



PICTURE PERFECT PETS OF TROPIC ISLES EDITION

In this issue, you will see just a few of the many pets who reside in pet-friendly Tropic Isles.



Home of the Month



After the repairs from Hurricane Irma were completed, the home of Hank and Leslie Vitan at 335 Terra Ceia Dr. has taken on a new look. Congratulations on being chosen as July's "Home of the Month"!

POT LUCK – July 11



Details inside!

July 4th Party



Details inside!

~~ Thought For The Day~~
Don't let anyone dull your sparkle!

Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw



You may recognize these friendly faces. They are **John and Cindi Myers** at 374 Bimini Dr. from Kokomo, IN. John and Cindi have been coming down to this area for quite a few years to visit John's parents who lived in Bradenton. In later years, when his parents needed

more help, John and Cindi agreed to move down and help out. At the beginning, John and Cindi lived on their sailboat in Twin Dolphin Marina. Years later, they drove around the area, checked the paper and Craig's list for places to rent, and found Tropic Isles. They have been coming down to Tropic Isles as renters for the past 4 years before making the decision to purchase a place of their own. They keep their 25' sailboat on Grand Lake, OH where they spend their time in the summer.

John worked as an electrical engineer for 39 years at Delco Electronics. Cindi is a registered occupational nurse and worked in OB/GYN for 28 years. She continues to work as a contract health nurse for Fiat/Chrysler.

John and Cindi have two children—Travis (36) who lives in Indiana and Allison (30) who lives in Vancouver, WA. Their first grandchild was born in May.

The Myers enjoy sailing (of course), biking, and kayaking. Cindi volunteers at the local thrift store and attends water aerobics in the park. Please continue to make Cindi and John feel right at home here in Tropic Isles.



I'd like to introduce you to our full-time neighbor, **Greg Hasko**, at 37 Montego Dr. Greg is from Ballstom Lake, NY, but most recently has lived in Sarasota for the past nine years. He decided to downsize and started searching for places on Craig's list where he came upon the lot for sale

on Montego Dr. It was perfect for him! He could live there and travel cross-country in his bus when the travel bug struck him. He shares him home with his 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old cat, Sophia, who was too shy to join us for a picture.

Greg is a contractor/handyman by trade and has embarked on a new venture—building tiny homes. He loves to bike, fish, boat, and ride his motorcycle when he isn't creating things with his hands. Please give a warm welcome to Greg and Sophia!

Summer Happenings



Captain Frank Lord and mate, John Myers (both from Bimini Drive) completed the "line-crossing" ceremony in their Tropic Isles T-shirts! The ceremony is an initiation rite that commemorates a sailor's first crossing of the Equator and involves a sacrifice to King Neptune. (Rum in this case.) They now both belong to the elite group of "Trusty Shellbacks".



The Red Hatters ran the summer Saturday Coffee Hour for 2 weeks in June. Seen here are Queen, Anna Antonacci, and Assistant Queen, Shirley Clarkson, singing for their coffee!



Everyone should own a hat like this one!



Twelve residents are seen here on Thirsty Thursday enjoying a beautiful night cheering on the Marauders.



Linda Sugg celebrated her 70th birthday in May by skydiving in Plant City. She was high all day experiencing about 60 seconds of free fall, jumping out at 14,000 ft. What a birthday that was!



Bimini Dr. residents gathered to celebrate Tom Hennessy's birthday. Seen here with Tom and Pam Hennessy are Don and Marybeth Stotts, Gary and Vickie Rease, Jim Kelly and Myshell Benberg, John and Pat Brazil, and Sharon Schumann. Happy birthday, Tom!

The first-of-the-summer Pot Luck and a Movie was well-attended by 60+ residents in June. Good food, fun, and the movie was enjoyed by all.



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The summer office hours are from 9:00 AM to 12:00 and 1-3 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 PM. Other than office hours, your call will be forwarded to an (live) answering service. You may call the regular office phone number at any hour of the day or night for urgent matters. For emergencies, dial 911.

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Letter From The Editor

Patriotism—What Is It?

Patriotism is defined by Webster's Dictionary as:

Love of country; devotion to the welfare of one's country; the virtues and actions of a patriot; the passion which inspires one to serve one's country.

Many think of patriotism as a natural and appropriate expression of attachment to the country in which we were born and raised and of gratitude for the benefits of life on its soil, among its people, and under its laws. They also consider patriotism an important component of our American identity.

Patriotism is **not** love of country, if by "country" you mean scenery. Almost every country has pretty collections of rocks, water, and stuff that people grow and eat. Surely, patriotism cannot mean giving one's life for a river or a mountain range.

Patriotism is **not** blind trust in anything our leaders tell us or

Patriotism is **not** simply showing up to vote.

Waving the flag or standing for the pledge of allegiance can be an outward sign of patriotism. While it's always fitting to mourn those who lost their lives simply because they resided on American soil, that too does not define patriotism.

Anyone can show patriotism by donating to our troops, celebrating homecomings of our soldiers, celebrating the Fourth of July, and even wearing T-shirts! When people show patriotism, this is them showing love, devotion, and dedication to their country.

People in every country and in all times have expressed feelings of something we call "patriotism," but that just begs the question. What is it, anyway?

Call it freedom. Call it liberty. Call it whatever you want, but it's the basis on which this nation was founded. It's what has defined us as Americans. It makes life worth living, which means it's worth fighting and dying for.

Patriotism is the love of country and willingness to sacrifice for it. Patriotism is in all our hearts. We may not always know it until the call comes upon us. Patriotism brings out compassion, courage, work ethics, and bravery in us all.

The definition of patriotism cannot be defined by a dictionary, but by people. From America's Founding Fathers to today's courageous men and women of our military serving in Afghanistan and other places around the world, this thing known as patriotism fills our hearts with the will to protect freedom.

Patriotism has the word "patriot" inside it. "Patriot" means a person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against its enemies. A patriot is any man, woman, or child who is prepared to defend their country. I personally think that patriotism is the best thing a country can have, citizens who love their country to such ends they would lay down their life to save it. It is a genuine love for, caring, and understanding of their country, and a willingness to sacrifice for, be appreciative of, and thankful for our great nation.



We celebrate our nation's birthday on July 4th! Let us take time to remember why we do!



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Summer Co-Op Board Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium. Summer Co-op Board meetings will be announced as necessary. If a Board meeting is needed, one will be scheduled on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM, if possible.

Milly Sumler, Co-op President

A Personal Story of Inspiration and Hope

Jack and Joanne Miller retired about 20 years ago, spending time between their upstate New York home and a home in Tropic Isles. He worked hard to earn these "golden years" when he could spend more time with his wife, help neighbors with various projects, and thoroughly enjoy his favorite pastime—



fishing. Everything changed Christmas morning in 2012 when Jack woke up to find a black spot blocking ¾ of his right eye's vision. It progressed steadily, and by the next morning, he had lost most of the remaining sight in that eye.

Jack was diagnosed with a rare condition in which the eye's nerves mistakenly tell the brain that the retina doesn't need blood. With no oxygen-rich blood reaching the retina's light-sensitive cells, the cells suffocated and died. His vision loss was permanent. Feeling disheartened, Jack withdrew from everything he once loved. He made some attempts to cope and adjust on his own, but he was quickly overcome with frustration. He couldn't see the tv, so he didn't watch football anymore. The stove and microwave buttons weren't readable, so he avoided the kitchen. Sadly, when he couldn't tie the lures on his fishing poles, he gave up and quit his favorite pastime.

Paul Smith connected Jack with the people at Lighthouse of Manasota. Lighthouse of Manasota provides programs and services at no cost to clients who have vision loss. They provide the skills, tools, confidence, and hope that people like Jack need to live fulfilling and productive lives. Jack grudgingly agreed to attend a class, but told his wife, "I'll go to one class because I said I would, but that's it." So, he went, and the experience was so upbeat, supportive, and rewarding that he wished he could go every day of the week.

Jack has learned to use raised red dots to identify the "on" and "off" switches on the stove and microwave. He wraps fishing line around a toothpick to put line through the eye of his lures and is back to tying his own fishing lures again. He and Joanne now have a 75-inch TV and a reading machine that magnifies words for easier reading. Participating in Lighthouse classes, workshops, and support groups turned Jack's life around. He has gained a greater sense of independence and freedom and a more positive attitude about life. He feels more comfortable asking for help when he needs it. Joanne says that 'Lighthouse has helped to make Jack happy again'.

Jack is proud of his new skills and has used all the tools at his disposal to live his life to the fullest. Jack wants others to know that "Vision loss is not a stop sign. It's a signal for a lifestyle change." He is truly an inspiration to us all.

Summer Hours for the Real Estate Sales Office

The Sales Office is now located at 139 Capri at 28th Ave. W. Beginning June 1, 2018 to September 4, 2018, office hours are as follows:

Sundayclosed

Mondayby appointment

Tuesday12-3 PM

Wednesday by appointment

Thursday 12-3 PM

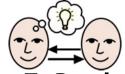
Fridayby appointment

Saturday.....12-4 PM

I am taking all calls, so please contact me, **Barbara Curtis** at 941-720-2513, call or text **Elizabeth Baldwin-Gregson** at 941-704-6003, or call **Linda Rogers** at 813-334-7628, Tropic Isles resident.

We will make every effort to meet your needs during the summer months.

Barbara Curtis, Broker New Chapter Real Estate, LLC.



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Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

While enjoying their evening cocktails, the wife asks her husband, in a very seductive voice, "Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into her cleavage and pulled out a crumpled twenty-dollar bill.

He took the crumpled twenty-dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly. She then asked him, "Have you ever seen fifty dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice.

She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her stockings and pulled out a crumpled fifty-dollar bill.

He took the crumpled fifty-dollar bill and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 dollars all crumpled up?"

He said, "No!" trying to hide his anticipation.

She said, "Check the garage."

RIDICULOUS ANSWERS FROM KIDS ON TESTS

Some are creative and thoughtful, but mostly funny.

- Question: Name 6 animals which live specifically in the Arctic.
- Answer: 2 polar bears and 4 seals

• Question: What is your favorite hue?

Answer: Jackman

· Question: In a word describe "school".

· Answer: HELL

Ouestion: What is the difference between 180 and 158?

Answer: 22

• Explain how you found the answer.

Answer: Math

· Question: What ended in 1896?

Answer: 1895

Question: How did you get your answer?

• Answer: I talked with my brain and I agreed with the answer

my brain got.

• Question: How is the brain like a cantaloupe?

Answer: It is delicious.

Topic: Solids, Liquids, and Gases

• Question: In which state do particles show the most move-

ment?

• Answer: California

• Question: In which state do particles show the least movement?

Answer: New Jersey



Florida Sunshine Survival Tips



- 1. Wear cool, loose clothing. The best way to stay cool is by wearing clothing that is loose fitting and preferably made of cotton or natural fabrics. Wear open sandals or shoes. When the body sweats it loses fluid, salt, and minerals. Water depletion can cause a dry mouth, headaches, and fainting while symptoms of salt depletion include muscle spasms, cramps, and vomiting.
- 2. Don't overdue the sunshine. Heat stroke can cause nausea, confusion, disorientation, seizures, fainting, cramps, and shallow breathing as the body struggles to cool itself. Anyone showing these symptoms should be treated as a medical emergency. Give the sufferer plenty of water and monitor their symptoms carefully.
- 3. Lather up with SPF sunscreen frequently. Apply sunscreen diligently and frequently. Sunscreen does not last all day. The SPF factor indicates how much longer you can stay in the sun, so SPF 15 means that a person who burns in 5 minutes is protected for 75 minutes (5 x 15). It is recommended that you reapply sunscreen every two hours and after you have been in the water. UVA rays cause wrinkles and premature aging, while UVB rays burn the skin, so choose a good quality sunscreen that keeps them both at bay.
- 4. <u>Drink plenty of water</u>. Keeping your fluid intake high to counter the heat is important, however drinking beer or alcohol will leave you more dehydrated than ever. If you drink a glass of beer, your body will actually expel three times that amount leaving you dangerously dehydrated. Eating salty snacks is another way to cause the body to lose fluid from its cells and sugar sodas and sports drinks create a similar problem. You need to drink pure water to counter dehydration. One way to check whether you are drinking enough is to check that you are visiting the bathroom as frequently as usual.

Beach Safety

- Don't swim against a rip current. If a rip current is pulling you out to sea, swimming against it will only make you tired. Instead, swim out of the current, parallel to shore. Once you are out of the rip current, swim back to shore.
- Know the signs of drowning. Drowning can be a quiet process. No breathing means no calling for help. A drowning victim may not be able to wave for help. So, whether someone is flailing frantically for help or quietly bobbing at the surface with their mouth submerged and arms extended out, ask them if they are alright. If they cannot answer, help them or get help quickly.
- Never turn your back to the waves. Don't let a carefree attitude get you swept up by a sneaky wave. Even on a calm day, always keep your eye on the surf to avoid injuries.
- Protect your neck. To avoid serious neck injuries, never dive into unknown waters. Remember...First time, feet first."
- Some safety reminders to remember:
 - 1. Know how to swim.
 - 2. Never swim alone.
 - 3. If in doubt, don't go out.

A Perfect Day At The Beach

Less is more...fun: Some beachgoers seem to bring everything they own to the beach and others seem to bring nothing and have just as much fun. If you must put things in a cart or make more than one trip back and forth to the car, you have brought too much. The following may help you manage packing for a fun day at the beach:

Beach necessities: small beach bag, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, beverages, beach towel, snacks.

Things you may need: beach chair, beach umbrella, small cooler, flip flops, reading material, cash.

Things you do not need: shoes and socks, music device, cell phone, tablet, and work-related materials. Glass is not a good idea on the beach.

Reading Material for Vets



This summer, we will continue to collect reading materials for Vets. Magazines are great (for men or women), as are books. The library at Tropic Isles will be donating any our men and books that are duplicates and those books women in service that are too old to shelve. There will be a

collection box in our library and someone will take all donated reading items to Bay Pines over the summer. It may seem like a small thing to do, but it is always greatly appreciated.

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TI Book Club

We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1-2:30 PM in the Yacht Club.

July..... <u>Fervent</u> by Priscilla Shirer

August <u>The Women in the Window</u> by A.J. Finn

 September
 Look for Me by Lisa Gardner

 October
 The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

 November
 Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

 December
 Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

For those who are away for those months, you are encouraged to email your comments and reviews to irene5381@gmail.com or text 774-201-9444 by the second Tuesday of the month. Please start thinking of your book selections for 2019. Stay safe and keep on reading!

Irene Casey

Calling All Park Artists



Are you interested in meeting other artists once a week at the Yacht Club? All levels are welcome. It would be just a casual time to work on your sketches or paintings with other like-minded people

for a few hours. If you are interested, please contact me at my email address. Once I get enough interest, I will reserve a date/time with the office. Please reply ASAP as spots on the TI calendar for next winter will disappear quickly. Please reply to catheezart@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Cathy Marshall



~Coming Events~



July 4th Party



Come and share in the great American tradition! The annual Tropic Isles **July 4th celebration lunch is 11:30 AM, July 4, at the Yacht Club**. We will be serving sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, potato salad, dessert, and table service (plates, napkins etc. are included). The cost is \$6.00 at the door. Please bring your own beverage and money for 50/50. We'll also have a trivia game, door prizes, music, and friendship! If you have any questions, call Pat Brazil at 612-669-9462.



July 11

The All-Timers (residents who live here full-time) will continue the tradition of hosting summer pot-lucks on the <u>second Wednesday</u> of the month for all residents and their guests. **The next pot-luck will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at 5:30 PM in the Yacht Club. The movie will be <u>The Patriot</u>. <u>Please bring a hot or cold dish to share, your own table setting (plate and silverware), and beverage</u>. Bring a comfortable chair if you choose. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Auditorium. Reminders will be placed in the Yacht Club and on the marquee at the Auditorium. Contact Jan or Mark Krueger if you have any questions. Hope to see you there for some good food, conversation, and a few laughs!**



Tropic Isles' Facebook Page

Facebook is the most popular media site and "seniors" are the fastest growing segment of Facebook users. There isn't any better way to let all your friends and relatives know how beautiful it is here and how much fun you are having. Tropic Isles' Facebook page has over 400 followers and if you aren't one of them yet, here's how easy it is. Sign into the Facebook search engine. Type Tropic Isles Community and Yacht Club into the space and we should pop up. Hit "like" and you will get all the updates. Send us your pictures to post on the Tropic Isles' Facebook page. Send anything you want to share or brag about this summer. Send your photos to Sharon Schumann at FL34221@aol.com. Send the names of the people in the photos and any information you want to include. Get permission from the people in the picture to post it on Facebook. Please send your photos. It's easy enough to do.

Sharon Schumann, Website Administrator



Calling All Fishermen and Women!

Would you like to share a picture of your "catch of the day" from the nearby waters around Tropic Isles? Send it to tibreezes1@aol.com and it can be published in the next issue of the Breezes. Please include a sentence or two about where it was caught, what species it is, and its size. Any fish pictures will do—large or small—fish, that is! Come on, ladies! Show us your stuff!

Trivia Tidbits

- * Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- * What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- * If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- * Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- * Why is the letter W, in English, called 'double U'? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- * Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- * Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- * The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- * Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors, is just as hard as trying to win.
- * 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- * Your future self is watching you right now through memories.
- * The doctors that told Stephen Hawking he had two years to live in 1953 are probably dead by now.
- * If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where, and When", you get the answer to each of them.
- * Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
- * If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than there were before.
- * If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day". (It does fall on a Tuesday.)



Cook's Corner PINK SENORITAS



Lemon wedge, for rimming glasses Coarse salt, for rimming glasses

2 cups ice

2 cups pink lemonade

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup triple sec

- 1 cup tequila
- 4 lemon slices, for garnish

Directions:

- 1. Rub a lemon wedge around the rim of 4 glasses, then dip rims into salt.
- 2. To each glass, add the ice, pink lemonade, lemon juice, triple sec, and tequila mixture.
- 3. Stir to combine. (If you prefer a lot of ice, stir together mixture first, then pour over ice.)
- 4. Garnish with a lemon slice.

Anniversary Celebration Video For Sale!

Did you enjoy the video that was shown in the Auditorium during the 15th/60th Anniversary Celebration?

Well, you're in luck! The DVD video (photos and aerial video) is for sale for \$5 per copy. There will be a limited quantity to start, but if there is enough interest we will order more. Contact Pat Brazil at 612-669-9462 to order your copy.



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What's New In The Neighborhood?



9 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 3 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 PM.

- New signs were attached to the tables at the pool as a reminder to close the umbrellas after you use them. Please remember to do that.
- The **Writer's Group** that meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month is taking a break over the summer and will start to meet again in the fall.
- **HELP**! I am looking for someone who would be willing to serve as Block Captain in the summer/fall (May-October) for Aloha Dr. It means you would pass out the Breezes to the homes that are occupied on Aloha Dr. during the summer/fall months. Contact me at 941-722-4037 or at tibreezes1@aol.com if you would be willing to help.
- The stage in the Auditorium is being remodeled to provide better storage underneath, wider stairs to make it more easily accessible, and a stage that is all one level.



~~Special Thanks~~

- A special thanks to the **Red Hatters** for sponsoring Summer Coffee for a couple weeks in June. There were plenty of jokes and songs to keep everyone smiling!
- Thanks to all who said prayers and made phone calls. My robotic left inquinal surgery June 7th went very well. My nurse, Floretta, is taking good care of her favorite patient.

Leonard Krueger

Tropic Isles' Marina



SUMMER HOURS

Monday hours will be 7 AM to 3 PM Tuesday - Sunday will remain at 7 AM to 5 PM.

Good news from the Marina. The new bait tank has arrived! After the installation, we should be up and going with livelier shrimp willing to sacrifice their lives for you to catch fish. The weather during the last part of May was not very conducive to boating or fishing. June brought better weather to all of us.

For us anglers, Gag grouper season opened in the Gulf of Mexico waters and all federal Gulf waters June 1 and will remain open through December 31. The red snapper season starts June 11 in Gulf state and federal waters and will remain open through July 20, closing July 21. The recreational harvest of greater Amberjack and gray Triggerfish in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters closes June 1 and will remain closed through July 31, reopening Aug. 1. All these fish are waiting to be caught by you! The question is, "How do I catch them?"

The first thing you do is go to the Marina and purchase the tackle and bait you will need to bring in the big one. While you're there, have a sandwich, beverage, and fill up the boat with the cheapest gas on the water. Please be patient if the Marina attendant is not readily available to help you. There are no restroom facilities at the Marina and working a 10-hour day without an offsite lunch break will require us to leave the building for a few minutes when nature calls. When we return, we will feel relieved and able to assist your needs in any way we can at your Marina where the prices are low and the conversation is free.



Corrections For The Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to tibreezes1@aol. com or call Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037. Interim changes will be posted in each newsletter until the next directory is published in the fall of 2018.

Community Listings:

ALFORD, Robert Remove Deborah Lynne from the listing.

Remove phone 602-790-7776, Add 631-278-0640 to 941-479-4100 Add northern address 223 N. 1st St.

Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

Add northern phone 631-278-0640.

CLOUTIER, Michael & Joan

Remove 207-754-2306 and add 207-786-3392/207-577-8933.

Change northern info to 28 West Shore Drive, New Gloucester, Maine 04260,

207-786-3392.

ILCYN, Mary Add Mary to the listing with Neil Jacques at

1305 28th Ave. Dr. W. Add 320-2932 (M) to

the other local phone numbers.

Email Changes:

Alford, Robert

alfordrobert3@gmail.com Cloutier, Michael and Joan jtcloutier@gmail.com

Live and Learn and Pass It On

(People ages 5-95 share what they've discovered about life, love, and other good stuff.)

- I've learned that you never ask a lady her age, her weight, or what's in her purse. -age 68
- I've learned that it's just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness. –age 72
- I've learned that if you wait until retirement to really start living, you've waited too long. --age 67
- I've learned that I don't feel my age as long as I focus on my dreams instead of my regrets. -age 83
- I've learned that I can't change the past, but I can let it go. –age
- I've learned that if you keep doing what you've always done, you'll keep getting what you've always gotten. -age 51
- I've learned that if you want to cheer up yourself, you should try cheering up someone else. -age 13
- I've learned that a full life is not determined by how long you live, but how well. -age 66
- I've learned that good health is true wealth. -age 77
- I've learned that when you have an argument with your spouse, the first one who says, "I'm sorry I hurt your feelings; please forgive me," is the winner. –age 51



SATURDAY	2	14	21	28		8:30 am Coffee Hour - A
FRIDAY	9	13	20	27	July 2018	8:00 am Aerobics/ Exercise - Y 7:00 pm Euchre - Y
THURSDAY	5 9:30 am ARC Meeting - PR	12	19 9:30 am Co-op Board Meeting - A	26		8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise 8:00 am - Y 12:30 pm Canasta - PR 6-8 pm Mahjong - PR
WEDNESDAY	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 10:00 am Red Hat Gathering - Duval House 11:30 am 4th of July Party - Y	11 9:30 am ARC Mtg PR 5:30 pm Pot Luck and a Movie - Y	18	25 9:30 am ARC Mtg PR	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	3:00 am Aerobics/ Exercise - Y 12:30 pm Bridge - Y 7:00 pm Pinochle - Y
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MONDAY	2 Canada Day (obs.)	6	16	23	30	8:00 am Aerobics/ Exercise - Y 12:30 pm Pinochle - PR
SUNDAY	-	8	15	22 Parents Day	29	4:00 pm Mahjong - PR

"Coffee Talk"

This feature will be run throughout the year, sharing the names of those people who have received "We Care" cards from their friends and neighbors here in Tropic Isles.

GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO

Wendell Piper of Bahia Dr. (medical procedure),
Jack Miller of Flores Dr./New York (health issues),
Jeanette Quesenberry of Basin Dr. (medical issues),
Leonard Krueger of 12th St. W. (hernia surgery), and
George Reid of Trinidad Way (foot surgery).

A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO

The Culbreth family on the passing of **Tom** of Bimini Dr./NY **The Kalniz family** on the passing of **Milton** of Flores Dr./NY

If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well" card or a family who has lost a loved one in need of a "Sympathy Card", please contact Anne Nitti at 508-873-6205.



To all of our loyal Bingo players, Bingo is cancelled until at least the 1st of July. At that time, we will hopefully be able to make a decision as to when to resume Bingo. A notice will go up on the marquee when Bingo will resume. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Joy & Elaine

Tropical Red Hatters

Tropical Red Hatters will have their July meeting on Wednesday, July 4 at 10 AM at the home of Sharon Duval. For information contact her at 941-609-4052. We will be planning further local events.

We recently enjoyed thrifting in Bradenton and had a good time at the Moose. We meet year-round, but our summer schedule is flexible.

Ann M. Miller, Scribe Anna Antonacci, Queen 723-2380

Safety Tip Of The Month

With the rainy season in full swing, here is a safety tip to remember.

TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN

People underestimate the force and power of water. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. A mere 6 inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. It is NEVER safe to drive or walk into flood waters.

Also, if you must drive through low levels of standing water in the roadway, drive slow to prevent sending water into your air intake and avoid soaking your brake pads.





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Out and About...Around Town



Detwiler's Farm Market, located at 1800 U.S. 301 in Palmetto (in the old Winn Dixie store), had their Grand Opening at the end of June. Check out their produce, butcher, bakery, seafood, grocery, and delimeat departments.

PALMETTO 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Palmetto's 4th of July celebration will include an evening of music from the Charlie Daniels Band on the Sutton Park stage before the fireworks. Make plans to be there! **Don't forget to join us for our own Tropic Isles 4th of July party in the Yacht Club at 11:30 AM.** (For more information on the July 4th party, see the "Coming Events" section of the Breezes.)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



NHN CONTINUES SERVING THE COMMUNITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. NHN Volunteers are looking for projects to assist our neighbors here in Tropic Isles. Listed below are projects we can help with:

Cleaning Mold
Weeding
Clearing Away Clutter Under Carports
Painting Outside Sheds & Awnings
Help To Tame Overgrown Trees And Shrubs
Plant Annual Flowers

If you need assistance with any items listed above, or if you have questions, please call one of the Coordinators listed below. Remember, this is a free service for residents of Tropic Isles.

Jan Krueger 262-617-0710 Pam Hennessy 941-447-6228 Ann Nitti 508-873-6205

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Tropic Isles "Singles"

Are you single? Would you like to get together with other single people...maybe to go out for a meal, movie, or cultural event? Then come to the first gathering of the **Tropic Isles' Singles** in the **Yacht Club on Tuesday, July 10 at 11:00 AM**. It is the first organizational meeting where we will discuss ideas and make future plans for outings. We want to hear your thoughts. If you have questions, please contact Anna Antonacci at 941-238-7773. Hope to see you there!



Tropic Isles' Marauder's Fan Club

On June 7, the Marauders Fan Club had 12 members rooting for the home team. If we can get 10 or more interested in a game, Florretta and I will gladly pick up tickets for the group. However, we will be doing some family time and serious walleye fishing this summer after the 4th of July, so we will not be organizing anyone going to the ballgames then, unless the Marauders make it into the playoffs in August. Many attended the playoffs two years ago and it certainly would be fun to go again.

Thanks to all who attended this year. May you have a nice and safe summer.

Leonard & Florretta Krueger



Summer Fun

With summer already here, I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from their travels or fun activities this summer. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date. Email your pictures to TIBreezes1@aol.com for the Breezes and to fl34221@

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Rule Of The Month

This is a reminder that the 2014 Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. If you need of a copy of the 2014 Rules and Regulations, you may pick up a copy at the Office or go to www.tropicisles.net to view or print a copy online.

II. RESIDENCY IN THE COMMUNITY

2.1 It is the intent of the Association that the Community be operated as "Housing for Older Persons" within the meaning of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. Effective as of July 27, 2005, residency in the Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc. is restricted to persons, one of whom is fifty-five (55) years of age or who will attain the age of fifty-five years within twelve (12) months following the date of application for residency. Occupancy of mobile homes, park models, recreational vehicles, apartments, and cooperative units in Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc. is restricted to persons at least one of whom is fifty-five years of age or older. All other persons in occupancy must be at least forty (40) years of age. The provisions of the foregoing sentence are prospective only and do not apply to persons who have applied for and have been approved for ownership or occupancy prior to the effective date set forth above. However, if a mobile home owner, Unit/Lot owner, or occupant vacates a Dwelling, the foregoing shall apply to prohibit subsequent ownership or occupancy by persons who do not meet aforesaid minimum age requirements. The Association may grant exceptions for temporary occupancy of Dwellings in the Community to approved caregivers, which occupancy shall terminate upon the date on which the person being cared for vacates the Dwelling, or the caregiver is no longer needed.

In the event that all the occupants of a Dwelling who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older shall vacate the Dwelling, Management may terminate the occupancy of the Dwelling by all persons under the age of fifty-five (55) years of age, if continued occupancy would result in less than eighty percent (80%) of the Dwellings in the Community being occupied by at least one person fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Surviving spouses who are under the age of fifty-five (55) years of age are exempted from this provision.

IV. UNIT/LOT (DWELLING SITE)

4.12 Unit/Lot Numbers

All residents shall post three-inch (3") lot numbers of their Dwelling facing the street, at the corner of the Dwelling closest to the carport or driveway, and according to local ordinances.



Weeds, Weeds, Weeds!!!

With the rainy season in full swing, the weeds and the grass have grown like crazy. Snowbirds.... please make sure your yards, planters, and flower beds are being maintained. Check with a friend or neighbor in Tropic Isles to make sure maintenance is being performed as needed!

"When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!"

Remember that catchy little phrase. If you see lightning or hear thunder you are already at risk! Most lightning injuries and



fatalities occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the afternoon and evening. Summer is a time for picnics in the park, dips in the pool, golf outings, and hikes in the woods. But summer weather isn't all fun in the sun. Violent summer storms can form quickly and stretch for hundreds of miles. Thunderstorms can produce deadly lightning capable of striking up to 10 miles away — so, even if you don't see rain, you could be in harm's way. When planning outdoor activities, we want you to remember that lightning is extremely dangerous. Lightning can kill — and even those who survive a lightning strike are often left with permanent and serious disabilities. The best advice to follow is **when thunder roars, go indoors**.

Florida's Rainy Season

The wet, or rainy season, in Central Florida lasts an average of five months. It generally begins in late May and runs through mid-October. 61% of our total

annual rainfall is received during these five months. There really isn't a definitive start day or time, but there are a few signals that alert us to the fact that the rainy season may be beginning.

- Cold fronts stop moving through Central Florida.
- Frequent, almost daily, showers and/or thunderstorms form, mainly along sea breeze collisions.
- The low temperature and dew point temperature is consistently 67-70 degrees.

Forecasters at the National Weather Service office in Melbourne, Florida, make the official call of when the wet season has begun for Central Florida. They usually wait a few days, or sometimes weeks, after we think the season has started before determining the official start date for that year.

Up To The Minute Weather Report PALMETTO, FLORIDA

If the rock is wet, it's raining.
If the rock is swaying, it's windy.
If the rock is hot, it's sunny.
If the rock is cool, it's overcast.
If the rock is white, it's snowing.
If the rock is blue, it's cold.
If the rock is gone, it's a tornado or hurricane!

Please Send Me Your Pet Pictures!

I am still looking for pet pictures.
Please send me a picture of your

pet (dog, cat, bird, or other) to tibreezes1@aol.com with their name, breed of cat or dog, age, and any other information about your pet (i.e. quirky habit, etc.) you'd like to share. If I get more pictures, I will dedicate another page to the pets of Tropic Isles. Thanks to all those people who have already submitted pictures of their pets.

Puzzle found on on page 20

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DOG RULES

- 1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
- 2. Ok, the dog is allowed in the house but only in certain rooms.
- 3. The dog is allowed in all rooms but has to stay off the furniture.
- 4. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
- 5.Fine, the dog is allowed on all furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with humans on the bed.
- 6. Ok, the dog is allowed in the bed but only by invitation.
- 7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants but not under the covers.
- 8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
- 9. The dog can sleep under the covers anytime.
- Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

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Canine Facts For Dog Lovers

 Dogs don't curl up while sleeping just to look cute, or even to necessarily feel more comfortable. This tendency is actually rooted in their instincts to protect their vital organs at night (and to stay warm, of course).



- Some recent studies have found that dogs usually try to "go to the bathroom" in such a way that they're aligned with the earth's magnetic field. Both sexes defecate in the north or south direction, but only females prefer to urinate that way, too. (Who pays for these studies?)
- The idea that dogs only see in black and white is a total myth.
 They can actually perceive a wide range of colors, although it's more limited than the spectrum that humans can see.
- Dogs are able to hear sounds from just about any direction because they have no fewer than 18 different muscles in each of their ears. Theirs are much different than human ears!
- Most people know that dogs always have wet noses, but what they may not know is that this layer of moisture allows them to absorb scent chemicals, amplifying their sense of smell. Their noses are estimated to be 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger!
- The reason why dogs turn around in circles before resting is because it's part of an instinctual "nesting" ritual passed down from their wolf ancestors. They're just making themselves feel more at home!
- With about 75 million dogs in the entire country, the United States has a higher dog population than any other nation on the face of the earth. Labrador retrievers are the most popular!
- The wagging of a dog's tail can mean much more than expressing happiness. Depending on the pattern, it can communicate different things, including curiosity, nervousness, playfulness, and even aggression.
- Dogs are able to "see" more clearly by using their whiskers. This
 allows them to sense the slightest changes in air pressure, and
 even gives them a special sort of "night vision!"
- Dogs are able to sense important changes in human bodies.
 That's why there are a number of different kinds of service dogs, such as seizure alert dogs, who can help patients during focal onset seizures.
- Petting your dog is actually great for your physical health! When you do it, your blood pressure lowers to a greater degree than it would during interactions with other humans.
- Dogs lick their noses because the roofs of their mouths have the ability to sense different scents. They actually transfer scent particles to their mouths directly from their noses!
- The bottom of a dog's foot often smells a bit like a bag of corn chips. That's because their sweat glands, which are only found on their feet, have a natural yeast-like smell because of the bacteria. (How many of you will actually smell your dog's feet after reading this?)
- Dogs often suffer from separation anxiety when their owners leave. One thing you can do to help reassure them is to leave a piece of clothing with your scent on it for them to sniff.
- Dogs often get jealous when they see their humans showing too much affection for anything, or anyone, other than themselves.
 They just love you way too much for their own good!
- Men are three times more likely to get a woman's phone number if he has a dog with him. That's adorable, of course, but that does leave open the possibility that she might just want to date him for his dog.

Dog Sayings

- He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. - Author Unknown
- He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion. Author Unknown
- A dog owns nothing, yet is seldom dissatisfied. Irish Proverb
- To err is human, to forgive...canine. Author Unknown
- My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am. - Author Unknown
- A dog can express more with his eyes in minutes than his owner can express with his tongue in hours. Author Unknown
- A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself. Josh Billings



Feline Facts For Cat Lovers

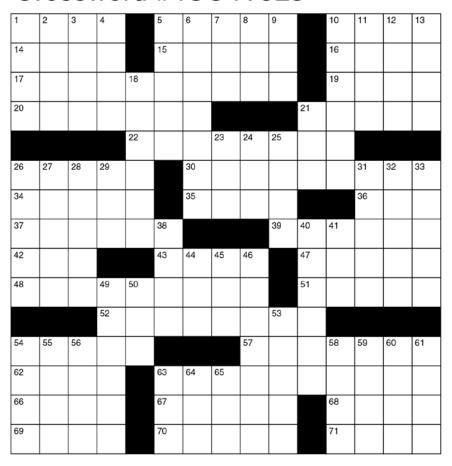
- Who said cats are your pets? They actually own YOU.
- "My life, my rules" is the motto cats live by. Cats make their own rules and you have to follow them.
- Got a scratch? It's their way of showing love.
- Lint rollers are now a part of your household items.
- Boxes are the most comfortable places, so forget buying all sorts of fancy beds for your cat.
- They make their own decisions. Forget about training.
- Cats have better muscle memory than visual memory. Cats can remember an obstacle in their path for 10 minutes and then it's forgotten.
- There are 95.6 million cats in U.S. households.
- 54% of cats are overweight. They get less aerobic exercise than dogs do.
- The majority of cats are introverts.

Cat Sayings

- A cat's eyes are windows enabling us to see into another world.
 Irish Legend
- Cat's motto: No matter what you've done wrong, always try to make it look like the dog did it. – Unknown
- Who would believe such pleasure from a wee ball o' fur? Irish Saying
- It is impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more kittens. ~Cynthia E. Varnado
- In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him. ~Dereke Bruce
- The cat could very well be man's best friend, but would never stoop to admitting it. ~Doug Larson
- There is something about the presence of a cat that seems to take the bite out of being alone. ~Louis J. Camuti
- For those of you that have birds as pets consider this. A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.
 Chinese Proverb.

JULY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword #4UU4T8L3



Across

- 1. "Curb Appeal" network
- 5. Prop for Groucho
- 10. "____ a Spell on You" (1956

Screamin' Jay Hawkins song)

- 14. Jai ____ (game like handball)
- 15. Part of UV
- 16. Hindu serpent deities
- 17. Increases in number
- 19. Gold-leafed
- 20. Griffith of "Something Wild"
- 21. Hawk's haven
- 22. Nerves
- 26. "Time Is ____ Side" (New Kids on the

Block)

- 30. Cel creators
- 34. Entice
- 35. Good earth
- 36. "Opus___" (work of God)
- 37. Believer

39. Reverberated

42. Ending for north or south

- 43. Show support
- 47. Preakness entrant
- 48. Commuters' banes
- 51. ___ up (relented)
- 52. Relativity formulator
- 54. Frank ___ Wright
- 57. Wants badly
- 62. Nano, Touch or Shuffle
- 63. 1991 Bruce Willis film
- 66. Part of a packaged foods giant
- 67. "____ on Loving You" (Reba McEntire
- song)
- 68. Pennsylvania city
- 69. Like granola
- 70. Vampire repellent
- 71. Food spearer

(solution on page 18)

Down

- 1. Soccer star Mia
- 2. Arts-and-crafts purchase
- 3. Like most N.B.A. players
- 4. "La dolce "
- 5. God with a bow and arrow
- 6. Criminal
- 7. VW hatchback
- 8. "___ you for real?"
- 9. Dorm leaders, for short
- 10. Down
- 11. Duo
- 12. Unattractive fruit?
- 13. London's ____ Gallery
- 18. Nonreactive materials
- 21. "___ matter of fact..."23. Daughter of Harmonia
- 24. Actress Long of "Big Momma's House"
- 25. Palindromic fashion model
- 26. Riverbank burrower
- 27. Indian prime minister Jawaharlal
- 28. Forebodings
- 29. Longtime news inits.
- 31. Smells
- 32. Songstress Della
- 33. Sympathized (with)
- 38. 1982 Disney movie
- 40. ___ Blanc, popular wine grape
- 41. Condo mgmt. group
- 44. Ending with humor or glamor
- 45. Dinner dropping
- 46. Dreaded flies
- 49. Period of one's prime
- 50. Stayed out of sight
- 53. Flapjack places, familiarly
- 54. 10th- to 12th-century Chinese dynasty
- 55. Women's touring org.
- 56. ___ cloud (cosmic debris)
- 58. Orator's skill: Abbr.
- 59. Eastern wrap
- 60. Exact lookalike
- 61. ____-ball (arcade game)
- 63. Hawaiian Punch rival
- 64. Pol. neighbor
- 65. ___ volente (God willing)



The skin is the body's largest organ. It protects against heat, sunlight, injury, and infection. Yet, some of us don't consider the necessity of protecting our skin.

It's just smart to take good care of your skin

The need to protect your skin from the sun has become very clear over the years, supported by several studies linking overexposure to the sun with skin cancer. The harmful ultraviolet rays from both the sun and indoor tanning "sunlamps" can cause many other complications besides skin cancer - such as eye problems, a weakened immune system, age spots, wrinkles, and leathery skin.

How to protect your skin

There are simple, everyday steps you can take to safeguard your skin from the harmful effects of UV radiation from the sun.

- **-Wear proper clothing.** Wearing clothing that will protect your skin from the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays is very important. Protective clothing like long-sleeved shirts and pants are good examples. Also, remember to protect your head and eyes with a hat and UV-resistant sunglasses. You can fall victim to sun damage on a cloudy day as well as in the winter, so dress accordingly all year round.
- **-Avoid the burn.** Sunburns significantly increase one's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer. It is especially important that children be kept from sunburns as well.
- -Go for the shade. Stay out of the sun, if possible, between the peak burning hours, which, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can head for the shade, or make your own shade with protective clothing including a broad-brimmed hat, for example.
- -Use extra caution when near reflective surfaces, like water, snow, and sand. Water, snow, sand, even the windows of a building can reflect the damaging rays of the sun. That can increase your chance of sunburn, even if you're in what you consider a shady spot.
- **-Use extra caution when at higher altitudes.** You can experience more UV exposure at higher altitudes, because there is less atmosphere to absorb UV radiation.
- **-Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen.** Generously apply broad-spectrum sunscreen to cover all exposed skin. The "broad spectrum" variety protects against overexposure

to ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. The FDA recommends using sunscreens that are not only broad spectrum, but that also have a sun protection factor (SPF) value of at least 15 for protection against sun-induced skin problems.

-Re-apply broad-spectrum sunscreen throughout the day. Even if a sunscreen is labeled as "water-resistant," it must be reapplied throughout the day, especially after sweating or swimming. To be safe, apply sunscreen at a rate of one ounce every two hours. Depending on how much of the body needs coverage, a full-day (six-hour) outing could require one whole tube of sunscreen.

When to protect your skin

UV rays are their strongest from 10 am to 4 pm. Seek shade during those times to ensure the least amount of harmful UV radiation exposure. When applying sunscreen be sure to reapply to all exposed skin at least 20 minutes before going outside. Reapply sunscreen every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

Protecting your eyes

UV rays can also penetrate the structures of your eyes and cause cell damage. According to the CDC, some of the more common sun-related vision problems include cataracts, macular degeneration, and pterygium (non-cancerous growth of the conjunctiva that can obstruct vision).

- **-Wear a wide-brimmed hat.** To protect your vision, wear a wide-brimmed hat that keeps your face and eyes shaded from the sun at most angles.
- -Wear wrap-around style sunglass with 99 or higher UV block. Effective sunglasses should block glare, block 99 to 100% of UV rays, and have a wraparound shape to protect eyes from most angles.

Using the UV index

When planning your outdoor activities, you can decide how much sun protection you need by checking the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) UV index. This index measures the daily intensity of UV rays from the sun on a scale of 1 to 11. A low UV index requires minimal protection, whereas a high UV index requires maximum protection.

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Picture Perfect Pets of Tropic Isles

(Thanks to all those pet owners who submitted pictures for this issue of the Breezes. If you would like your pet to be featured in a future issue, send a picture to tibreezees1@aol.com.)



"Everyone in the north part of the park knows Amber for her daily running or her annoyingly loud bark. This is Amber 20 months ago. The picture was taken 40 hours after her disc surgery." (Doug and Tina Woulf)



"This is Rikki. He had a crazy "breeder" name which is long lost. He is a 10-year old Fawn Abyssinian. Someone paid a ridiculous amount of money for him in AZ when he was around 2 and

then abandoned him when they moved. He was rescued and ended up in CT where we adopted him. He hates traveling and complains constantly every time. His hobbies are eating, threatening lizards through the screens, and blending into the carpets trying to trip us. He is really quite the sweetheart though!" (Sharon Schumann and Frank Lord)





"Feebee, is my little six-pound, nine-year old Yorkiepoo. At one time, she was a therapy dog, visiting seniors and napping in their laps while they napped. This second picture is Olive. She is a 14-year old, rescued Yorkshire Terrier. Originally, she came from a puppy mill. I adopted her when

she was 8 years old on her 8th birthday! She has come a long way in the six years that she has been with me, and I am so proud of my little 4-pound baby." (Kathryn Wells)

"This is Max, our cat. The second picture is of our two dogs - Charlie and Chloe. (Marty and Barb Stacy)





"These are our "3 Amigos". "The black poodle is Charlie. He is seen here by himself on Christmas Eve on the boat on Terra Ceia. The red fella is Danny on the side of our inflatable boat going through Cuts Edge into the Manatee River. Lily, a white Havanese, likes to cruise the tubes of the inflatable from side to side and bow to stern." (Rene and Gail Belanger)









"Auggie is an 8-year old, miniature Wirehaired Dachshund. He is at home on the boat, in the travel trailer, or chasing geckos in his backyard." (Bob and Cindy Shaw)





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Minnie Lu, age 13, is a Boston Terrier. Nicky is a 14-year old Shih-Tzu. (Irene Casey)



This is Rasti with JJ Jensen. Rasti turns 10-years old in July. He is an Australian Shepherd and Corgi mix. (JJ Jensen)



This is Tippy. She is a 5-year old Corgi/Chihuahua mix. Nola and Ken say, "She owns US!" (Nola and Ken Sanborn)



"We adopted Sammy from a shelter 3 years ago and they estimated that he was 3 then, so I guess that makes him 6! He is a Maltese poodle mix. Bev adopted him, but Sammy loves Alan the best!" (Al and Bev MacKenzie)



"This is Stella. She was rescued from the SPCA in Barrie, Ontario, Canada, July 2014. We have no history on her, but she is probably around 8 or 9 years old. She loves wintering in Tropic Isles." (Lisa and Bill Thurlow)





Cooper is a 6-year old Wheaten Terrier. (Peter and Karen Timmermans)

