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COVER STORIES IN FISHERMAN'S KORNER

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Looking out my window the formation of the clouds reminds me the rains are coming soon. Those of you up north will be spared of our down pours. Activity has slowed down all around the park.

Some residents did not sign out when leaving. This procedure is very important to the office in case of an emergency. The Police and Fire Department are given a list of remaining residents in case of an evacuation.

MAINTENANCE

Durk and Sonny have been finishing up the roads. Palm trees are being trimmed and maintenance is working hard trimming the remaining trees and shrubs.

This time of year the weeds grow fast, please be sure your caretaker weeds around the home on a regular basis. If you need assistance we can arrange and bill you. Grass should stay green with all the rain predicted.

REMINDER

All remaining residents should keep their windows and doors locked when leaving for errands. It's easy to leave a window open when in a hurry.

Stop by the office and pick up your Hurricane Preparedness Booklet. It has all the information you need to help you when storm arrives. Including a list of motels available at a discount.

TAKE CARE!! HOPE EVERYONE HAS A WONDERFUL FOURTH OF JULY !!

LADIES BRIDGE

May 23

1 st	Lois Pommerenk	4850
2 nd	Nancy Chatfield	3570
3 rd	Rita Prendergast	2370

May 30

1 st	Pat Marsden	4170
2 nd	Lois Pommerenk	3180
3 rd	Harriet Albert	2520

June 6

1 st	Nancy Chatfield	4580
2 nd	Bob Welton	3580
3 rd	Ginny Walsh	3400

June 13

1 st	Ann Partridge	3130
2 nd	Alida Harrop	2750
3 rd	Nancy Chatfield	2620

June 20

1 st	Nancy Chatfield	1950
2 nd	Ginny Walsh	1860
3 rd	Pat Marsden	1850
4 th	Carolyn Welton	1100

CONDOLENCES

We wish to express our sympathy and condolences to the Benvenuti family. Pat passed away May 23. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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We wish to express our sympathy and condolences to Emily Woodward and family. Emily's mother Sara Woodward passed June 13. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

GET WELL WISHES

We wish to express get well wishes to Imelda Kring. Imelda has been in Mary Free Bed Rehab. Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. We wish her a speedy recovery. Cards and prayers would be appreciated.

RECREATION NEWS

Fifty-two summer residents attended our Memorial Day Picnic. We enjoyed the main course of Pulled Pork Sandwiches, in addition to the potato salad, tomato salad, corn, baked beans, fruit salad and desserts. We had a very relaxing holiday in the clubhouse.

As Fourth of July approaches plans are being made to celebrate the 4th and observe the fireworks from Sunset Park.

Your Recreation Board

Rescue at the North Jetty

Harbor Lights wishes to congratulate Ann Morris #91. On June 15, 2012, Ann, responding to cries for help, activated her courage and humanity to run to save a tourist who was drowning as a result of wading into a drop off about 10 yards from the shore. The woman panicked and began to pull Ann under with her. Fortunately the lifeguard with his special equipment freed Ann and got the woman to shore.

While Ann's courage was being tested, another woman with a baby found herself in the same situation. A man began to approach but turned away and went back to the safety of the shore. The lifeguard was able to rescue both the mother and child. All were very grateful. Ann was extremely happy to rid herself of all the salt water she ingested and hopes not ever to be so tested again.

FISHERMAN'S KORNER ON THE DOCK

The dock has become quiet once again. As the summer season begins and most have headed north the dock will be used to watch the sunsets. Although the fishing is still good, there will be few who will take advantage of the situation. We are looking forward to the return of the dock fisherman.

IN THE GULF

Multiple Fish Species – That's what makes the Gulf of Mexico so great to fish in.

What makes fishing in the Gulf of Mexico so great is you never know what you are going to catch. Of course we all try to target what's in season like Red Grouper, Mangrove Snapper, and Amberjacks. But to take a line from the movie Forrest Gump, "it is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get."

We had anticipated fishing on May 19th for over a month. Ben Morganson from Nokomis and my friends from Georgia and South Carolina including Austin Childers. We were excited to go as far offshore as we could if the weather cooperated. All during the week of the 19th, the weather kept changing both good and bad. Finally within two days of our trip it started sounding really good. So the game plan was to go long and work hard to catch our limit(s).

FISHERMAN’S KORNER - CONT’D

On Friday the 18th we left Venice Inlet and caught live bait (Pinfish, Bluerunners, and small Grunt) for the next day. We came back in at 8 pm and packed up for our big trip. We left at 5am and rode out in calm seas for about two hours. The first spot was for Amberjack and we caught our keepers by 9:30 AM. Then we caught an African Pompano and a King Mackerel. We moved to another spot and started catching Red Grouper- they prefer cut bait like squid and sardines. We had about 10 red grouper in the boat and we proceeded to look for few large Red Grouper- otherwise known as "Fire Trucks." We sat on this spot and fished it hard. We caught 15 large grouper in the range of 15-18 lbs. each. Then we caught a Blackfin Tuna, a few Gag Grouper that we had to throw back, a Goliath Grouper that was released, a few Mangrove Snapper, and a Cobia. What a great day and great crew. We cleaned fish for hours when we got home. I guess the Gulf of Mexico "is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get."

Capt. Glen Ballinger

We are looking forward to receiving information from you guys up north.

Send us an email and photos of your catch. jjuf1@verizon.net

If you have a nice catch, give us a call.

Capt. Jack

COVER STORY – FISH

A seven man crew including Capt. Glen headed off shore into the briny Gulf. This was approximately a 2 hour ride out to one Capt. Glen’s favorite holes. The initial stop and goal was to catch red snapper and boy did they do so. Each man limited out, catching these beautiful fish. After catching their limit of red snapper, Capt. Glen moved to another location and the target this time was red grouper. However while fishing for grouper they also caught 3 very large mutton snapper. In addition to all of these fish they also managed to catch a black fin tuna and almost a record 12 lb. porgy. **WOW** what a day.

While heading in toward the inlet they spotted a very dorsal fin cutting through the water. They slowed down to check out the dorsal fin and found an extremely large whale shark cruising along the top of the water, to their surprise this whale shark appeared to be approximately 20 feet long and a few thousand pounds. The whale shark was not afraid of the boat and they managed to stay along side of the shark to gather several pictures. The whale shark was obviously the highlight of the day and what a beautiful day it was catching such a large variety of fish.



COVER STORY - RIGHT SIDE

Jeremy Wilhelm and his dad Frank came down from Atlanta to go fishing for grouper. However, Jeremy who is 9 years old was not prepared for all the good things that did happen on this trip. Jeremy was prepared for a great day on the water. He fished hard all day and he caught his first Blackfin tuna and his personal best red grouper and red snapper. His picture on the front page proves that this young man has the know how and the ability to become a great fisherman. Almost sounds like he is already there. What a nice day and a great day of fishing on Capt. Glen's boat.

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JULY Birthdays

- 1 Bill Eaton #79
- 4 Martha Hofmann #70
- 6 Phil Hughes #25
Frank Spivey #81
- 8 Lois Pommerenk #153
- 9 Barb Erwin #84
- 14 Mary Sandwick #59
Everett Dunn #97
Eli Marposon #121
- 15 Eileen Roberts #40
- 18 Bill Hoffman #125
Patrick Keigher #86
- 19 Judy Strudgeon #100
- 20 Jerry Layman #36
Durk (Maintenance man)
- 21 Jim Murray #66
- 22 Emily Woodward #93
Bruce Rundquist #92
- 26 Joyce Keigher #86
- 30 Ann Brown #87
Mike Dellina #81

AUGUST Birthdays

- 1 Bill Spence #49
Nancy Gersh #101
- 6 Joan Ronco #74
Patricia Mooney #73
- 11 Debby Sanborn #32
- 14 Bill McRobert #142
- 16 Sue Mittelstadt #134
- 18 Harriet Albert #15
- 22 Lee Prough #77
- 26 Grace Atwell #65
- 28 Barb Helt #27
- 30 Joyce Skorka #3

JULY Anniversaries

- 3 Charles and Philippa Keener #30A
- 19 Ron and Cathy Forbes #123

AUGUST Anniversaries

- 5 Don and Imelda Kring #114
- 7 John and Elizabeth Bradley #109
Maury and Pat Pettengill #58
- 20 Dick and Linda Bolender #12
- 24 Jim and Joyce Skorka #3
- 27 Bill and Doris Hoffman #127
- 28 C.J. and Barb Helt #27

Early SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 2 Richard Carling #148
- 4 Ron Forbes #123
Dick Meyers #18
- 5 Gini Sabo #14
Cynthia Murray #66
- 6 Clyde Butcher #37
- 8 Ann Morris #91
- 9 Dorothy Hittenmiller #131
- 10 Verba Prough #77
Gordon Meyer #145
- 12 Gaylene Pepe #125

Early SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

- 3 Jim and Danielle Dixon #53