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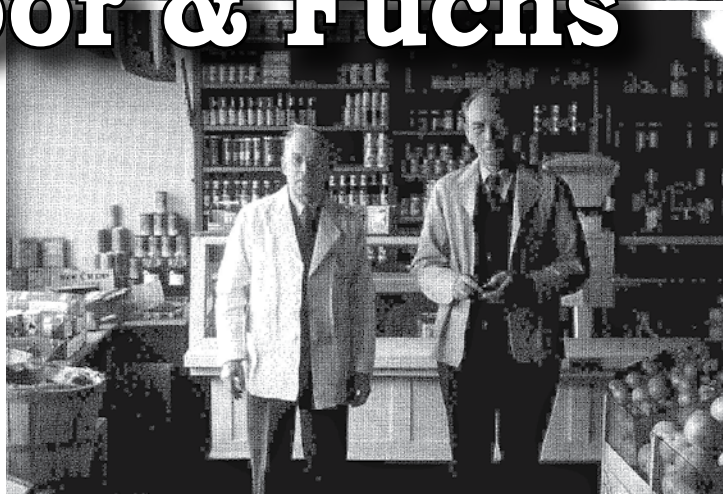
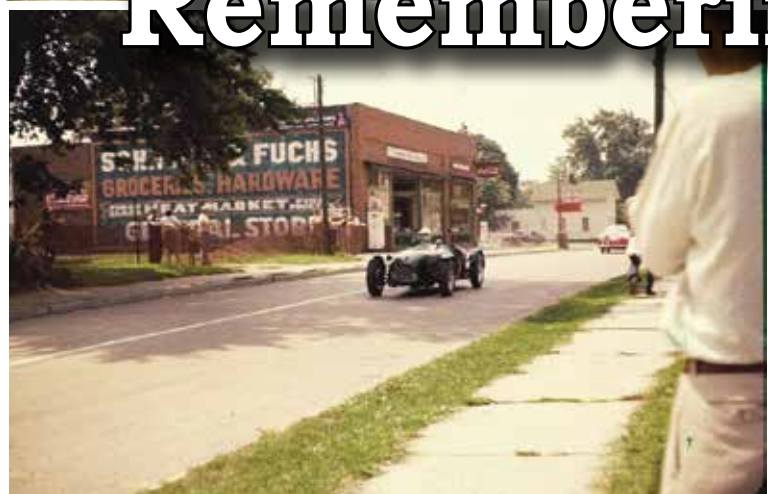


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Remembering Schnoor & Fuchs

Happy 80th, Paula!
March 26, 1944



Look Who's 80! Stop in and wish Paula Hubner a Happy Birthday on March 30th at the PIB Town Hall from Noon to 3 p.m.

TOP LEFT: The Schnoor & Fuchs Store when the partners were Johannsen and Schnoor. The building was new, and if you look closely, you can see the trolley tracks in the unpaved street in front of the building. According to the late Henry Wood, the man with the broom is Mack MacCann's grandfather. **TOP CENTER:** A photo taken after the fire at the Schnoor and Fuchs Store. You can just see the old Colonial building in the background. **TOP RIGHT:** An interesting photo of the Schnoor and Fuchs store showing what looks like a gas pump at the corner of the building. This was probably taken in the 1940s. Notice the temporary wind breakers at the two front doors. It must have been winter when this was taken. There are also Edward Food Stores and Cleveland Plain Dealer signs on the front. **BOTTOM LEFT:** This photo was taken at one of the early road races back in the early 1950s. On the side of the building, you can see a Coca Cola advertisement and signage reading Schnoor & Fuchs General Store, Sherwin & Williams Paint, Groceries, Hardware, First Class Meat Market, Fish and Poultry. **BOTTOM CENTER:** Dick Powers, the grandfather of Robbie Morrow from the Crew's Nest, is seen here hosing down what remained of the Schnoor and Fuchs building the morning after the fire, 60 years ago this month. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Thomas Langlois captured Bill Schnoor and Frank Fuchs inside their store in 1946. - Photo courtesy of Zoe Titchener.

There aren't too many islanders who remember the Schnoor & Fuchs Store that was located where the parking lot of the Island General Store is now located. For many years, this was the primary grocery and dry goods store where islanders did their shopping.

Early in the a.m. on Thursday, March 12th, 1964, 60 years ago this month, fire broke out in the brick structure that also served as the newsstand, drug and hardware store. The alarm was called in by Margaret Fox, the mother of then fire chief Dick Fox, at 1:15 a.m. The loud sirens that alerted the volunteer firemen rang for what seemed like forever.

The fire station at that time was in the Town Hall directly across the street from the Schooners as islanders called it. As the story goes, there was some confusion as owner Lynn Schnoor and Chief Fox got into a confrontation as to how to fight the fire. Lynn didn't want the smoke-filled building ventilated so the firemen could locate the fire, a standard practice to this day. The heat built up and fire pretty much engulfed the structure. Apparently, there were issues with the building having a double ceiling which also made the fire difficult to fight.

Among the many volunteers who fought the fire were Tim Reinhardt, Tommy Brennan, Joe Parker, Dick Powers, Bill Market and Harold Wilhelm who tended the Model A fire truck, one of three in the department which also included an old Deluge built in the 1920s and a 1959 Ford pumper.

After the volunteers battled the fire and the blaze was put out, it was declared a total loss. Chief Fox estimated the loss at \$100,000. Adjusted for inflation, that's just shy of \$1 million dollars in today's dollars.

Fortunately, no one was injured, but islanders were left without a store for the rest of the winter, plus the fire "ruined half of the island's food" according to one mainland newspaper article.

The story of the Schnoor and Fuchs General Store goes to 1913 or 1915. It is believed partners Sahnke Johannsen and Wm. Schnoor built the brick building that was just west of the property occupied by the second "Put-in-Bay House" that burned in 1909. In 1915, Johannsen sold out to Schnoor and Frank Fuchs, though Carl Johannsen retained a fifth interest which he later sold to Schnoor and Fuchs. The name of the business was changed from Johannsen & Schnoor to Schnoor & Fuchs.

Fortunately, there are still a few people around the island who remember Schnoors. John Titchener from Shore Villas worked at the store for several summers in the 1950s. Here are some of his memories.

The general store bought by Bill Schnoor and Frank Fuchs in 1915 was built by Schnoor and Sahnke Johannsen in 1913. The brick building faced the Post Office in the Odd Fellows Hall directly across Catawba Avenue. It was flanked to the north by the Colonial from which it was separated by a narrow gravel alley used mostly by incoming delivery trucks. That alley turned right behind the store and right again to parallel the south side of it. The alley ended at Catawba and shared an open lot with the new Parker's Garage run by Earl and Joe Parker. The Town Hall

containing the Fire Department and Village offices sat almost directly across from the store.

Some called it "Schners," others simply "The Store." It sold almost everything. In the 1940s my family arrived around Memorial Day and stayed until the first OSU football game, usually played on the last Saturday of September. Except for medical emergencies (broken tooth, dog bite) we did not go to the mainland for anything. The store provided meat, potatoes, vegetables, fruit, bread, milk, canned goods, flour, sugar, salt, soaps, beer, paper products, hardware, clothing, paint, tobacco, ice cream sodas, shoes, magazines, newspapers and more.

The Schnoor and Fuchs building was divided into two unequal sections, the drug store and the larger general store. The drug store opened seven days a week from nine to nine and was staffed by two women who worked six hour shifts: noon to six o'clock, or 9 to 12 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Sis Nissen managed it and paired herself with the least experienced of the three young girls who completed her summer staff. A single aisle ran from the front door to the back. On the left side as one entered there were glass display cases, a soda fountain with four stools and then two booths. A wide door connecting the drug and grocery stores separated the booths from an area with shelves containing beach shoes, souvenir captain's caps, beach towels and footwear. My summer began when I went to the drugstore to buy a pair of powder blue canvas shoes with inch thick art gum eraser brown soles. After the shoe section came the door to the office which had doors opening into the drug store and the grocery store. On the right side of the aisle a continuous row of display cases containing tobacco products, candy, notions, make up, patent medicines, etc., ran almost to the back of the store. Sis was often to be found standing behind the last of the cases neatly writing the names of subscribers on the top right corner of the front page of each of the daily papers. Since she generally worked in the back of the store, her younger colleague working in the front was normally the first to be seen by an entering customer. On one occasion a man dressed in a red shirt, white tie, blue blazer, yellow pants, white belt and white shoes approached the front girl and softly enquired if the store sold condoms. Not knowing how to answer, the girl shouted "Sis, do we have any condoms?" The man disappeared, his face matching his shirt. Unflappable Sis gently explained that it was not polite to publicly broadcast



These remains of the front of Schnoor and Fuch store show just how close the building was to the old Colonial.

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personal orders. I did not know the answers to Red Shirt's question because, when asked, I was to send the customer to Harry, the butcher.

The drugstore shift schedule freed one (or two) girls at noon and two (or one) at 9 p.m. Since the boys knew this, dates or social events often started at the front door of the drugstore. Marriages eventuating from this social center that I attended included Zoe Langlois and Brad Titchener in 1952 and Shirley Rudy and Ray Skelton in 1957. There were more.

Daily customers? "Mail and paper!" was what we got, twice a day as the Plain Dealer appeared in the morning and the Blade in the afternoon. Not everyone got both papers, but mail also came twice a day so almost every islander came to town for mail and paper, bread and milk. Perhaps beer and tobacco.

I began to understand how the store really worked in June of 1954 when I got up the nerve to ask Frank Fuchs for a job. He hired me for \$140 a month six days a week and every other Sunday morning. My duties included (but were not limited to) receiving goods, stocking shelves, waiting on customers, sweeping the floor, refreshing the produce, operating the freight elevator, carrying ice cream to the drugstore, tarring the roof, lowering the awning, straightening the box room and more tasks as required.

Arriving at 8 a.m. I normally entered by the back door and swept the floor. The delivery guy (John Borman or Eddy Wulkowicz or Chuckie Kindt or Ronnie Geitheman or . . .) drove the green store pickup to the Miller (downtown) dock. Sometimes he returned with a loaded pickup; other times he drove a Miller flat bed stake truck loaded with cardboard boxes of produce or iced cases of milk or boxes of bread. The supply chain began at Catawba Point where in 1945 Lee Miller and Mick Arndt acquired the controlling shares in the company owning the dock. The first Miller Boat Livery ferries I remember were the side loaders South Shore and West Shore. These boats were 65' long and docked across the end of the downtown Miller dock. They had cut outs on each side large enough for trucks to move on and off the boat. Normally, Miller employees drove all vehicles on and off the ferries. When a boat arrived (three times a



Workers are shown here digging the basement for the Johannsen and Schnoor store about 1913.

day in 1945), the dock and boat crews would manhandle two wooden gangplanks which, when secured, allowed trucks to drive on and off the boat. But it was not easy. Vehicles aboard the ferry were often parked three abreast all facing forward at a 90 degree angle to the exit gangplanks. The last vehicle loaded drove straight up the planks and parked without turning so it plugged the space needed by earlier vehicles to make their turns to the gang planks. Beer trucks were good for this. When the plugging truck was removed the Miller flat beds could exit or the store pickup could drive aboard to load up. The trucks went

to the back of the store for the driver and me to unload.

Perishables were first, so cartons of milk went into the cooler behind the butcher counter. Milk could be accessed from the front and loaded from the rear. Or snatched from the rear door by growing employees. The plastic milk cases were stored for return. If the flatbed contained produce as well as milk, the vegetables were shipped in large cartons which went via the freight elevator to the walk-in cooler in the basement. When meat was received, butcher Harry Schil-lumeit logged it in and stored it in the milk and meat cooler. If Esmond Ice Cream arrived, it came in dry iced boxes each containing two five-gallon tubs of chocolate, vanilla or strawberry. We saved the dry ice and delivered the boxes straight to the soda fountain.

Then hardware clerking might be required. We sold rope in 50-ft. hanks of cotton clothes line and manila hemp. Hemp came in various diameters and was sold not by the foot, but by the pound. I cut the amount requested, looped it into a coil and put it on the scale. The same scale was used for brads, roofing nails, common nails, finishing nails and spikes which were sold by weight. When I first started I was confused by one of the elderly owners who insisted that I weigh lamp cord (cloth insulated double wire used to connect electric lamps and electrical outlets). Later I understood that he might have confused rope and cord.

Things sold by the foot included lamp cord, of course, galvanized pipe which was cut and threaded in the basement, glass for window panes, also cut on a designated table in the basement, and various kinds of screen and hardware cloth. Paint in the can was easy. If you did not like the Sherwin Williams colors available, we might be able to order a gallon of something else. But there was no mixing. There was a small display case with fishing tackle -- #6 Snell hooks, eight ounce trolling sinkers, miscellaneous leaders, perhaps a Red Devil spoon. On the wall shelf behind the counter ammunition was stored for sale in the Fall hunting season. But I did not sell it. I could cut screen and thread pipe, but Frank was disappointed in my feeble efforts at glass cutting. With one hand and one swipe he could cut an intricate curving line where the glass broke perfectly when he covered it with butcher paper and applied even pressure by hand. I did better with vegetables which were brought from the basement cooler to the white enameled vegetable case in the front corner of the grocery side. They were spritzed with a gentle mist dispersed by nozzles topping slender tubes on either side of the case. The apparatus to pump the spray and cool the vegetables was contained in the lower half of the case. Every day I peeled brown leaves from the lettuce and trimmed carrots and celery as appropriate. The vegetable waste was saved for Old Bill Market (Billy's grandfather) who came by at 5 p.m. to get it for his chickens. He also collected small bits of scrap metal, particularly brass.

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An advertisement for the Schnoor & Fuchs store from 1924.

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LEFT: Bill Cantillon's 11-year old grandson Will and daughter Denice reading the PIB Gazette and ready to fly a C172 over the Florida Space Coast. The Cantillons live on East Point.



RIGHT: PIB Friends at Willie T's in Key West in February. Left to right are Laura Fogg, Kim Morrisson, Derek Yeckley, Meredith Klun, Joan Rhoad, Paul Garsteck, Marc Wright, Jen Yaw and Roger Rhoad.

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DeRivera Park's B Dock Receives \$1.4 Million Infrastructure Grant

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has approved a Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) of \$1,430,885.50 for the renovation of DeRivera Park B Dock, situated in the heart of Put-in-Bay on South Bass Island. The transformative project aims to modernize and enhance one of the most popular destinations on Lake Erie, providing a state-of-the-art facility for boaters from Western Lake Erie and beyond.

"This project is a vital step in revitalizing DeRivera Park B Dock and ensuring it remains a cornerstone for boaters visiting Put-in-Bay," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "We are committed to creating a facility that not only meets the highest safety standards but also provides a welcoming and accessible environment for boaters exploring the Great Lakes."

The project's objectives include the construction of 1,100 linear feet of new fixed docks capable of accommodating up to 75 vessels. Additionally, marina improvements will be designed and implemented to cater to boats over 26 feet in length. This change will offer utilities and flexible mooring. The overarching goal is to create a safe harbor, support educational activities, and achieve Ohio Clean Marina standards which promote sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The anticipated results and benefits of this comprehensive renovation project are numerous. It will lead to the creation of a fully renovated state-of-the-art docking facility, reinforcing Put-in-Bay's reputation as a premier destination on the Great Lakes. The marina and its surrounding promenade will seamlessly connect to existing sections of the adjacent waterfront trail network, providing boaters with easy access to natural and cultural attractions.

The project is expected to contribute to an increase in tourism, supporting the economic recovery of the region. The renovated slips will also play a crucial role in accommodating boater-oriented events, providing a venue for large regional club gatherings and regattas that regularly visit Put-in-Bay.

The total project cost is estimated at \$2,861,771, with ODNR awarding \$1,430,885.50 through a grant funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. DeRivera Park will provide a match of \$1,430,885.50 through various public, private, and professional partnerships.

Officials hope to complete the bidding process and find a contractor by this summer. Construction work should then be carried out beginning in early 2025.



This photo shows the three public docks, A, B & C, at Put-in-Bay. Dock B, the dock inside the two larger ones with all the boats docked at it, will be rebuilt and renovated in 2025.

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Helping out at the PIB Vol. Fire Dept.'s pancake fundraiser breakfast in February were (left to right) Taylor Hanes, Zach Hiss, Andy Burns, Sue Seaberg and Dallas Mohn.



Joe's bar had an unwelcomed visitor in mid-February.

Island Diary February 2024

Thu., Feb. 1st - The first day of the month starts with temperatures in the 40s. With the past few days of warmer than usual temperatures, the ice in the lake is worthless for any winter fun.

Fri., Feb. 2nd - Eric and Jen Booker are in the Florida Panhandle at Perdido Key. There's a birthday party for Teddy Koehler in the evening.

Sat., Feb. 3rd - The PIB School basketball team plays its last game of the season. PIB High School senior Joe Blumensaadt, the son of Todd and Jennifer Blumensaadt, is honored for his participation and contributions to the PIB Panther basketball team at a ceremony at the school gym. Tom Thanasiu and Bill Sulesky from The Perry Group move their office from the airport terminal to the Duff Homestead and then help the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Put-in-Bay Township Park District with their office move too. Mike Byrnes and Russ Brohl are busy painting inside the Duff house.

Sun., Feb. 4th - Fog prevents the Tai Kwon Do and dance lessons from taking place. Meredith Cooper draws this week's winning ticket for the PIB Yacht Club's Rolling Raffle. Marilyn Paselsky is the winner.

Mon., Feb. 5th - There's a pretty low ceiling that curtails air traffic on and off the island. Ottawa Co. Sheriff Deputy Allred is on the island with the island's new K-9 officer Storm.

Tue., Feb. 6th - Try outs for the spring play, Peter Pan, take place at the Town Hall.

Wed., Feb. 7th - On this day, Feb. 7, 1920. Kelleys Island was hit hard by a Spanish Flu outbreak. Every house hit, half of the population was ill. There was only one doctor and no nurses to treat those ill. PIB Brownie Troop 1314 delivers homemade trail mix to the fire station. Greta Koehler is celebrating her 5th birthday with a party at the town hall in the evening.

Thu., Feb. 8th - John and Carol Rees from New Colony Rd. in Duff's Woods celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The temperature at PIB hits 60 degrees! Barry Koehler kayaks to Starve Island and videos much of his adventure.

Fri., Feb. 9th - The Science Fair and Pinewood Derby race are held at PIB School. Cody Kowalski takes home the Newton Cup, the overall points winner for all events. A 21-year old island woman is Lifeflighted off the island after she runs off the road and plows the pickup she's driving all the way into the restrooms/kitchen at Joe's Bar. Response and rescue workers cut off the door of the truck to get the trapped driver removed. With the temperature reaching 60 degrees by dinner time, the ice is leaving the island area including most of it in the harbor.

Sat., Feb. 10th - Fishermen in boats are spotted off the West Shore.

Sun., Feb. 11th - A bit of ice is back in harbor, but the lake is pretty much open. The Put-in-Bay Volunteer Fire Department holds a fundraiser pancake breakfast at the fire station in the morning. Nik Petten-ski is the lucky winner of the department's meat raffle. St. Paul's Episcopal Church holds its 2024 Annual Meeting in the church's Undercroft. The meeting is live-streamed. The main item on the Agenda is the election of two new members to the Vestry. The seats of Paula Hubner and Mary Ann Meyers are taken by Cathy Domer and Kira Hubner. It's Superbowl Sunday on the island just like everywhere else in America.

Mon., Feb. 12th - On this date in 1933, two ice boats coming from Port Clinton went through the ice into open water. The occupants swam to solid ice and three of them walked ashore. All were able to walk home after their rescue. They were G. Hallock, Alf Parker, Russ Stoecker, Willard Senne, Wilbur Dodge, Jr., Charles Fuchs and Ed Morrison. There's a birdhouse building program at the Nature Center. In the evening, they are playing volleyball at the school gym and the baton twirlers start their new winter session in the town hall.

Tue., Feb. 13th - Happy Fat Tuesday! The fast-nacht-making tradition continues at the Dress household. Billy Market's tradition of being the "official" taste tester also continues. In the evening, there's Bingo and fast-nachts at the Town Hall. The PIBHS Basketball Team has their annual awards ceremony in the school gym.

Wed., Feb. 14th - Girl Scout cookies arrive on the island. On this date in 1940, tragedy strikes as the island doctor, his wife and two children perish when their car goes through frozen Lake Erie as they drove over the ice to Middle Bass Island.

Thu., Feb. 15th - The rescheduled regular meeting of the PIB Twp. Trustees takes place in the meeting room in their building at the entrance to the transfer station. It's McMarc night at the Forge. Bob Gatewood is playing his first show that is part of Put-in-Bay Days in Key West!

Fri., Feb. 16th - On this day in 1905, the owner of Gibraltar Island, Jay Cooke, died. Kate Hubner wins the spelling bee at PIB School. PIBVFD has ice training off the downtown boat launch ramp in the afternoon. A dusting of snow covers the island overnight.



PIB Brownie Troop 1314 delivered snacks to the PIBVFD in February. Left to right are Evelyn Wertenbach, Norah Blumensaadt, Vivian Scarpelli, Erin Stapleton, Isla Koch, Brooklyn Williams, Braylee Dobos, Rachel Cooper and Ashley and Nate Jones.



Billy Market stopped at the Dress home to sample one of the Fastnachts that were served at the Bingo party at the Town Hall on Shrove Tuesday evening, February 13th. Billy has been the "official taste tester" for many years now.

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Sat., Feb. 17th - Several of the island's young ladies are selling Girl Scout Cookies outside of the entrance of Topsy Turvey's in the afternoon. There won't be any door to door sales until after winter break. Pat Dailey's son, Reese Dailey, and Ray Fogg perform a tribute to Pat's songs at the Key West Theater in Key West.

Sun., Feb. 18th - Over on Middle Bass Island there's a breakfast at the Town Hall to help fund the fireworks show at the last ferry sent off in the fall.

Mon., Feb. 19th - We hear the first rumors about ferry service beginning for the 2024 season. Fishermen are reporting schools of walleye off Rattlesnake island. Fishing by boat is the only option this winter.

Tue., Feb. 20th - Miller Boat Line posts its Early Schedule for March 2nd through March 10th. That's good news for island families returning to the island from the mid-winter school vacation. Several island parents attend the PIB School Board of Education meeting in the afternoon to voice their opinion on split K/1st Grade classes. On this day in 1920, Dr. Jump, who was Kelleys Island's only doctor that has been treating Spanish Flu outbreak, is in critical condition having contracted the virus himself.

Wed., Feb. 21st - Several families fly off the island in anticipation of the rainy and low ceiling weather coming. The Chamber of Commerce has its monthly executive board meeting via zoom in the afternoon. There's still a bit of life at the Yacht Club where there's Euchre and a meeting of the Wine with Words group.

Thu., Feb. 22nd - It's a rainy morning and those who got off the island to begin their mid-winter vacations made a good move getting off the day before. Colleen White is celebrating her birthday. Jeff Bast, KC and Jacob Seaman set sail on a 4-day Bahamian cruise.

Fri., Feb. 23rd - PIB's students have no school as the winter vacation officially begins. The coming 10 days are the quietest time of the year on the island. Unfortunately for those heading out for winter vacation, dense fog delays flights off the island in the morning.

Sat., Feb. 24th - The 8th Annual Burning Snowman Festival takes place over in Port Clinton. Several popular Put-in-Bay bands are performing at the event, including



Brynn Marshall, the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer (PIBHS Class of 2001) Glauser-Marshall from Middle Bass, is pictured here with the 300 boxes of Girl Scout cookies she has for Middle Bass.

the Killer Flamingos. A red fox is spotted on Copper Drive in the morning! Lisa Brohl says she is glad to see some are around. They eat mice and she hopes they can take some small rabbits that ate her garden last summer. Tom Thanasiu has a good day. He spots an 8-point buck resting in the woods, plus he retrieves the PIBYC burgie from the top of the flag pole with a broken halyard at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. There's a bachelorette party for Gwena Market (PIBHS Class of 2018) in Ellicottville, NY.

Sun., Feb. 25th - The temperature is in the mid-forties. The next couple of days are forecast to be unseasonably pleasant.

Mon., Feb. 26th - Islanders are saddened to hear of Ted McCann's passing. Ted, always a favorite of kids growing up on the island, was the owner of Ted's Tackle Shop for many years.

Tues., Feb. 27th - Jim and Sandy Yelensky, former vineyard tenders from North Bass Island, are working in Walt and Sue Duff's vineyard getting the grape vines ready for the 2024 growing season.

Wed., Feb. 28th - Temperatures fall during the day from 60 degrees at 2 a.m. to in the 20s just before midnight. Miller Ferry announces a new way to save on transporting your vehicle to and from the islands. You'll have the option to purchase 5 (or more) round-trip vehicle tickets and receive a discounted round trip vehicle fare of \$42 for Put-in-Bay and \$57 for Middle Bass Island.

Thurs., Feb. 29th - Two leap years ago in 2016, PIB students were returning to class at PIB School after the Winter Break. This year it's still a vacation day for them.

Gatewood's Video Wins at Prestigious Film Festivals

"Island in the Sun," the music video entertainer Bob Gatewood had filmed last fall on Put-in-Bay, has been honored with awards at several film festivals including IndieX, Independent Shorts Awards and Mindfield. The real-life/cartoon visuals and innovative storytelling showcased in the music video have earned "Island in the Sun" widespread acclaim, marking it as an exceptional achievement in the world of audiovisual storytelling.

Directed by Moe Taylor and produced by BrainDagger Films, the "Island in the Sun" music video seamlessly blends artistic vision with the soulful melody of Bob Gatewood's acclaimed track. The video takes viewers on a mesmerizing journey, encapsulating the essence of the song's tropical vibes and weaving a narrative that resonates with audiences of all backgrounds.

The accolades include best editing, best song and best video recognizing the outstanding creativity and technical excellence demonstrated by BrainDagger Films, Moe Taylor, and the entire team involved in bringing this visual masterpiece to life.

The film was shot on a green screen and all the live characters were added in post into a cartoon island universe where they sail around searching for the perfect island paradise. Eventually, they find Bob playing his guitar and waving and they all join him and the party on the "Island in the Sun" really gets going.

"We are honored and humbled by the recognition 'Island in the Sun' has received at these prestigious film festivals," said Moe Taylor, CEO/director at BrainDagger Films. "This project was a labor of love, and we are thrilled to see it resonate with audiences and industry professionals alike. It truly speaks to the power of collaboration and the magic that happens when creative minds come together." For those who don't know Moe, he is the husband of Kathryn French and son-in-law of Richard and Joan French from Fox's Den.

Bob Gatewood, the singer and songwriter behind the celebrated track, expressed his gratitude for the collaborative effort, stating, "The music video has elevated the song to new heights, and I am grateful to BrainDagger Films and Moe Taylor for bringing their vision to my music."

The success of "Island in the Sun" at these film festivals solidifies BrainDagger Films and Moe Taylor's position as innovators in the field of music video production. The awards not only recognize their artistic prowess but also highlight their ability to create visual narratives that resonate with diverse audiences.



You can view the "Island in the Sun" video by going onto YouTube and typing in Island in the Sun Gatewood.

Check out Bob Gatewood's "Island in the Sun" video on YouTube. Search "Island in the Sun Gatewood" in your browser.

ISLAND CALENDAR MARCH 2024

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

MARCH EVENT SCHEDULE

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- ☐ LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE • SEE PAGE 8
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- ☐ St. Paul's Food Pantry • Open 24 Hours Daily
- ☐ Blood Pressure Day • Mondays 10-11a • Senior Center
- ☐ Pool Tournaments • Mondays - 7p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ Rec Volleyball League • Mondays - 7-9p • School Gymnasium
- ☐ Euchre • Wednesdays - 630p • PIBYC
- ☐ Dart League • Weds & Thurs - 7p • Topsy Turvey's
- ☐ First National Bank Open • Wednesdays - 9:30a-3:30p
- ☐ PIBYC Cruise Out • Mar 2 • Buckeye Lake Yacht Club
- ☐ Emerald Shiner Irish Pub • Mar 17 - 11a • Topsy's
- ☐ Talent Show • Mar 14 - 7p • School Gymnasium
- ☐ Winter Art Night • Mar 26 - 6-8p • TH Assembly Room
- ☐ Easter Egg Hunt • Mar 30
- ☐ Paula Hubner's 80th Birthday Party • Mar 30 - 3p • TH

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE

- ☐ PIB Vol Fire Dept Mtg • 1st Mon of Month - 7p • Fire Station
- ☐ PIB Village Council Mtg • Mar 5 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Village Planning Com • Mar 12 - 11:30a • TH
- ☐ Twp Zoning Commission • Mar 5 - 1p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Village Tree Commission • Mar 13 - 9:45a
- ☐ PIB Twp Park District • Mar 13 - 10a
- ☐ LEI Conservancy • Mar 13 - 7p
- ☐ PIB Rec Committee • Mar 11 - 3:30p • School
- ☐ PIB Village Council Mtg • Mar 12 - 9a • TH
- ☐ PIB Township Trustees Mtg • Mar 12 - 10a • Twp Hall
- ☐ Twp Zoning Board of Appeals • Mar 13 - 1p • Twp Hall
- ☐ PIB Village Mayor's Court • Mar 14 - 10a
- ☐ Bd of Education • Mar 19 - 12:15p • School Multipurpose Room
- ☐ PIB Chamber of Commerce Exec Board • Mar 13 - 11a
- ☐ PIB Port Authority Mtg • Mar 25 - 5p • Twp Hall

MARCH CHURCH SCHEDULES

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church

- ☐ PIB Mass • Sundays - 10:30a

St Paul's Episcopal Church

- ☐ Holy Eucharist • Sundays - 10:30a
- ☐ Easter Service • Mar 31 - 10:30a • See Page 16

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- ☐ Cameo Pizza/Mr. Ed's Opening Night • Apr 5
- ☐ Earth Week Put-in-Bay • Apr 20 thru 26
- ☐ Earth Day Trail Walk/Run • Apr 22 • Cooper's Woods & State Park
- ☐ Frosty's Opening Party • Apr 19
- ☐ PIB Community Play "Peter Pan" • Apr 19-21 • TH
- ☐ Whiskey Light Ceremony • Apr 21 - 2p • Round House
- ☐ Arbor Day Ceremony • Apr 26 • Behind Post Office
- ☐ Put-in-Bay Draft Day 5K • Apr 28 - 9a • Mr. Ed's

RECYCLING HOURS

- ☐ Mon & Wed • 8a to 2p • Transfer Station

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Congratulations to PIB Students Cody and Caleb for participating at the Northwest Ohio Science and Engineering Fair in February. Cody (right) Kowalski's project was Bouncy Basketballs (Comparing Cost and Consistency of Bounce Height of Popular Basketball Brands at Various Pressures). Cody Received an overall project score of Excellent and was awarded 2nd place in the Physics category. Sponsored Award: Department of the Navy's "Naval Science Award." Caleb (left) Kowalski's project was The Effects of Cover Crop Type on the Nutrient Load of Runoff. Caleb received an overall project score of Superior and was awarded 1st place in the Plant Science Category. It was selected for Junior High Super Judging (only top 10 projects in grades 5-8 invited) and Super Judging Overall Winner for grades 5-8. Caleb also received five additional Sponsored Awards including Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge 2024 - Outstanding Performance at a Society for Science Affiliated Science Fair (this award allows Caleb to move on to the National competition).


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By Mr. Scott Mangas, Supt.

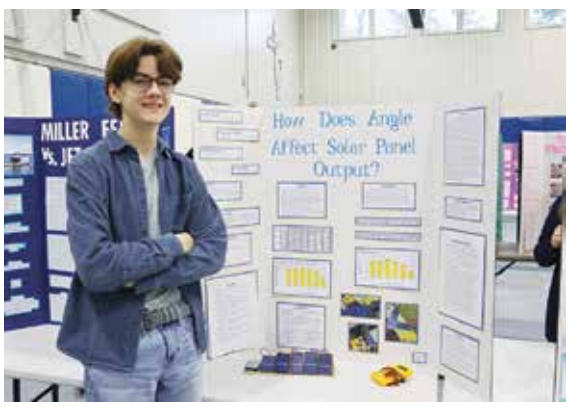
Dear Put-in-Bay School Community,
As we transition into the month of March, it's an opportune time to reflect on the exciting events and achievements that have taken place within our school community.
Firstly, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Joe Blumensaadt, our senior basketball player, for his outstanding leadership both on and off the court. We celebrated Joe's contributions during our recent basketball season closure on February 3rd. The basketball teams concluded the season on a high note, with the varsity team achieving an impressive 9-5 record and the JV team finishing at 1-4. I would like to express our gratitude to the parents, student-athletes, and coaches for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the season.

Our annual Science Fair once again showcased the incredible talent and hard work of our students. With their innovative projects, our students captivated judges and members of the community alike. Students receiving an overall Superior score in Science Fair: Beckett Dobos, Eli Heineman, Melody O'Donnell - 5th Grade Group - What Type of Airplane Model Flies Farther. Caleb Kowalski - 7th Grade - The Effects of Cover Crop Type on the Nutrient Load of Runoff. Kate Hubner - 8th Grade - Paper Towel Strength Showdown. Emma Michael - 9th Grade - How Do Cleansers Affect Skin's Microbiome? Lily Schweitzer - 11th Grade - The Efficiency of Different Priced Sunscreen on UV Reduction. Jacob Seaman - 11th Grade - Testing Plant Growth Using an Arduino Clinostat. Newton Cup Winner (overall point winner for the Science day's events) - Cody Kowalski. Congratulations to all participants for their impressive contributions.

Mr. Schuffenecker teamed up with Mrs. Kowalski to do a pinewood derby competition with the students. This year's Inaugural Science in History Pinewood Derby Cup Winner was Cody Kowalski
On February 16th, the Put-in-Bay Spelling Bee, skillfully managed by Ms. Pugh, brought together students in grades 4-8 for a highly competitive event. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, with Kate Hubner emerging victorious and taking home the trophy. Well done to all participants for their excellent efforts!
Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the once-in-a-lifetime event of the Total Eclipse on April 8th. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our students, the school has acquired viewing glasses for all attendees. We plan to hold an assembly for our students from 1 p.m. onwards, leading up to the eclipse viewing. The island will be in total eclipse between approximately 3:09 to 3:16 p.m. On this special day, we will dismiss school slightly later, with the elementary school dismissing at 3:30 p.m. and the high school at 3:35 p.m.
As always, we remain committed to providing enriching experiences and opportunities for our students. Thank you to our entire school community for your continued support and involvement.



Congratulations to Kate Hubner who won the Spelling Bee in February.



Junior Elias Wright with his project on Solar Panels.



These students all received an overall Superior score at the recent Science Fair at PIB School. In the front row, left to right, are 5th graders Eli Heineman and Melody O'Donnell who's project was "What Type of Airplane Model Flies Farther." In the back row are 8th grader Kate Hubner - Topic: Paper Towel Strength Showdown; 11th grader Lily Schweitzer - Topic: The Efficiency of Different Priced Sunscreen on UV Reduction; 9th grader Emma Michael - Topic: How Do Cleansers Affect Skin's Microbiome?; 11th grader Jacob Seaman - Topic: Testing Plant Growth Using an Arduino Clinostat; and 7th grader Caleb Kowalski - Topic: The Effects of Cover Crop Type on the Nutrient Load of Runoff.

DRAFT DAY 5K



Put-in-Bay Draft Day 5k
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DJ's Property Sells

Kim Morrisson and Ryan Stoiber from Frosty Bar have officially announced they purchased DJ's ice cream parlor at the corner of Toldeo and Bath streets. It will reopen as Sweet Siblings, an Island Dessert Destination, in May of 2024! The name is to celebrate all of the amazing families that have worked for the Stoiber family through the years. Kim says she would like to decorate Sweet Sibs with current or vintage photos of employee siblings. Kim and Ryan are super excited to see what all their fabulous families have to offer. Please email photos to her at kim@frostys.com.

Thank You

Lake Erie Islands Conservancy members Mike Byrnes, Dino Uszak, Rudy Rence and Russell Brohl moved the remainder of LEIC and PIBTPD airport offices to the Duff Homestead one weekend last month! Put-in-Bay Township Park District Treasurer Courtney Blumensaadt helped pick new Leopold bench locations for Duff Homestead birding trail that were made by Lake Erie Islands Conservancy member Casey Carty. Mark Lekanka and crew worked on getting the front porch ready, and Mike Byrnes repaired and painted the walls in the upstairs conference room and got the Perry Group office ready with fresh paint and clean floors. Thank you all!

Monarch Butterfly Population

The population of those beautiful Monarch Butterflies that migrate through our island and winter in Mexico has dropped to the second-lowest level ever recorded according to officials at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in Michoacán, Mexico. The estimate, based on the size of the butterflies' hibernating forest area, has dropped by about 59% from the previous year, according to officials. Experts are pointing to extensive heat and drought as well as climate change for the major decline. Monarch butterflies face three

primary threats, including habitat loss for their breeding and overwintering; the use of pesticides, which can be toxic to the butterflies or can kill their food source, milkweed; and climate change, which can shift their migratory patterns.

Congratulations to Miranda Krueger!

The ballots have been counted, and the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that Miranda Krueger (PIBHS Class of 2012) was elected as the newest member of its Executive Board. A true Put-in-Bay native, Miranda's lifelong passion for boating and her dedication to our island community make her an outstanding addition to the Chamber's leadership team. Miranda is the owner/operator of Put-in-Bay Floating Tiki and a Realtor with Lakefront Living Realty. The Chamber wants to express their deepest gratitude to Sara Booker for her invaluable service during her term. Sara's contributions, particularly her leadership in community events and fundraising, have left a lasting imprint on Put-in-Bay.

Local Boating Regulations Lifted

You might recall last month's front page of the Put-in-Bay Gazette where there was a story about the US Coast Guard safety zone around the Lake Erie Islands and Sandusky Bay. The zone prohibited vessels from traveling through these areas without three days advance permission due to wintertime hazards. The very day the story came out in the Gazette, the restrictions were lifted due to extensive deterioration of ice coverage in the area and current warming trends

Childcare Needs Assessment

Ottawa County would like your help compiling data for a county-wide childcare needs assessment. If you would like to give your input go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/db-kwx5w and complete their survey.

Correction

The ladies in the EMT class would like to clear up something. In the recent competition to reassemble the human anatomy, THEY WON! The PIB Gazette reported that the guys won, but in reality, the

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Island PHoto Op: Guardians of Democracy



By Peter Huston

My father was in the National Guard during WW2, my cousin was on the USS Arizona when it was sunk in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7th, 1942, and my grandfather drove an ambulance on the front lines in Europe during WW1. We all know people from South Bass who have served in Vietnam, Korea and most likely the Middle East. In fact some may be there now.

What they all have in common is their unselfish service to the United States to ensure our democracy and the American way of life. Since we are US Citizens, we are indebted to them for protecting liberty, justice and our constitutional right to vote, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. We should celebrate them and our democracy and our individual right to vote. This right makes us unique among most democratic countries. This process is defended by our local island super heroes I call "Guardians of Democracy".

As you know, primary elections are coming up March 19th and our polling station on South Bass will again be staffed by a small group of island volunteers that give up two days of their personal time for training and one very long day of running the voting precinct at the senior center. A thankless job.

These regular folks are "guardians" of the gateway to participating in our most sacred and cherished duty as US citizens, to vote. You probably know who they are and might not have even given it a second thought but I want to ask you to stop and take a moment to thank them when you vote. They do it with a smile and unpretentious willingness to "defend" our collective American democracy. They are part of a long legacy of local citizens protecting our rights.

Their efforts ensure a fair and legal election result. This basic process is repeated throughout voting precincts in the State of Ohio. Certified votes secured and tabulated by our county elections office and are then sent to Ohio Secretary of State Frank La Rossa's office in Columbus for inclusion in the final State of Ohio results. And even if you vote by mail or in person at the county board of elections, that same level of integrity of your vote must be ensured. Democracy only works if you vote. Be sure to vote.

Republican, Democrat or independent, autocracy and dictatorship are not an option. These unassuming superheroes of democracy are critical to our election process and protecting our rights. If you would like to be one, take the time to sign up, get trained and participate. Sign up at the Ottawa County Elections office.

We stand on the shoulders of important defenders of our constitutional rights. Ohioans like Victoria Clafin Woodhull, from Homer Ohio. Homer is the birth place of the most famous woman you have never heard of. She became one of America's most influential women's voices when she ran for president of the US in 1872 before women had even secured their constitutional right to vote. She went one step further arguing that all Americans have "Constitutional Equality" as citizens to vote. She was the first woman to be invited to speak before Congress on this important topic in 1872. Victoria went on to be part of a vital effort to pass the 19th amendment guaranteeing a woman's right to vote.

As islanders we work together to make our local government succeed. Voting in local, regional and nation elections ensures that this democratic process continues. If early voting is a necessary option, go on 8444 W State Rd, Oak Harbor (8:30am- 5pm Monday through Friday). Mark your calendars, on March 19th be sure to vote and be sure to thank our island "Guardians of Democracy."

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Schnoor & Fuchs Continued from Page 2



This photo shows the ruins of the old Schnoor and Fuchs General Store. The walls had been taken down and the floor had caved into the basement. Lynn Schnoor ended up putting a tall fence around the basement ruins of what had become known as "Lynn's Hole."



Vern Schill, Joe Parker and Mike Span are seen here toasting at the party celebrating the final act of the Schnoor and Fuchs General Store story, Tip Niese's filling in the basement and turning it into a parking lot when he purchased the property in the 1980s. It was a day of joy for the island.

cash sale I must have calculated the sales tax in my head and made change after adding it to the total. There were no printed receipts. I suspect that the register was loaded with a fixed amount of cash each morning and the daily cash received tallied each night. Regular business customers such as the contractors Wulkowicz & Hite or Wa-Li-Ro (usually Reverend Casseta) had credit accounts. Their purchases were written on a slip taken from a 3 x 5 inch order pad. The slip showed the name of the purchaser, the item(s) purchased and the amount of the sale. A carbon copy of the slip was impaled on a six-inch spike and, along with others, collected at the end of the day. They were then sorted by the name of the account holder. On the office wall, at about the height of a chair rail, a row of what appeared to be upside down mouse traps (with the spring at the bottom) captured these slips. Marie Fox would open the trap slightly, insert the new slip(s) and then clamp them by releasing the trap bar. She was the bookkeeper, accountant, paymaster and treasurer for the store and unofficial banker for the island. Remember that the island had no bank and no resident lawyer. The office had a stout safe from which she took salaries and, on occasion, funds for checks cashed at the store. I have been told that legal documents were stored there as well. Perhaps her office was a, if not the, financial center of the island. The office also contained the telephone on which people could call in their grocery orders to be delivered by the truck guy.

If you left the office and turned left to the front of the store you would pass a flight of stairs leading to the basement. The stairs weren't obvious because they were normally flanked by cases of Old Dutch beer stacked against the railing. The dark of the basement was relieved ever so slightly by two tiny patches of light from small front windows and slivers of light from the freight elevator – and the light that came down the stairs. Otherwise, it was big, dark, gloomy and damp. Things stored there – bags of potatoes, cases of beer or soda pop, large cartons of paper goods, cases of cans – were placed on wooden pallets on the floor. Hanging 25-watt light bulbs lit the work tables for glass, screen and lead pipe, but the circles of light did not intersect. A 6' x 8' walk-in cooler close to the staircase cooled cartons of vegetables. My usual access to the basement was the feared freight elevator.

The elevator was propelled and controlled by hand – no electric motor, no brake except the weight of the operator hanging on a 2" diameter rope. The rope allowed a five-foot squarefoot wooden platform to be dropped and raised, usually under the control of the operator who rode on it. Without a load the elevator would normally stay in the up or down position. When the rope was secured and the platform was at store level it could be loaded with light weight cartons of paper goods or too many cases of beer or soda pop. Raising the skinny operator and a heavy load of beer from the basement was not easy, but lowering such a load was scary. To get the hoped-for, controlled descent the operator freed the rope, then hung on to it, both feet off the floor until the platform stopped. And again and again, if the elevator went too fast, it could not be stopped except by the bottom of the shaft. Broken bottles might spill beer on the operator and into the shaft. This did not happen to me, but it was rumored that crashes had occurred.

From 1954 through 1957 I worked at the store every summer. Bill Schnoor retired in 1954 and died in 1955, and Frank Fuchs in retired in 1955 and passed three years later. Each man had owned

the store for more than fifty years. John Galvin, grandfather of John Galvin of B Dock, managed the store in 1956. In 1957, Lynn Schnoor, Bill's son who had retired from Lamson and Sessions in Cleveland, brought changes to the old store. I had a sale advertised with posters in the front windows!

During those summers I also came to know fellow employees Mary Ann Devore, Katherine Duff, Patty Fox, Delores Meyers, Louise Wulkowicz, Shirley Rudy, Gail Seymour and Paula Webster, as well as those mentioned above. I also met Mrs. Gee, the Wa-Li-Ro cook famous for her baked goods, Paul Procnow, last of the SBI lighthouse keepers, Connie Gardner, the barefoot lady from Ballast and the Reverend Casseta who seemed to need short sections of lead pipe bigger on the inside than the outside. So when in 2002 we once again became summer residents I recognized the children and grandchildren of those I knew fifty years earlier at "The Store."

Annie Parker, who came to the islands as a new bride in the late 1940s remembers a bit about Schnoors, the virtual shopping mall of its Day, and a few of the people who worked there.

Harry Schullmeit was the butcher. You pointed out your choices and he weighed it on the big Toledo Scale, tied into a neat package from the rolls of paper and string.

Marie Fox with impeccable manicure and coif presented any monthly charge purchase slips. Paid in full or not your credit was still available. I'm sure those records were charred beyond recognition.

Louise Wulkowicz at checkout could pack your purchases in a paper sack with nary a cubic inch bare. And that sturdy paper had many uses such as protective covers for your school textbooks.

Mrs. John "Sis" Nissen was softly spoken, ever helpful in the south half of the store.

Old Mr. Fuchs, Frank's father, greeted me as a new bride, offering my choice of appliances. I forget which piece of electric cookery I chose.

Others remember the ladders that were used to get stuff off the high shelves, returnable pop bottles stacked out back of the building, where the candy was sold right inside the front door and the soda fountain.

After the fire, much of the debris was cleaned up, but much was left. Lynn built the brick building behind the gaping basement and remaining foundation walls. He called it the Villager. He sold hardware, some of which he salvaged from the burning store. He also operated a bakery. The business was a shadow of what it had been.

Several years went by, and what remained was an empty basement with seeds and small trees growing up in it. About this time, island entrepreneurs were looking to spruce up the island, but Lynn's Hole, as it was now called, remained an eyesore. Some of the island kids even pushed a car into the pit. Paul Ladd might be able to shed light on how Roger Parker's car ended up in the hole. Lynn built a tall, ugly fence around the big hole apparently not giving two hoots about the appearance of his property.

It was a great day, when Tip Niese, the new owner of the old Colonial, bought Lynn out in the mid 1980s. Lynn also sold his home and moved off the island never returning to see the filled-in hole thanks to Tip. It was a joyous occasion when Tip threw a big party to celebrate the end of PIB's worst eyesore and mark the final chapter of the Schnoor and Fuchs General Store story.

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The highly anticipated annual "Chocolate Fest" was held on Saturday, February 10th. There were eight entries submitted and voted on by community members. First place goes to Cheyenne Coon for her delicious Chocolate Cherry Cake Truffles. Kristina McNew earned second place for her Chocolate Heath Candy Bar Cake sprinkled with caramel. Honorable mention goes to Sue Ferguson, Lily and Drew Holcepl, Mark Wilhelm, Heidi Ladd, Dona Mitchell and Valerie Kowalski. Thank you to everyone who baked these delectable treats and to those who took time out of their busy weekend to sample the mouthwatering delights.

Tue., Mar. 5th - 3:30 p.m.: DIY Birdhouses - It's springtime and all our bird friends will be returning. Let's make them a bird house to enjoy. We will paint the pieces and put them together. Due to the limited number of kits, there will be a limit of 15 participants. Must register beginning February 13th online or by calling us at 285-3614.

Thu., Mar. 7th - 4 p.m.: Sit-n-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.

Wed., Mar. 13th - 1 p.m.: Craftaplooza! at the PIB Yacht Club - Were you unable to make one of craft activities in 2023? We have a variety of leftover supplies from many of our craft projects. We thought it would be fun to set them all out for our friends to make on their own. We have at least two or three of each craft to make, some more and some less. We plan on setting up stations at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

Patrons will be able to choose one craft to complete so there is enough for everyone. These are the crafts we will have on hand: Egg Wreath for Easter, Halloween Mesh Wreath, Paint Your Own Tea Towel, Dahlia Book Flowers, Paint Your Own Wine Glass. We are still digging through our supplies so there will probably be others added.

Registration begins February 21st, 2024 at 8 a.m. Online at idarupp.org/calendar or by calling 285-4004. Limit 15 patrons.

Sat., Mar. 16th - 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Story Time - Join us 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.

Tue., Mar. 19th - 3:30 p.m.: Cardboard Engineering - Humans are champions at making things. We thought it would be fun to see what people could design out of cardboard. Can you make a game? Or a car? How about a robot or your favorite animal? We'll have cardboard of various thicknesses to use along with rolls from paper and towels. If you have something specific you want to make, feel free to bring your own cardboard boxes, tubes, etc. We will have a limited supply of scissors and masking tape available. No registration required.

Wed., Mar. 20th - 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. We will be meeting at the Put-in-Bay Yacht Club this month.

Thu., Mar. 21st - 5-6:30 p.m.: Movie Night - 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: Toy Story - approx. 90 minutes - rating G. No registration necessary.

Fri., Mar. 22nd - 11 a.m.: Solar Eclipse Event with Gene Zajac - In conjunction with the Put-in-Bay School, NASA Ambassador Gene Zajac will be on hand to share information about the upcoming total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. Due to limited number of glasses available, each attendee will receive one pair of solar eclipse viewing glasses. No registration required.

Tue., Mar. 26th - 3:30 p.m.: Book Club for Kids in 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.

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Swim/Sail Program Seeks New Board Members

The Put-in-Bay Swim and Sail Program is seeking new board members to help grow its program and continue its mission of improving swimming, sailing and water safety skills for all ages on the island. Whether you're a family member, friend or relative of a past or current swimmer or sailor, if you share the program's mission, you are wanted. Message or text Melissa Fiorilli at (216) 644-7017 for details about joining the program's dedicated team.

Hiring for the 2024 Season?

Put-in-Bay is not just a destination for visitors, but also a place of opportunity for job seekers. If your business is looking to expand your team, the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce is ready to lend a hand. Send them your open positions and they will feature them on their website, connecting you with potential candidates who are ready to dive into island life and work. Simply email your job listings to marketing@visitputinbay.com, and they'll take care of the rest.

April 8th Eclipse

The Lake Erie Islands are directly in the path of the eclipse that will take place on Monday, April 8th. This alignment offers an unobstructed view of the eclipse's full phase, an opportunity that a mere 9% of the American population will experience from their location. This particular eclipse is set to last approximately 4 and a half minutes, making it significantly longer than the average total solar eclipse. Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial will offer a perfect backdrop eclipse viewing. Given the rarity of total solar eclipses in any given location, "A Monumental Eclipse" offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Attendees will be advised on how to safely view the eclipse, with recommendations for eclipse glasses and other viewing methods. Safety is a top priority to ensure everyone can enjoy the event without harm. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

Busy Traveling

Many Island folk were busy traveling this past month. Miranda Krueger and Drew Smercina took in the Pacific Coast Highway. Maria and Miyo Hristovski went skiing in Park City, Utah. Ava Rence from the Goat traveled from St. Croix in the Virgin Islands to Breckinridge, Colorado. John and Patricia Fisher and Dave Schafer, Bob and Andrea Gatewood, Ted and Betsy McCann, Marc Wright, Paula Garsteck, Roger and Joan Rhoad, Kim Morrisson, Jane Market, Carl and Chris Krueger, Jim and Maria Blandino Wehrheim, Dave and Jill Warga, Brian and Justine Cultice were all spotted in the Florida, Keys. Dave and Kat Kaiser-Holscott visited Larnaca, Cyprus. Susan Market from the Dockside shop at the Lime Kiln Dock and Cary Ferguson from Ferguson Gallery in Marblehead traveled to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. One of Dave Schafer's stops this winter was at Old Forester Distilling Co. in Louisville, Kentucky. The Cultice's, Koch's and Rhoad's were on a Western Caribbean Cruise. Jill and Steve Cooks spent time in Belize. Paul Jeris traveled to his 147th country, Tuvalu, a tiny nation in Oceania and the least visited country in the world. Amy and Peter Huston made a stop in Savannah, Georgia while on their way south. Marc Burr and his son Andrew recently traveled to the island of Belize to celebrate Andrew's 32nd birthday and enjoy a little scuba diving. Steve and Sue Prahst from Mikes Drive on East Point enjoyed Little Cayman's undeveloped charm. Little Cayman is one of three islands comprising the Cayman Islands. Scott and Dawn Bellinger were on Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas. Also visiting the Cayman islands were Simona Michael and Kevin Eden. They were aboard a cruise that also stopped in Mexico, Jamaica and The Bahamas. Mark Pillon from East Point was skiing at Zermatt in Switzerland. Joe, Suzanne, El and Lukas Kostura spent time in Sandestin in the Florida Panhandle. Jake and Renee Market, Brian and Justine Cultice, Ryan and Jenni Stoiber, Adam and Johnna Danes, and all of their children took a cruise to Mexico, Honduras and Belize. Also on that cruise were Jordan Market, Teddy Niese, George Stoiber, Karen Goaziou, Linda Mahoney and June Stoiber. Barry and Phoebe Koehler, Andy and Angela Christensen, Kristen and John Scarpelli, and all of their children spent time in Orlando during the school's winter break. Joe and Roberta Scarpelli and their children were also in Florida over winter break.

Listen to Larry

By Larry Schrader

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



LARRY SCHRADER

Excitement! Anticipation! Spring is in the air! This month's Gazette is bursting with news of the new season. Restaurants bars, and businesses, shuttered for months through the cold Winter are planning their opening days. Our Chamber of Commerce, Shores & Islands Ohio, along with local charities, churches, groups and countless organizations have already filled the Summer with a plethora of events to keep cottagers, Islanders and our many visitors busy well through October! There are concerts, festivals, running, racing, regattas, auctions and fundraisers. We have

Bob and Mad Dog, Jelly Roll and Hardy, Porches and Parades – Big Days abound!

I can't wait! But, I have one issue, a problem with one of the events – fortunately, it is not too late to make some changes. It seems that on April 8th, an event dubbed as "The Monumental Eclipse at Put-in-Bay" has been scheduled for a little after three o'clock in the afternoon. Now, let's think about this for a minute – early-April on South Bass Island. Temperatures on our beloved Erie will struggle to reach forty degrees. On land, we could get lucky with temperatures in the sixties, even seventies. But more likely, we'll see something on either side of fifty! Add a little wind to the mix and that is just cold – and no, this is not the kind of event that we can conveniently move indoors under a big tent like Oktoberfest.

More importantly, let us not forget about clouds and rain. An event built around attendees outfitted with special glasses to gaze toward the sun really does not work if old sol is hidden behind clouds, rain, fog, haze and maybe even a few flurries! Going to a solar eclipse without the sun is kind of like going to watch the Kansas City Chiefs and not getting a look at Taylor Swift – what's the point?

And there are other issues besides the weather. Most cottagers do not open up for the year until sometime in April, in fact, many are still cocooned in their Winter residences down South! Personally, I hope to be up and running with functional plumbing and a little heat by late-March, but frozen pipes or an unseasonal snow could push my plans well into April. What fun is any Island event without an enthusiastic group of cottagers?

April 8th is a Monday. Most of the real world will be at work, saving their vacation time for the warm Summer – a time when they can breeze around in a golf cart, sip a mojito at one of our outdoor bars, toss some rocks at the stone beach or hike along one of our many natural trails. Many will be busy finalizing their Income Taxes before the deadline on the fifteenth. Certainly it is not an ideal day to slip along an icy dock and jump aboard a ferry to scoot across an angry lake!

So, join me, before it is too late – we still have over a month. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Shores & Islands Ohio, the National Park Service, the mayor, a councilman, whoever picked this crazy date: Let's come together and agree to move this eclipse celebration to July. Pick a day, any day in July will be better than a cloudy, cold, rainy Monday in April! I guarantee, attendance at a July eclipse will most certainly "eclipse" the sparse crowds we are likely to attract in April.

I'm told this will not happen again until 2099! Let's not blow it! Join me, let's move the eclipse – to leave it in April would be a Monumental Mistake!

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- January – January 4th
- February – February 1st
- March – March 4th
- April – April 1st
- May – May 2nd
- June – May 30th
- July – July 1st
- August – August 1st
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- 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!

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NOTICES FROM THE VILLAGE OF PUT-IN-BAY



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PIB TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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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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Those interested in participating in the Township's zoning regulations and planning should email a letter of interest to fiscalofficer@pibtownship.com or drop off at the Put-in-Bay Township Office, 624 Trenton Ave.

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Happy Birthday to Mike Riley from Tiffin who turns 80 on March 26th, Mike, seen here second from right in the backrow, enjoys coming to Put-in-Bay where he visits family and enjoys the special wine tasting events at the Reel Bar. Mike is also distantly related by marriage to the late Chick Linker, a prominent island businessman in the 40s to 60s. Standing left to right are Mike's grandson Dylan Riley, daughter-in-law Acka Riley who works at the Goat, step grandson Aiden Bame, Adam Riley, step grandson Jarrett Bame, Mike and his wife Michele Riley. In the front are Mike's son-in-law Erik Bame and daughter Sara Bame.

Milestones

ENGAGED Sheldon Stonerook and Katie Regan

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Sheldon Stonerook & Katie Regan

Sheldon Stonerook, PIBHS Class of 2009, says the rumors are true about becoming engaged to Katie Regan from New Hampshire on February 8th. Sheldon was one of the last two students to attend school on North Bass Island before heading to high school on Put-in-Bay. Sheldon, who worked summers at the Boardwalk running the water taxi, and Katie are both air traffic controllers at Boston Air Traffic Control Center. The couple calls New Hampshire home.

MARRIED William Sulesky, III and Alexandria Smith



William Sulesky & Alexandria Smith

Congratulations to William Sulesky, III and Alexandria Smith who were married on January 6th at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The couple reside in Reno, NV where Alexandria is a Project Engineer with Tesla Corporation and William is a Packaging Engineering Consultant with B3 Solutions, Inc. William is the son of Bill and Patty Sulesky from East Point and Alexandria is the daughter of Eric and Laura Smith from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The couple honeymooned on the island of Hawaii and Kauai in early February.

OBITUARIES Bob Russell



Bob Russell

Longtime East Point resident Robert T. "Bob" Russell passed away February 3rd, 2024. On July 27th, 1935, Bob was born at home (hospital births were a fancy thing during the depression). Bob was one of five boys and had 2 sisters. Like his brothers, he had a Plain Dealer paper route and, when he was old enough, Bob joined the string of brothers at Dairymen's dairy. Bob worked on the line, and was known to pull bottles of cream or chocolate milk right off the line and drink the whole thing. By middle school, he'd found the love of his life, the lovely Nancy Watters. When his mom came to Emerson Junior High School for an open house, Bob called out, "Look mom. Look Mom. There's my girl!" And he never had anyone else. After attending Ohio State University, including taking classes on Gibraltar Island, Bob married Nancy and they had five children and made their home in Lakewood,

Ohio, not far from where they grew up. Bob stayed busy by working at LTV Steel for over 30 years, volunteering at Grace Presbyterian Church, and spending time at Nancy's family cottage on South Bass Island. When he retired, Bob and Nancy rebuilt the summer cottage into a year round house and made the island their home. Bob was an avid gardener. In January 2001, after the Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy had just been formed, Bob Russell came to their board meeting and asked then to take a look at the property across from his home on East Point. It was a big project, but he was persuasive! Bob soon joined the board and helped with the creation of what is now the Scheeff East Point Preserve. He and his wife, Nancy, were frequent volunteers, as was their granddaughter Molly Domer. He helped get the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center open that first year as well. Bob remained on our board until his retirement and was still on the LEIS Advisory Council. He often came to visit at the bird banding station, purple martin nest boxes and other projects across the street. Although unable to read our emails or newsletter because of his poor eyesight, he would want to know all about our latest projects and continued to offer advice and encouragement. Members of the LEIC who worked with Bob over the years will miss Bob's sense of humor and constant support of their projects. He was known for his sense of humor and love of music (he played banjo, ukulele and even started a kazoo band). Bob was the beloved husband of the late Nancy W., (nee Watters), his parents, Ralph and Eva Erndt Russell; loving father of Robert A. (Linda), William L. (Karen), Cathleen N. (John Domer) of Put-in-Bay, Bret K. - deceased and D. Bruce - deceased (Sharon); grandfather of 13 including Molly Domer (PIBHS Class of 2013); and great grandfather of 13, brother John (Tina), Lenna Landers (Ben) and of the late Ralph (June), Eleanor Fitzgerald (Hugh), Jim (Pat), David (Elizabeth). If you would like to honor Bob with a memorial donation, the family requests that they be made to Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) at PO Box 461 or Put-in-Bay EMS at PO Box 401, both at Put-in-Bay, OH 43456.

Lynne Zura

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Lynne E. Zura, 82, of Put-in-Bay, passed away Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, Ohio. She was born December 29th, 1941, in Garrettsville, Ohio to Joseph and Elizabeth "Betty" (Hart) Disrude. Betty was the superintendent at Perry's Monument. Lynne was a 1960 graduate of Put-in-Bay High School. On November 9th, 1963, she married Daniel J. "Zorro" Zura at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Lynne retired from the Fremont City Schools in 2006 where she was the school secretary at Atkinson Elementary. Dan was a science teacher at Fremont Junior High School which allowed the couple to spend their summers at their home on Put-in-Bay. Dan passed away in 2007. Upon retirement, Lynne took the opportunity to travel to some of her favorite places including Italy, the Mediterranean, Costa Rica, the Mexican Riviera, Napa Valley, New England, Nova Scotia, and Alaska. She loved flower gardening, rock collecting, watching and feeding birds, reading, and driving her 1929 Model A around the island, but most of all her three grandchildren were her pride and joy. Her zest for life, smile, infectious laughter, and sense of humor will forever be remembered. Lynne always brought lively fun to any occasion. She will be dearly missed. Surviving are her daughters Leanne (Carl) Harrison of Kent, OH, Allison Zura Wright of Put-in-Bay, OH; grandchildren Emma Harrison, Zoe Zura, and Elias Wright; sister Anne Disrude, Jersey City, NJ; sisters-in-law, Susan Moxley, Huron, OH, Diane Disrude, Willis, TX, brother-in-law Richard Zura, Bayview, OH, nieces and nephews Laura (James) Vidler, Michael (Benito) Disrude, Mathew Disrude, Michael (Lisa) Moxley, and her beloved fuzzy friend Leo. She is preceded in death by her parents Betty and Joe, husband Daniel, son Mark, brother Steve Disrude, and brother-in-law Edward Moxley. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date when the sun shines warm and the flowers bloom. Memorial donations in Lynne's name may be made to Back to the Wild, 4504 Bardshar Rd, Castalia, OH 44824.



Lynne Zura

Tom Taylor

Tom Taylor, 74, of Monclova, OH, passed away peacefully Sunday, February 18th, 2024, with his family by his side. He was born in Caro, MI, on December 13th, 1949, to Alger Bennett and Virginia Ruth (Wolters) Taylor and was a graduate of Grandview Heights High School in 1968. As a teenager, Tom spent several summers on Put-in-Bay with his best friend Ralph Mussehl whose grandfather had a home on Bath St. Tom and Ralph set pins at the old Colonial bowling alley, fished off the Monument seawall, rode bikes down the Castle Inn hill, became friends with Otto Herbster, hiked along the shoreline completely around the island, got locked in the restrooms at the Monument one night, and witnessed Dick Powers blasting the rock for the pool at the BayTel hotel he built where the BayShore Resort is now located. Tom was married to Rhoda Barnes on August 4th, 1979, and spent 44 years together. Tom's hobbies included anything outdoors but mostly fishing, as well as boating, working on cars, and telling stories to whomever would listen. Tom loved visiting the cabin in Mio, MI as much as possible in which he helped his Dad and Grandfather build as a kid. For work, Tom started Adohr Corp in 1982, a General Contracting company, where he was involved in many different types of construction projects including fast-food, retail, healthcare, education, and government. The company also did work at Stone Lab and on Peach Point for Ohio State University. Among Tom's survivors are his wife, Rhoda Taylor; five children including Jackie Taylor of Put-in-Bay; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Toledo Clinic Cancer Center or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of Tom's brave battles.



Tom Taylor

Al Lentz

Allen N. Lentz, 83, Sandusky, passed away Friday, February 23rd, 2024, in the Stein Hospice Care Center. He was born in Sandusky on April 3rd, 1940, to the late Elmer and Meta (Amolsch) Lentz and was a 1958 graduate of Sandusky High School. Allen worked for 20 years at A&P in Sandusky and Port Clinton, and also worked for many years for Tip Niese in the old Colonial building at Put-in-Bay. When the Colonial burned in 1988, he was the last person to leave the burning building. Al loved bowling in the Citizens Classic League for many years, playing softball on Put-in-Bay, watching the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Guardians, and the Cleveland Browns. Allen was former President of the Sandusky Eagles, loved traveling, cruises, feeding his birds and squirrels, but most of all spending time with his grandkids and family. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Stimmel) Lentz, to whom he was married 61 years; daughters, Cheryl (Jeffrey) Linkenbach, Michelle (Harry) Drury, and Shelly (Darrell) DeQuichi; grandchildren, Tiffany (Adam) Righi, Joshua (Leslie) Drury, Hollie Segee, Luciano DeQuichi, Dominic DeQuichi, and D'Angelo DeQuichi; eleven great-grandchildren; sisters, Diane Lenke and Peggy (Fred) Sanchez; brother, Elmer (Virginia) Lentz; and best friends, Jerry and Larry Lizzi. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Erica Alley; sister, Sandra LeBlanc and Karen Fox. Memorial contributions in Allen's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to one's favorite charity. Condolences may be made to the family by visiting toffuneralhome.com.



Al Lentz

Charles Reed

Charles K. Reed, of Middleburg Heights, OH passed away on Friday, February 16th, 2024, at the age of 54 in Fort Lauderdale, FL on his way home from a four-week vacation in Mexico. He grew up in Troy, MI and after college moved to Grove City and ultimately to Middleburg Heights, OH. He attended the University of Southern California and Franklin University. Chuck worked as a web designer and overall computer guy. Also known as Chuckie Boom Boom, he worked on Put-in-Bay for many, many years in a variety of jobs. He was also a longtime Marriott mystery shopper and traveled around the country and beyond. In the past he had been involved in the Jaycees and the Freemasons. Chuck was an avid Michigan football fan. Go Blue! In May of 2021, he was diagnosed with a terminal disease. He decided he was going to live life to the fullest and chose to travel the world. He spent much of his time in Phuket, Thailand and the surrounding areas along with visiting many other countries. He is preceded in death by his father Richard (1993), mother Susan (2021) and his beloved dog Heika. He is survived by his amazing sister, Stephanie Reed, and niece, Ashlee Reed. Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on April 19, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. There will also be a celebration of life service at Mr. Ed's on April 20th, 2024 at 2 p.m. on Put-in-Bay. (Mention this if you are booking a hotel at the Commodore Resort.) Please reach out to Stephanie Reed on Facebook (@stashlee) with any fun stories or memories.



Chuck Reed

Stephanie Reed, and niece, Ashlee Reed. Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on April 19, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. There will also be a celebration of life service at Mr. Ed's on April 20th, 2024 at 2 p.m. on Put-in-Bay. (Mention this if you are booking a hotel at the Commodore Resort.) Please reach out to Stephanie Reed on Facebook (@stashlee) with any fun stories or memories.

Ted McCann

Theodore W. "Ted" McCann, 89 of Put-in-Bay, OH died Monday, February 26, 2024 at Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, OH. Ted was the longtime owner of Ted's Tackle Shop. A full obituary will be printed in the April issue. Arrangements are planned for a date to be announced in April. Neidecker, Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Ted McCann



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The David Kniffen (PIBHS Class of 1997) family read the PIB Gazette on a Bourbon Street balcony during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Left to right are Dave, Donnie, Joey and Connie Kniffen.



David and Kat Holscott from Mitchell Rd. read the Put-in-Bay Gazette by the moat in front of the Pafos Castle in Paphos, Cyprus.

Senior Center News

By Chris Joyce

Welcome to March! Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time arrives on Sunday, March 10th, and the first day of Spring is on the 19th!

During the month of February, the PIB Seniors had a great time cheering on our favorite teams during our "Snack & Super Bowl" Tailgate Social. We also enjoyed spending some intergenerational time with a couple of the PIB preschoolers and a "Senior Social" at Topsy's.

In March, we have a couple extra activities scheduled:

- Tue., March 5th, at 5:30 p.m.: Soup & Show evening.
- Tue., March 26th at 5 p.m.: Senior Social at Topsy's.
- Wed., March 27th, at 10 a.m. the Ottawa County EMA presentation on the upcoming solar eclipse.

We have a bit of everything going on here at the Center! Our regular activities include: Aerobic Dance, Strength Training, Coffee Socials (with free coffee and munchies), Mah Jongg and Bridge. Check out the calendars posted at the Senior Center, Post Office, Hardware Store, IGS and the Twp. Office. Any last-minute additional events or changes to scheduled events will be posted at the Post Office. The Put-in-Bay Senior Center is always looking for more people to participate in our activities, so please feel free to stop by and join us anytime.

Tues. March 19th: No Scheduled activities as the facility will be in use for Election Day. Voting hours: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Our Senior Lunches continue every Monday at Topsy's at noon. Please make your reservation by 12 p.m. on the prior Friday by signing up at the Senior Center or calling the center at (419) 285-5501. It is important to let Topsy's kitchen know the lunch count by noon the Friday before so they can plan accordingly for our Senior Lunches! A very special "Thank-You" goes out to the staff at Topsy's for keeping the Senior Lunches running smoothly!

The EMS continues to take Blood Pressures every Monday at 10 a.m. during the Coffee Social hour. Feel free to get yours checked, as this is a great service that they provide. 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 and is held at the Senior Center every third Tuesday of the month, this makes travel easier and saves you time and money. Due to the Senior Center being used for the Primary Election, the date for March's 60+ Clinic has been changed to Thursday, March 21st. 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 Senior Center wishes everyone a sunny warm March as we officially welcome Spring!

Scheeff East Point Preserve Shoreline Restoration and Park Closure Update

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District anticipates construction to kick off at its Scheeff East Point Preserve this spring, which will result in the temporary closure of the Scheeff East Point Preserve Park. The end of Columbus Ave. (State Route 357), a popular summertime turnaround and hangout spot, will also be closed during construction and the last public turnaround point will be the Massie Cliffside Preserve parking lot, which is also on Columbus Ave. Signs will be posted accordingly during the park and road closures.

The purpose of this project is to restore the Scheeff East Point Preserve shoreline, which has experienced severe coastal erosion resulting in significant land and habitat loss. The Park District and its contractors will be implementing a nature-based restoration project, which will stabilize the eroding shoreline with natural materials, while also improving habitat for a variety of fish, bird and other native species.

The Scheeff East Point Preserve park and road closures will be temporary and they will reopen as soon as construction work is completed. The Park District anticipates construction to commence in March and be completed by June; however, the exact construction schedule will vary based upon the timing of the receipt of the final permits. Updates regarding the park and road closure timeframes will be located on the Park District webpage, which is www.putinbayparks.com. We appreciate your understanding and support during this closure and we look forward to providing Put-in-Bay residents and visitors with an improved park setting once the project is completed.

This shoreline restoration project is being funded grants from three different sources: a National Coastal Resilience Fund grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), and an Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The ODNR Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant also funded the improvements to Deist Road on Middle Bass Island through a collaboration between Put-in-Bay Township and the Park District.

Captain...Ahoy!

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



PAUL BOLDEN

Sea State

The Sea State report is paused until the Spring of 2024.

Put-in-Bay 2024 Boating Season (Part 1)

Having concluded our Put-in-Bay Maritime Academy for the off-season, it's time to turn our attention to spring launch and getting our vessels ready for the boating season. The point of this series of articles is to offer boating advice specific to the needs of our community which can and often does differ from the needs of other maritime communities. Please note that these articles are not a replacement for a safe boating

class provided by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, so please consider taking one if you already have not.

To get us started here is what I'll call the pre-check to your pre-check. It is an unofficial list of things to consider.

1) How many life jackets will you need this season? Are your current life jackets in good serviceable condition (e.g. clean and free of mildew)? If you occasionally have boating guests, will you have enough life jackets for everyone? Will you be having children on board, and if so, do you have the proper size jackets for them?

2) If you are required to have fire extinguishers, do you have the proper number? If it has an indicator gauge is it in the green? Whether or not it is in the green, if the extinguisher is over ten years old, it should be replaced. Look on the label for the date. Sometimes it's a two digit stamp on the bottom of the canister.

3) Check last year's med kit. Make sure that none of the medicines have expired.

4) Do you need to renew your ODNR boat registration?

5) Do you need to order new nautical charts? Old charts are better than no charts, but new charts are better than old charts as information on nautical charts does change.

6) Examine the condition of your lines. They don't last forever.

7) Check your fenders for proper inflation as they may have lost some air from being stored over the Winter.

8) Do a hull check for cracks, delamination or badly faded bottom paint.

9) Create a spare parts and additional items list and fill it. Consider such items as spare navigation light bulbs, extra set of keys, flash light, binoculars, alternator belts, spark plugs, oil, extra drain plug, gear lube, sunglasses, sunscreen and so forth.

10) Sign up for a safe boating class.

This list should help you to get started with things that you can do before you put your boat in the water. A kind of pre-start if you will. Over the next couple of issues we will continue to get you Ship Shape for this year's boating season on the islands.

A Final Word About Ice Fishing

In last month's article, you may have seen that Coast Guard Station Marblehead along with other agencies rescued a group of people stranded on an ice floe off of Catawba Island. It would be my guess that ice fishing is probably done for the season, however if conditions should change and you feel that such changes warrant venturing out on the ice, please utilize the utmost care. Refer back to our ice fishing edition for safety protocols. Never assume the stability of the ice without the necessary due diligence.

Island Residents

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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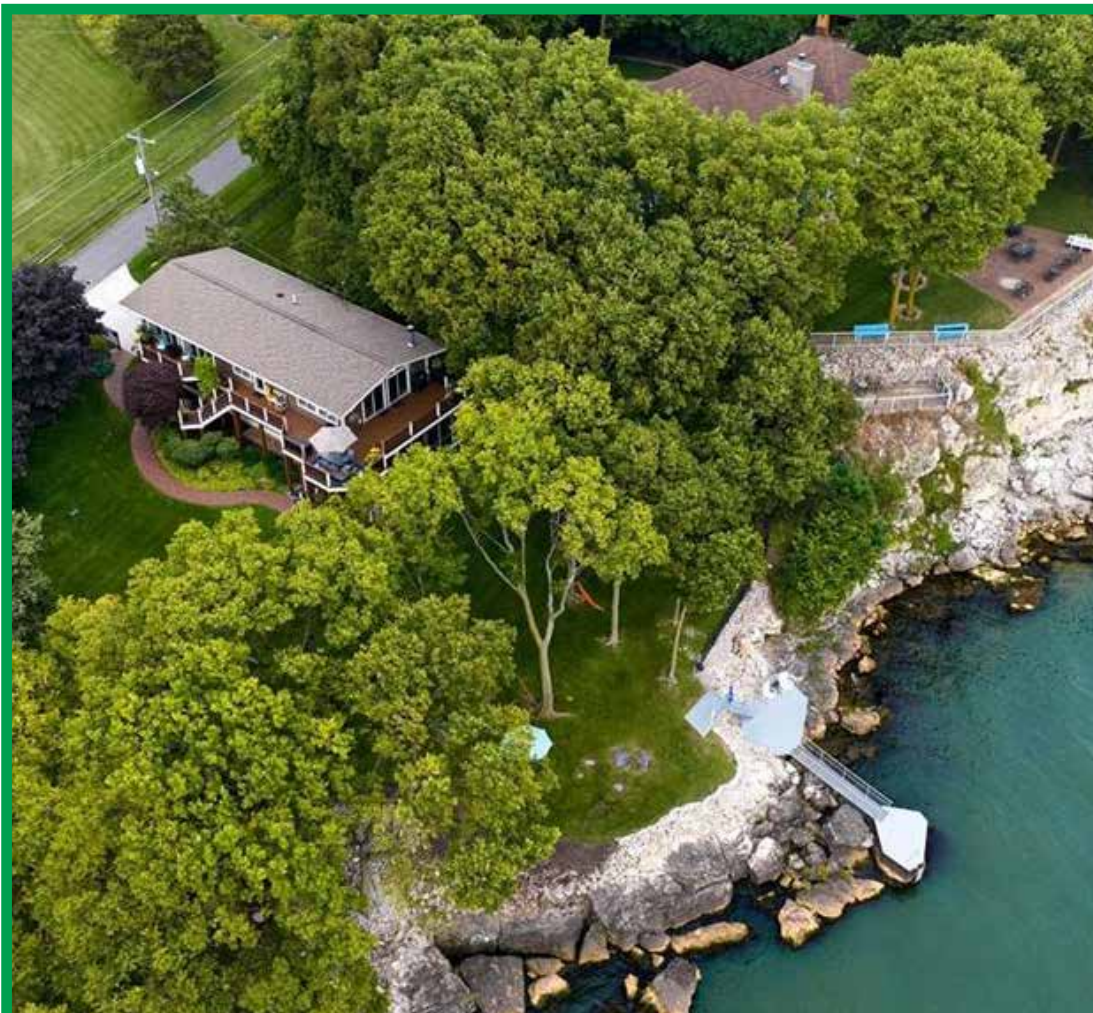



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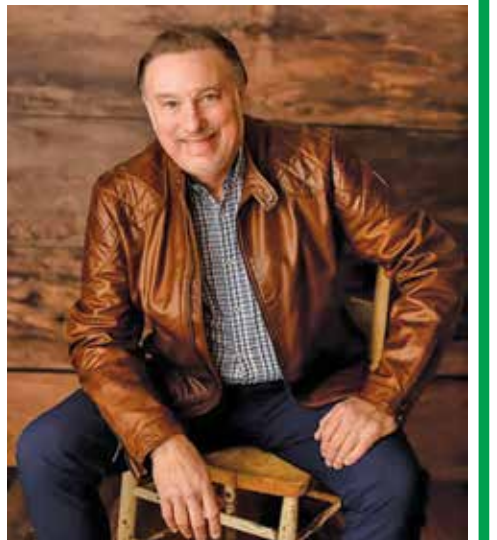


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A number of Put-in-Bay summer residents gathered for lunch at Houlihans in Westlake Oh to say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024.



The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office recently introduced to its force its new K-9, Storm. Storm will partner with his handler, Deputy Gary Allred. According to a statement from the sheriff's office, Storm is a dual-purpose K-9 trained in patrol work and narcotic detection. Storm, who was born two years ago and imported from Jessen, Germany. They will be patrolling Put-in-Bay and the upper islands.

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Kelleys Island News

By Leslie Korenko
An Odd Winter!

What an odd winter. No snow, hardly any freezing temperatures and no ice. Near the end of January we had seven days of fog, resulting in four days of no mail and no planes.

Then we had freezing fog and no mail or planes. There were roving fog banks everywhere. Finally on February 17th, we had measurable snowfall, about two inches. As we approach the end of February, we await news of the ferry start date. The ice is gone, Red Wing Blackbirds are back and it sounds like spring.



LESLIE KORENKO

We cautiously open some windows for a breath of fresh air. Vacations are ending as people return from warmer climates and it looks like many Island businesses will be opening up early this year in anticipation of the big Eclipse event on April 8th.

Complains About Gunfire

There have been a lot of complaints about gunfire this last month. Village Code section 137.08 states (A) It shall be unlawful to discharge any cannon, pistol, or other firearm of any kind within the village between September 15th and May 1st [except for hunting, and charity events authorized by the chief of Police by permit]. And (B) Target shooting with firearms shall only be permitted between the hours of 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. every day of the week provided that the target area is approved by the Chief of Police.

How did we do last year?

Library usage is up a bit: Adult circulation=1380; Children's circulation=480 (total 1860) and 656 new items were added to the collection. Resort tax receipts for 2023 were \$507,280.23. This was computed on \$33,818,666 in taxable sales. It was a very good year for Island businesses. Ten years ago, in 2013, taxable income was just \$10,205,733.

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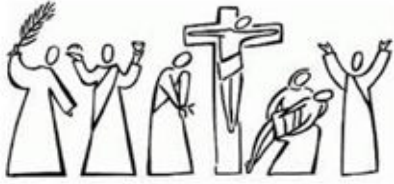
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Holy Week Eucharist
Wednesday at 6 PM:
Holy Week Eucharist
Thursday, March 28, 6 PM:
The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
7 PM – Midnight: Watch over the Reserved Sacrament
Friday, March 29, 12 PM:
The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday March 30, 10 AM:
The Liturgy of Holy Saturday
Sunday, March 31, Easter Day
7:15 AM: Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Oak Point St. Park
10:30 AM: Festive Eucharist, at the Church
6 PM: Evening Eucharist, at the Church
Monday-Friday, April 1-5 at 6 PM:
Easter Week Holy Eucharist
Saturday, April 6, 10 AM: Easter Saturday Holy Eucharist
Sunday, April 7, 10:30 AM: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

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10:30 AM: Orientation and Morning Prayer
11 AM: First Reflection
11:20 AM: Quiet Time
12 PM: Check In, Midday Prayer
12:30 PM: Lunch
1:15 PM: Second Reflection
1:30 PM: Quiet Time
2 PM: Check in
2:30 PM: Bus to viewing site
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Port Authority News

The Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority would like to thank all who voted to support the Port Authority Tax Levy. The Board works diligently to use the local tax dollars efficiently for all 3 Bass Island Airports.

The Port Authority has received the Grant from the FAA. The project timeline start date of March 25th, 2024, weather permitting and to allow Miller Ferry to start their 2024 running season. The terminal has asbestos that needs abatement before the demolition of the existing terminal. The abatement will begin March 18th, 2024, again weather permitting. The contractor AA Boos will prepare the site for demolition, excavation, foundation, and construction. The terminal will be completed by September 29th, 2024, and will be operational and functional by Oct. 25th, 2024.

There is a mobile office already positioned at the airport as the temporary terminal and Port Authority office. The phone number will remain 419-285-3371. If you have business with the Port Authority, please come to the mobile office. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Port Authority has approved the construction of a pole building next to the Langram Road hangar. It should be almost completed before the new terminal construction starts. It will be used for temporary guest pilot check-in during construction of the new terminal and Island Air Taxi will lease space in the building for their operation.

The Port Authority requests that all vehicles parked around the terminal to please have them move before March 10th, 2024, due to the construction of the terminal.

Contact the Port Authority if you have any questions.



Here's an architectural rendition of the new terminal that is going to be built at the Put-in-Bay Airport.

AmeriCorps Intern For The Island

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. We have had great experiences with our interns bringing new ideas and fresh faces to our programs in the summer. We have had a great internship program starting with Colleen O'Brien in 2011 and including Leah Bilski, Carmen Levand, Jackie Taylor, Chloe Nostrant, Jenna Prahst, Samantha Newhouse, Emma Young, Olive O'Rourke-Scherf, Regan Monnett, Kenneth McArtor, and Adrianna Burghardt. Each brought their special talents and left us with finished projects we now enjoy! The intern goes back with a new appreciation of our island resources.

We are looking for applicants for this AmeriCorps Environmental Steward Intern for the summer of 2024. It is a ten week program working a minimum of 30 hours per week. Interns are provided a stipend of \$600 weekly and a Segal Educational Award of \$1,459.26 at the completion of the internship-to be used for qualified student loans or tuition. The intern will work on projects like trail maintenance, invasive plant management, grant writing, design of signs and brochures, social media, wildlife and plant surveys, nest box monitoring, etc. for the Conservancy and the Park District depending on the skill set of the intern. For the LEINWC, the intern can assist with tours, Wild Tuesday, Nature Camp, exhibits, community events and outreach. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. Preference is given to university students but a high school education is all that is required to use the education award. It is preferred to have island housing. If interested, contact Lisa Brohl at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. To take a look at the Appalachian Conservation Corps Internship program, go to their website at www.appalachiancc.org/individualplacements. To apply contact Lisa Brohl at the 419-366-2087, leiconservancy@gmail.com or visit <http://tinyurl.com/ameriCorp2024>.

We are looking for donations toward this great program as well! 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 but 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.

This & That

If you want to experience the solar eclipse on one of the Lake Erie Islands on April 8th, you have a big decision to make. Put-in-Bay will experience totality for 3 minutes and 18 seconds. Kelleys Island will be 3 minutes and 31 seconds. Which island will you pick to be on?

Based on 2023 property tax rates being used for the bills due in 2024, properties in the Shaker Square area of Cleveland, which includes the Shaker Heights schools, have the highest residential property taxes at \$3,989 per \$100,000 of property value, an increase of \$131 from the year before. In contrast, some of the lowest average property taxes can be found in Put-In-Bay and Kelleys Island where the tax rate is below \$1,500.

We enjoyed listening to the Shores & Islands Shore Line podcast that featured David Bianchi from Miller Boat Line on February 19th.

The Anchor Inn Boutique Hotel garnered a 2024 Traveller Review Reward from its guests. Congrats!

There's going to be an Eclipse viewing at the Lonz Winery Park Patio. Take Miller Ferry to Middle Bass Island to watch the Eclipse There will be food and beverages available at the Island Grind and Prohibition Bar.

This past month there was chatter on social media about a deer on Put-in-Bay with a clear plastic cone type thing on his head? We're waiting to see if anyone knows if the deer got it off.

According to WorldAtlas.com, Put-in-Bay is one of the 11 Friendliest Towns in Ohio.

We didn't realize it, but this year marks the 50th anniversary of Founder's Day at Put-in-Bay. This year the event will take place on June 15th.

When entertainer Toby Keith passed away recently, it brought back memories of when he performed at Put-in-Bay's first Bash on the Bay in 2017.

South Bass Island State Parks offers four sites that are ADA compatible. Sites 23, 25, 41 and 42. Each site comes with an extra wide pad, ADA compliant picnic table and grill. In addition to those four sites, each shower house has an ADA restroom that is completely private.

South Bass Island State Park also reports its most popular sites are the full-hookup ones for RV and trailer customers. These sites come with 50, 30 and 20-amp electrical connections along with potable water hook up and black water hook ups. Reservations can be made at reserveohio.com or by calling (866) 644-6727. As with all our sites reservations can be made six months in advance at 7 a.m.

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