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April 2023

HOA Events

Listen & Dance To "Nunes At Night" Saturday, April 8th 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Pot Luck Followed By Nickel Bingo Tuesday, April 18th 5:30pm

Country Music Fest with "Kris Pierce" Friday, April 21st 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Note: HOA Event Tickets Available For Purchase (as posted) Wednesday Mornings After Coffee In The Coffee Café from 9:30am-11:00am SEE IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PAGE 6 ******

Other Events

Karaoke Friday, April 14th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Nine & Cheese Tasting Sunday, April 16th 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Listen & Dance To "Dance Party Duo" Thursday, April 20th 5:00pm - 8:00pm Compliments of The Parkway Tavern

> Karaoke Friday, April 28th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

see details on page 6

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Sgt. William (Bill) Peterseim aka "Wild Bill" over on Azinger Loop was born on June 2, 1941 in Dayton, Ohio. Being an avid history student, Bill will tell you he was born 6 days after the sinking of the German bat-tleship Bismark and 20 days before Ger-many's invasion of the Soviet Union. Bill has been a guest Historian in high schools and colleges. Shortly after his birth, he moved with his family to Berea, a suburb of Cleveland. Shortly after graduating from Berea High School in 1959, Bill moved to Miami, Florida where he graduated with honors from RETS Electronic School in

1961, earning an Electronic Technician Certificate and First Class FCC Radio Telephone License with Radar Endorsement. He then worked for ACF Industries (American Car & Foundry Inc.) in Washington D.C. While there, he trained in lonospheric Physics and was awarded his Top Secret Secu-rity Clearance on his 20th birthday. He operated a secret type radar facility within their Top Secret project to monitor the Soviet Union's compliance with the U.S./Soviet Nuclear Test Moratorium. While there, Bill was the technician who detected the Soviet detonation, a violation, which triggered the last Thermonuclear Arms Race. Thereafter, Bill returned home to Ohio to begin college in Business and Marketing which later expanded into real estate and finance. Shortly thereafter, Bill decided to spread his wings. Being energetic, patriotic, and a war on, Bill decided to join the United States Air Force. So, in late 1963, Bill was off to bootcamp at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio, Texas followed by a 50-week Nuclear Missiles Maintenance training program at Chanute

Air Force Base in Champaign County, Illinois. Up-on graduating with honors, Bill was promoted to Air-man 2nd Class and was assigned to Hangar Maintenance at Beale Air Force Base in Yuba County, California forty miles north of Sacramento. Be-



ing a SAC Base (Strategic Air Command), America's frontline deterrent to Nuclear War, initially Bill worked on our first



cruise missile, the One-Megaton nuclear missile "Hound Dog". But within 6 months, Bill was tapped to replace a Tech Sergeant in the Analysis Department, involving important day-to-day analysis of the actual test performance of simulated missile launches on B-52's coming off ALERT status. In this capacity, Bill, though the lowest ranking member of Analysis, was selected to research and propose a new methodology to improve results in destroying critical enemy (Soviet) targets n the event of a nuclear

war for the squadron of thirty missiles; all of which were carried by B-52 bombers. (Continued on page 13 - Wild Bill)

SOUTHPORT'S LIFE SAVING HEROES

Our world is a better place because of heroes like these who unselfishly step forward to give a tiny piece of themselves so that others might live. And all it took was one tiny hour of their time. Take notice of the one thing all heroes have in common...*they all do it with a smile....*Where were you? We missed you.

Thank You To The Following Southport Heroes Who Stepped Forward To Donate Life-Saving Blood Last Month. YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST!

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Winners of the gift cards donated by Sean & Lorene Rankin (\$50.00) and our HOA (\$25.00) were Bill Steel and Al Walters respectively. **OneBlood** would like to thank our HOA, Sean & Lorene Rankin, Parkway Tavem manager Karen Muncey and our residents for their continued and ongoing support.



Our Next Blood Drive Will Be Held On Wednesday, July 12th from 8:30am to 2:00pm See You On THE BIG RED BUS



By The Way... Walk-Ins Are Always Welcome At Any Time! While it's extremely helpful to set up appointments so OneBlood will know how many Mobile Units to dispatch, please know that your welcome to Walk-In at any time during the day should your schedule allow you to do so even if you haven't made an appointment

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Sincere and deepest sympathies are extended to Pat and her and Bob's family and friends. Know that your all are in our thoughts and prayers.

"Regal robes are now unfolding. Heaven's grandstand's all in place. Heaven's choir is now assembled as they sing Amazing Grace."

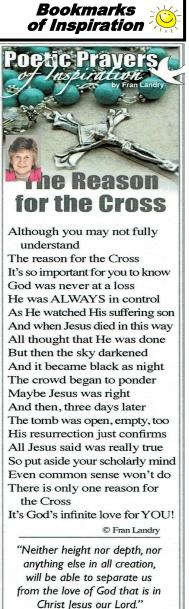
Bill Gaither



A special thank you to all of the Committee members who are spreading the "Rays of Sunshine" throughout our community.

As a reminder to all, we are happy to receive notice that we have a resident in need of a little sunshine. If you do report, check with the person to see if they want to go public i.e. Wednesday announcement. The Wednesday announcement is not required. As always, we're more than are happy to get the call.

Karol McGinn 813-388-0148 *Cindy Judy* 717-514-3997



- Romans 8:39 Fran Landry can be reached by e-mail at franland2@me.com

We would like to thank everyone for your kind thoughtfulness as we venture through our journey with Cancer and the treatment process. A special 'Thank You' to the Sunshine Committee.

Tom & Desdie Eberman



SPS VET'S COMMITTEE UPDATE



Headlines from Tallahassee give us a pretty good idea that these are not the best of times for our veterans. Staffing levels haven't fully recovered since the peak of the COVID19 Pandemic and hospital beds, while available, are empty and there's a

waiting list for in-home care. Adult day care for veterans, more community services as well as being

able to admit more patients into nursing home care are at the top of Florida's Department of Veterans "To Do" list. These are the predominant needs of an aging veteran population! Also consuming this year's legislation is having to address the issue of relocating veterans when there's a need to do so.

Aside from COVID19, drinking water litigation at Camp Lejeune, burnt pit created health issues, troops continued occupation and involvement in other crises around the world contribute to our growing numbers of veterans in need.

Florida has the largest population of women veterans with many of them needing places to live that accommodate children. Our State has 24,000 WWII Vets, 93,000 Korean War Vets and nearly a half million Vietnam Vets with 75% of those who served in Vietnam being 65 years or older.

The numbers of younger troops in need of care and assistance is increasing exponentially as a result of our invol

Involvement in Desert Storm and Afghanistan. It is esti-mated that here in Florida we have approximately 205,000 Gulf War Veterans and approximately 250,000 Afghanistan/Iraqi Veterans, many of whom need access to community based services verses long drives to the closest Veteran's hospital.

Please take the time to remember our Veterans and that "Freedom Is Not Free". As any veteran or their family members.

Thanks for your support. More will be needed.

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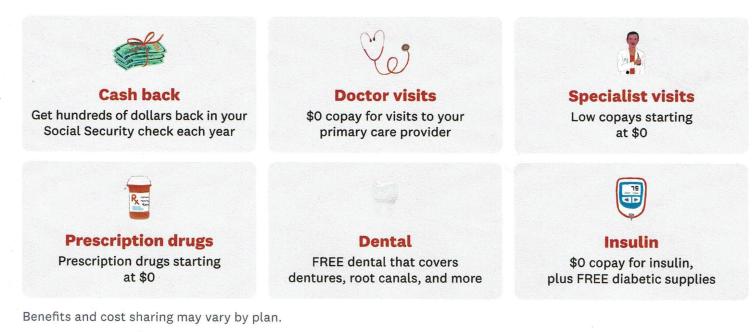






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Events & Activities





MC - Main Clubhouse LC - Little Clubhouse CC - Coffee Cafe

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 1pm Cricut Classes - MC 4pm Pickleball | 3 8am Tennis - TC 8:15am Yoga - MC 9:30am Power Walk- ing - MC 1pm Sequence - LC 6pm Dominoes 6:30pm Shuffleboard | 4 9am Line Dancing (Intermediate) - MC 10am Line Dancing (Advanced) - MC 11am Line Dancing (Baby Steppers)) - MC 1pm Hand & Foot - LC 1pm Horseshoes 7pm Euchre - LC | 5 8:30am Coffee & Donuts (meeting at 9am) MC 9:30am Power Walking - MC 2pm Mahjong - LC 4pm Pickleball 6:30pm BINGO - MC Passover Begins | 6 8am Tennis - TC 9am Line Dancing (intermediate) - MC 10am Line Dancing (Advanced) - MC 11am Line Dancing (Baby Steppers)) - MC Noon Bridge - LC 1pm Horseshoes | 7 9am Bible Study - LC 9:30am Power Walking - MC Noon Hand & Foot lunch followed by cards - LC 7pm Farkle - LC | 8 8am Tennis - TC 7-10pm - MC Listen & Dance To The Music Of "Nunes At Night" |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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WILD BILL (cont. from pg. 1)



While at Beale, Bill obtained his degree in Business Administration and Marketing from Yuga College. In 1967 he was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force. Two days before his Dis-charge he obtained his private pilot's license and eventually obtained his Commercial, Multi-Engine and Instrument licenses.

Sergeant William Peterseim returned home to Ohio and initially helped in the family business. FLASHBACK -In the summer of 1965 when Bill was home on leave, one of his Dad's cus-

tomers, a WWII Army Air Corp Vet, stopped by with his young daughter. Her name was Linda McCullough. Bill never even took notice of her because he was too busy talking to her father about WWII aircraft and modern missiles. However, Linda later shared that at that very mo-ment God spoke to her and said, *"Linda, THIS is your husband*". Fast forward four years later and in 1969 Bill, who at the time was working as a Broadcast Engineer at WKYC TV in Cleveland, was reintroduced without knowing it to that even prettier Miss McCullough and in 1971 Bill and Linda were married. They spent the next forty-six years in Ohio and eventually Florida while raising their family. They have a married son Stuart in Townsend, Georgia, a daughter Stephanie in Cleveland, Ohio, and a married daughter Tana in Sorrento, FL with their son Ethan. Bill's careers spanning 4 decades included Real Estate Sales & Brokerage, Life & Health Insurance, Stockbroker, Certified Financial Planner, and radio Broadcaster on both Christian and Internet Global radio (where he was heard in 140 nations daily) which may be why he is known for having a "gift of gab". In 2003 he was hired by Big Apple Consulting of Orlando where he served on several Boards of Directors and Advisory Boards. In 2007 he and Linda moved to Punta Gorda, Florida and later Orlando and Wesley Chapel. Sadly in 2017 Linda succumbed to a rare form of cancer and in 2018 Bill moved here to Southport. He currently professionally writes and edits. He enjoys a number of activities including dancing, karaoke, SCUBA diving, extreme workouts, and flying. His first plane was a single engine 2

-seat tandem Chinese military trainer pic-tured here with his son Stuart. He subsequently sold the Chinese military trainer and acquired a single engine Cessna Cardinal 4-seater. When asked what his most amazing and memorable scuba dive was,



Bill said it was definitely he and his son's week-long div-



ing in Truk Lagoon (now Chuuk) in central Pacific's Micronesia which is northeast of New Guinea where they dove on or in eight of the sixty Japanese ships lying some 120-140 feet on the bottom of the sea.

'It's a dive I will never forget!" Thank you Bill for your service to our Nation, for defending our freedoms and liberties and for safe guarding our homeland.



For those who may be new to The Sunshine State and a reminder to those of you who've been here for some time, April offers an amazing opportunity for folks to enjoy a bit of outdoors and enjoy the taste of freshly picked fruit. Yup, it's "Strawberry and Blueberry pickin time"! Don't know about you, but I for one can eat as many as I



pick. Nothing like your favorite cereal topped with fresh berries. Or, how about that amazing home-made *Blueberry Pie* or *Strawberry Shortcake* or *Strawberry Jam*? One of my fondest memories was

sitting at my grandmother's (Memere's) kitchen table eating fresh Strawberries or Blueberries topped with fresh,

cold cream and sugar. Memere had her own little garden down by the barn where she grew things like strawberries, herbs, rhubarb and roses. I'm here to tell va that there's nothing like a big piece of Memere's home-



made strawberry rhubarb pie and a cold glass of milk (my grandfather had seventy milking cows). What great memories.

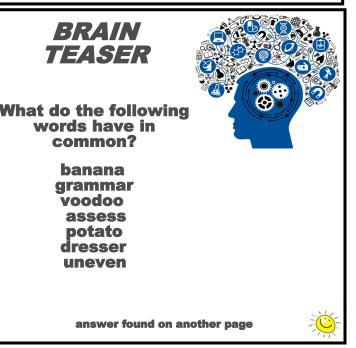
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Berry Sweet Acres in Plant City is about a half hour drive from here (20 miles) and Starkey Blueberry Farm is about 45 minutes away (30 miles). It's recommended that you give them a call to find out what their picking days and times are. Have fun and enjoy!

Joe Grigelevich







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PALM TREE PROBLEMS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



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We touched on this issue briefly in a past edition of the Sun. In this month's article, a little more info on how these problems have or may impact you in the future. Please remember the bigger the tree the higher the risk to both the homeowner and their real property. If infected, they should be removed. Thousands of gardeners get injured yearly while working in the garden. Many are from serious falls while pruning trees, specifically palms and south-

ern oaks. Use a licensed, well rated contractor. Use care in the selection process as Florida, to my knowledge, does not require these contractors to be licensed. If you insist on doing it yourself, have a spotter. My recommendation is to use a contractor.

Proper pruning can improve the level of safety around the palm, tree health, and appearance. Common reasons for pruning include the removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees and branches, overcrowded or hazardous branch locations and risk of damage to property. One of the more frequent problems we find is that many palm trees are over pruned. Palms like trees, should be pruned once a year in the spring if needed. Extreme pruning puts many Florida palms at risk. Many palms need no pruning but it's a money maker for some contractors when the resident doesn't know otherwise. The main time to prune a palm is in the spring to clean up dead or dying fronds. If a frond is not brown, it should be left unless it's creating a hazard. That green frond you removed was making needed food for the mature palm it came from. Removal of healthy fronds means increased stress and making the palm more susceptible to disease. Palm trees all have extensive root systems. When you cut down a palm take out the entire stump otherwise new sprouts will explode upwards and create a new tree. Palm tree removal typically runs between \$150 upwards to \$3000 or more. Removal prices are impacted by tree size, trunk width, access, equipment needed, urgency, etc.

Florida palm trees are under attack by a bacteria that threatens to wipe out legions of palms. The disease is called Lethal Bronzing formerly known as Texas Phoenix Palm Decline until it left Texas



and headed our way. Sabal, Queen, and Washingtonian palms are common in this area and three of its favorite targets.

Visible symptoms are:

- A lower frond that turned bronze in color before it died. This coloration may only last a day or two.
- Flower spikes that die prematurely
- Fruit drops early before maturity.
- New fronds fold over themselves and slowly brown out.
- The spear leaf, the one growing straight up from the crown of the palm, does not develop or dies in the process of maturing.

Dr. Bahder. from the University of Florida is not 100% certain, but thinks he has a leading suspect. A tiny insect

called American Palm Cixiid injects a lethal bacterium that strikes the trees vascular system clogging the palm's arteries. Once infected the plant is done.

There's a system that will stop a palm from getting infected, but it is not possible to tell if the disease process had already taken hold and the destruction started before you treat. Last year, I was aware of three infected palms in Southport. Yesterday, I counted 7 for sure and 2 that I would consider to be possible. The spread is quick and usually moves windward as it attacks its next victim.

Palms are difficult to cut as they are not trees that are woody but large herbs, same as bamboo, bananas, and sedges and much more fibrous. Yes, palms are not trees. No trunk or bark, shallow root systems and they are much more flexible in windstorms. They have very little in common with trees.

Should you think your palm has a problem google lethal bronzing look at photos, call me for an opinion, call an Arborist (fee required), or a licensed contractor to look (I recommend that you request a quote). A small palm can often be handled by Brandon Groom's landscaping 863-272-5613. For larger projects, I would recommend TJ's Tree Service. They do most of the tree and palm work for Sun in this park 813-376-5818.

Please stay out of the trees! Call a professional! Should you want to learn more about Florida Palms I recommend reading "Destroy The Palm Trees...5 Reasons Why Palm Trees Need To Go Away" by Penquin Pete

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SOUTHPORT'S Рот Циск **RECIPE OF THE MONTH Mariaelena** Smith's Cheesecake

1/2 tsp. almond extract 2/3 cup sugar 2 eggs 1 pt. sour cream



2 (8oz.) pkgs. cream cheese (softened)

Instructions:

Instructions: Grease a 9" pie plate with butter. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs, sugar and almond extract together. Cut each cream cheese package into 6 pieces adding one piece at a time to the egg mixture. Beat on high until mixture is smooth; pour into pie plate. Bake for 25 minutes or until center is firm. Shut off oven, open door and let coal for 20 minutes (the cake will probably crack) cool for 20 minutes (the cake will probably crack).

Prepare Frosting:

3 eggs 3 Tbls. sugar 1 tsp vanilla 1/3 cup chopped nuts or fresh fruit

Mix eggs, sugar and vanilla thoroughly. Spread frosting very gently over the cake being especially careful over the cracks (if you pour it on it will run down into the cracks and boil up and spoil the look). Return cake to oven and bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Take from oven and scatter the nuts or fruit over the cake. When cake is cooled put in refrigerator. Serve the next day.

Note: Mariaelena actually got this great recipe from Elizabeth Freemen, a family friend.



COCKTAIL HOUR Dick Knoles, Resident Mixologist

Lavender Lemon Drop Martini

Ingredients:

2 oz. Lavender Vodka * 1 oz. Fresh Lemon Juice 3/4 oz. Triple Sec 1/2 oz. Lavender Simple Syrup **

Instructions:

Put all ingredients in your shaker with ice and shake until very cold. Serve in a martini glass rimed with lemon juice and sugar. Garnish with lemon wedge or lemon peel.



* to make Lavender vodka put 2T lavender buds in 16 oz. vodka. Let it rest in a dark place for 1 week shaking frequently. Pour through a fine sieve into a bottle and use as needed.

** to make Lavender Simple Syrup mix 1cup of water with 1cup sugar and 1T lavender buds. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Let steep for a half hour or more until flavor is well developed. When cooled, pour through a fine sieve into a bottle and refrigerate. Will keep for up to 4 weeks. Use as needed.

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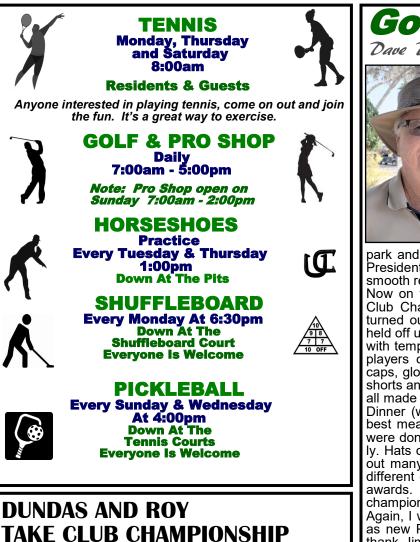
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onship and Patrick Fearick taking home top prize for the Men's Super Seniors Group. "B" Flight Winners were Tom Rich and Charlene Maxwell and "C" Flight Winners were Frank Sinclair and Kara Krohn. Congratulations to all the winners.

As always, a fun time was had by all participants (35 gentlemen and 25 ladies) at last month's annual two day Golf Championship Tournament. The weather was perfect and everyone was Tee'd up and ready to play.

Congratulations and a Big Shout Out to this year's annual tournament champions Dave Dundas & Janice Roy.

Janice Roy. From left to right, this year's Senior Mens Champion was Gerald Knierim with Betty Texter winning the Women's Senior Championship and Patrick Fearick taking home





Hello All, As some of you already know at the last Golf Meeting, I was voted in as the New Golf Committee President. The following have agreed to be on the Golf Committee Board: Dar Lambert, Pat Quick, Patrick Fearick. Ron Greene. I may add two more to the board over the next few weeks. As new President I will represent our Golf Members to the best of my ability. I will also work to

increase our membership base. We

have many homes for sale in the park and we can hope some or all are golfers. Lastly as President I will work with Earl and Sun on a fair and smooth relationship with our members.

Now on to the fun stuff! We had the Southport Springs Club Championship the 18th & 19th of March. Saturday turned out much better than was predicted and the rain held off until late afternoon. Sunday was cold and blustery with temperatures in the high 50's. I watched most of our players come to the first tee on Sunday with stocking caps, gloves and coats. A few of the Macho boys only in shorts and a coat. Sunday was a tough golfing day but we all made it thru 18 holes. Then we had our Championship Dinner (which all that attended agreed), was one of the best meals served for an event. The meat and potatoes were done to perfection and the food line moved smoothly. Hats off to the restaurant for the great meal. We gave out many cash awards to our golfers who placed in the different divisions. We also had 50/50 drawings for cash awards. Shaun & Earl gave the men's and women's champions a beautiful etched glass trophy.

Again, I want to thank all who gave me their "thumbs up" as new President of our Golf Committee. I also want to thank Jim Teixeira for his service as President over the past year. I am not sure we will have a Golf meeting the Month of April but please watch for the sign to be put up if we do have one. If anyone has any questions, comments or issues PLEASE do not hesitate to get with me or call me.

Looking forward to spring golf. Keep your head steady on those putts!







Southport Springs Winter Golf Schedule 2022 - 2023

| Monday: | 7:00am | Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718 | |
|-----------|---------|--|-------|
| | 7:15am | Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256 | |
| | 11:00am | Ladies Match Play Contact: Barbara Pritchard 607-857-7850 | |
| | 11:48am | 'Rat Pack' Men 18 holes Contact: Norm Vogel 716-713-7966 | And A |
| Tuesday | 7:15am | Men Blue Tees 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256 | |
| | 12:36pm | Men Fun 18 holes Select Shot Contact: Jim Jaggers 727-415-6524 | |
| Wednesday | 7:00am | Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718 | |
| | 7:15am | Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256 | |
| | 8:28am | Lambert Ladies Fun 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903 | |
| | 12:04pm | Mixed Seniors Fun 9 holes Contact: Helen Greene 813-362-9928 | |
| | 6:00pm | 'Sundowners' Mixed Fun 9 holes Contact: Shawn Bernier 813-541-3127 Lisa Schlabowske 847-651-6829 | |
| Thursday | 7:15am | Men Quarters 18 holes Contact: Joe Finley 813-310-7256 | |
| | 10:28am | 'Lady Swingers' 18 holes Contact: Barbara Holdridge 813-701-6789 | |
| | 11:00am | Men's Match Play Contact: Tom Rich 813-780-1982 | |
| | 11:48am | Men Fun 18 holes Select Shot Contact: Jim Jaggers 727-415-5524 | |
| Friday | 7:00am | Men Fun 18 holes Contact: Larry Britton 321-544-7718 | Pa |
| | 10:04am | Men 18 holes Contact: Dave Dundas 954-482-2225 | |
| | 12:44pm | 'Betty's Babes Ladies 18 Contact: Betty Texter 716-574-6633 | |
| Saturday | 8:30am | Mixed Resident Scramble 18 holes Contact: Darlene Lambert 413-519-4903 | |







Let's all welcome the following new residents who recently joined Our Southport Springs Family. "Welcome To Your New Home Folks"

Carol Olds 3726 Bubba Drive

Jerry & Colleen West 3846 Russian Olive Lane

John & Kelly Powers

3929 Rockrose Lane

ne 3945 Rockrose Lane

Michael Skupin

3920 Arrowwood Drive

Dan & Donna Miller





After 392 years of wandering in the desert, Mrs. Moses secretly asks for directions.

WHAT'S IN A WORD? WORD SCRAMBLE (5 Letter Words)



BABEL, CABIN, DADDY, EAGLE, XENIA, GABLE, HABIT, LAMBS, ICING WACKY, JACKS, KABOB, LABOR, MACHO, NACHO, OASIS, PACKS, RABBR, SABRE, UDDER, VAGUE



That Apollo 17 Moon Mission Astronaut Harrison Schmitt learned that he was allergic to moon dust?

That there's a Toilet Museum? Yup, it's located in New Delhi and it details the historic evolution of toilets from 2500 BC up until today.



That the letter "**Q**" is the only letter that doesn't appear in any State name? Oh go ahead...give it a try!



That it would cost \$18.3 million to make a replica of the Darth Vader suit complete with the voice modifier, breathing apparatus and prosthetic limbs?

That there are actually two Air Force Ones? Since it's important that AF1 be maintained in tip-top shape, while one is being worked on there's a sec-

ond one standing by.





Happy Birthday

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| Schwebach, Sarah | April | 1 | | | | | | |
| Loyer/Coon, Sandy | April | 1 | | | | 1. Where does Drace | ula keep his | Faster |
| Kibly, Wendy | April | 1 | Colo | brate! | | Candy? In his Ea | | |
| Petersen, Pam | April | 2 | | | | 2. What do you get v | | |
| Barnhardt, Lelia | April | 3 | April | | | bunny with an onic | | |
| Froelich, Beverly | April | 4 | Falco, Dan | April | 1 | 3. Why was the little | | |
| Mattson, Bonnie | April | 4 | Gallagher, Tom | April | 1 | Easter egg hunt? | | |
| Caudill, Shirley | April | 7 | Allen, Bob | April | 2 | beater. | | 55 |
| Pruett, Cindy | April | 8 | Dehne, Steve | April | 2 | 4. What's the Easter | bunny's fav | /orite |
| Pollack, Karen | April | 8 | McGovern, Jim | April | 3 | song? Don't wor | ry, be hopp | by. |
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| Bredeau, Dianna | April | 9 | Angel, Wade | April | 4 | Hebrews it! | | |
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| Harris, Libby | April | 12 | Tarbell, Ray | April | 6 6 | other? Dinner is | on me. | |
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| Griffin, Roberta | April | 19 | Gunderson, Leon | April | 19 | | | |
| Harris, Linda | April | 20 | Jacobs, Bill | April | 20 | | | |
| Budde, Gail | April | 22 | Montpetit, Jacques | April | 20 | | | |
| Hagerty, Diane | April | 22 | Sasser, Don | April | 21 | | - Andrew | |
| Walters, Rita | April | 23 | Weston, Paul | April | 23 | | ~ ^ | |
| Stevens, Mary | April | 24 | Mahler, Keith | April | 23 | | | |
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| Norvick, Sue | April | 27 | Anderson, Dave | April | 28 | desdie@southport | springsho | a.com |
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April

| Pritchard, Jerry & Barbara | April |
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| Smedberg, Dale & Laurie | April |
| Meyer, Dave & Kathy | April |
| Bartol, John & Lynda | April |
| Trent, Marty & Linda | April |
| Evans, Bill & Carla | April |
| Bowers, Carey & Lyneth | April |
| Tarbell, Ray & Ronnie | April |
| McKee, Leo & Sue | April |
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| Collins, Mike & Debby | April |
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Also - For obvious health reasons, <u>please</u> be con-siderate of others and and before entering shower the pool or hot tubs. Thank you





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EDITORIAL Lori Pettit, Ass't Editor



Here it is. The first editorial I've ever written (although I was once part of the school newspaper during eighth grade. I wrote a scathing review of the mashed potatoes served in the cafeteria). The following year I was part of the Yearbook committee.

Spring has arrived in Southport Springs! April has always been one of my favorite months. The return of leaves on the trees and tulips blooming at Oglebay Park in Wheeling meant that summer vacation

was just around the corner. Spring brought longer days for kickball, our neighborhood's favorite pastime. Generally speaking, any outdoor game we welcomed.

During the winter months we played board games or worked on jigšaw puzzles. In my early teens the video game con-sole made its debut. We still played outdoors a lot, but the Atari game system hooked every one of us.

Game play is very popular here in Southport Springs. There are both indoor and outdoor offerings most every day of the week. The game programs here are all run by passionate volunteers. It does take a bit of work to coordinate supplies, location, times and players. At times there are an odd number of players present and a player will volunteer to sit out to even up the teams. I remember being that player in kickball. Usually the "extra" player became the designated pitcher for both teams.

For me, the anticipation of playing a game becomes a consuming thought. Who will be my partner? Will we have enough people to play the game? Am I going to win today? Game thoughts can derail the usual internal commentary. Often, my internal commentary needs derailing! Games provide a distraction and a means of being present. One can't focus on a game while thinking about the problems of life. All that matters during game play is the game. And that is the space in which change begins.

A lifetime ago, I managed a small team of people. They had very little in common. They were decades apart in age and didn't get along very well. They were a very disconnected team. Our breakroom had seating for eight

and everyone had a one hour lunch break. The first game that was introduced was Farkle, a dice game. It's easy to learn and it's easy to complete a full game in one hour. On this particular Monday there were just three of us playing Farkle during lunch and by Friday there



were six of us. Farkle became a topic of conversation between players. A gentle ribbing about how badly someone lost started a conversation between office mates. Soon they were making plans to facilitate eating and playing . One banded meals made dame play faster. We eventually moved on to playing Dominoes. Most days someone would come around and ask who would be available to play during lunch. End result was that playing games together built a camaraderie that improved communication and teamwork. I've met a lot of people since moving to Southport. What I



have observed is that there are some really serous gamers in our commuoutcome of Monday Dominoes, Wednesday BINGO or

Tuesday Hand & Foot. I often sit in my backyard and watch the players at hole 10 and I can hear about their shots (both good and bad) from my patio. What I hear most often is laughter and the joy of play. It's something heard often here in Southport Springs. By the way, even games that are played on tablets and cellphones can provide a brain boost. There's a restorative power in having a passion for play. If you don't currently have a game obsession in your life, please get one! I'm challenging you to come out an play with your neighbors or host a game night with a group of friends. The benefits are lasting, contagious and free.

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