talking about the eclipse and every available room on the Island has been rented. The ferry plans on running all day service and most of the Island businesses will be opening early for the daylong event. Traffic everywhere along Ohio's North Shore is expected to be a nightmare, so plan accordingly.

The weather has been a roller coaster ride. Almost 70 one day with sunshine, then 40 and fog, then high 20s and light snow.

More utility poles were added to keep people from using the old Monaghan Rd. access to the airport, but now people are squeezing alongside the poles and popping out by the stop sign! The access is now down the road on the north side of the airport.

Sad news: the two large white swans that have been spotted along the south shore were killed in a yard on the west side, likely by coyotes.

No surprises on election day which was a primary with few contested seats.

On March 21st we had a rare power failure which also affected much of the Marblehead peninsula. It was believed to have been caused by a vehicle accident on the roundabout on the mainland.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated everywhere here and now we look forward to Easter and the children's egg hunt downtown.

COUNCIL NOTES

This was the first meeting since December. Remember, you can attend meetings online on the village website KelleysIsland.us. The Mayor presented his State of the village report, noting that the village finances are all in order and running in the black. There was a sharp increase in Resort Tax receipts for 2023 which, he believes is due to the rise in visitor numbers and the increase in pricing of taxable items. It was a quiet three months.

The KI Police Dept. reported no calls or reports. Their time was spent redoing the inside of the Police Dept. building and hope for an open house later this year. Officer Jack Wade was recognized for his 29 years on the KI police force. EMT's report 8 runs, and 8 clinic calls. They have begun to order items damaged in last year's flood.

The Water Dept. reports that a leak at Dockers has been repaired.

The Park Board was awarded a \$50,000 matching fund grant for the new playground. The equipment has been ordered and site prep should be underway soon. Donations are still needed for items such as fencing, benches and landscaping.

The Village will be advertising for advance preparation of plans for a water treatment plant. Still no details for the public. No legislation was passed as only four of the six Council persons were in attendance.

A special meeting was held on March 18th to wrap up the Emergency issues which included sales of cannabis on the Island. In November, electors in Ohio approved adult use cannabis regulations covering the cultivation, processing, sale, purchase, possession, home grow and adult use by adults over 21 years. The Village has the authority to regulate the sale of cannabis and is prohibiting (in simple terms) sales by a licensed cultivator and processing or dispensing cannabis or marijuana. In addition no property owner shall operate, authorize or permit such operation with the village. This extends to public streets and public properties. The full text will appear on the Village website.

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Grant Recipient

In the 2024 round of the Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, Duff Homestead and Bayfront Preserve was one of the recipients. \$44,336 was received for a new trail for birders and an accessible front porch visitor center station. The Put-in-Bay Township Park District will use some of the money for clean-up, benches, fencing and signage for a birding nature trail from Lakeview Avenue. It also includes safe steps and a handicap accessible ramp at the Visitor Contact Station in the Duff Homestead. The Park District was also the recipient of a \$3,000 Shores and Islands Ohio Destination Development Grant for the Duff Homestead and Bayfront Preserve. This grant will pay for a bicycle rack, an exhibit on mussels and the rest will go toward gravel and grading the entrance and brochure racks at the new Visitor Contact Station at Duff Homestead. This generous support of the preserves is sincerely appreciated.

Airport Terminal Timetable

The PIB Port Authority posted early in March the timetable and details about the demolition of the PIB airport terminal so that a new one can be built. Several residents expressed interest in acquiring various items from the PIB Airport Terminal before demolition. To be fair, the Port Authority opened the terminal to allow inspection of items. That took place from March

9th thru 11th. Bid forms were available in the terminal. Bidders were asked to fill out the form listing items of interest, location of item and bid offer. When completed, the bid forms were placed inside a gray lock box. Bidding closed on March 11th at 6 p.m. The Port Authority reviewed the bids and contacted bid winners. Once bid winners are notified, items were needed to be removed between March 13th thru 16th. No one will be allowed in the terminal after March 17th. The Airport Terminal had asbestos abatement done the week of March 18th. The terminal was supposed to then be demolished on March 25th, but that didn't happen. Questions could be answered by calling Rosann Keiser from the Port Authority at (419) 341-2007.

Address Signs

The PIB EMS continues to offer those green address number signs for property owners on the islands. These signs assist all first responders find you quickly in an emergency. There is no charge for island residents, plus if you ever need to call for emergency services, the EMS will want to reach you as quickly as possible. Not having your address clearly marked can delay them in reaching you. They will even install them for you! Just give the PIB EMS a call at (419) 285-2401 to request yours.

Deer Collisions

With the growing population of Whitetail Deer on the Islands, Law Enforcement are anticipating increased chances for Deer/Vehicle collisions. Ohio Revised Code allows the driver of the vehicle involved in a Deer Collision to claim the animal and process the deer with a Deer Slip issued from Law Enforcement in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In the case the driver does not want the animal a list will be established from residents that would like to be called to claim the Deer for processing. The list works on a rotating basis, with the person who has most recently collected a deer being moved to the bottom of the list. If a caller doesn't answer or passes on collecting the animal, dispatch will call the next person in line, and so on until the deer is collected. Anyone on the island is able to sign up to be on the list. To get on the list, please email Deputy Gary Allred of the Ottawa County Sheriff Office at gallred@ottawacountysheriff.org with your name, address and a working phone number to be added to the list. The Established List will be kept for one year and maintained with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.

Traveling Busy Traveling

This past month island people were busy traveling as usual this time of year. Betsy and Ted McCann were on a river cruise in Europe. Joe and Harper Scarpelli got a chance to ride horses on the beach in Florida during the winter break at the end of February. While El Kostura visited former PIB school student Cassie Price in the panhandle of Florida during the break, they went to the Pensacon in Pensacola. PIB Village Administrator Anne Auger left the island to enjoy a quick couple of days in the Ft. Myers area of Florida. The Barry Koehler family visited Universal Studios in Orlando during the school break.

The Cultice family enjoyed a cruise in the gulf that left from New Orleans.

Dustin Shaffer and sons Jaxson and Donovan enjoyed skiing in California. Sue and Steve Prahst from Mikes Dr. visited Keystone, Colorado.

Dave and Kat Holscott cruised around the southern tip of South Africa on their way back to Put-in-Bay for the season.

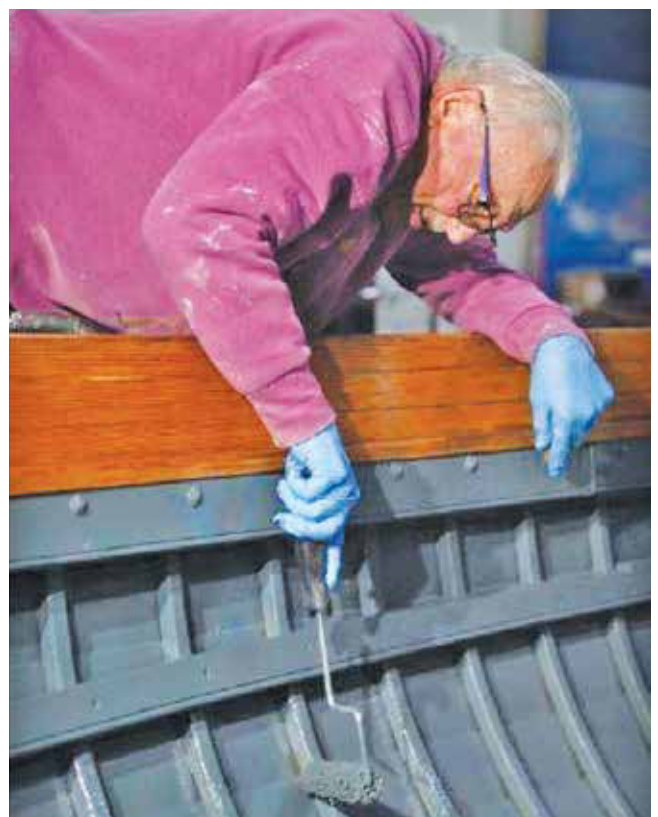
Sisters Sara Booker and Laura Coviello traveled to the Florida Panhandle to drive their father, Marv Booker, back to the island from Perdido Key where he spent most of the winter with his wife Pat.

Dave Schafer from Ashley's Inn reports he traveled to multiple places this winter and logged 23372 miles in the air and another 7726 miles in his car for a grand total of 31,098 miles in about 5 months.

Russ and Lisa Brohl were in Panama where Lisa watched birds and Russ watched boats.

Sandusky Maritime Museum Volunteers Restore Perry Longboat

You may recall seeing the replica of Commodore Oliver Perry's longboat at the Perry's Monument Visitors Center or being rowed during special events in the Put-in-Bay harbor. This off season, the 12-year old, 20-foot long boat was extensively restored by volunteers in the museum's workshop. The group took the longboat apart, detaching the oars, the seats and other equipment and leaving only the hull. The boat got new paint for the first time in 12 years.



Monty Kaufman rolls paint onto the ribs of an Oliver Hazard Perry longboat replica at the Sandusky Maritime Museum in March. - Photo by Erin Caldwell

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