

The Southport Sun

April 2026

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APRIL

Events

Bunco

Thursday, April 2 6:30pm
Main Clubhouse - \$1.00 per person.

Southport Springs Author Workshop

Thursday, April 9 & 23 7-9pm

Card Room FREE

To sign up please send a note to Keith Rankin at writer@pkrankin.com

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, April 12 2-4pm

\$5.00 which will be refunded when you show up.
Tickets on sale April 1 & 8.

Dance to the Music of Billy D Williams

Saturday, April 11 7-10pm

\$10.00 per person BYOB

Tickets on sale April 1 & 8.

Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, April 20 5:30pm

Sign-up in the Main Clubhouse.

Throwback Thursday - Bone Cartel

Thursday, April 23 7-10pm

\$5.00 for HOA members - \$7.00 for Non-members.

Tickets on sale April 8, 15 & 22.

See Ticket Purchase Details on Page 6.

See What's Coming in May on Page 1.

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In Loving Memory

Janne Postma
3530 Azinger Loop
1943-2026

*Thinking of you, Philip, and your family.
Wishing you moments of peace and comfort as
you remember someone who was so close to you.*

Mary Stevens
3529 Azinger Loop
1960-2026

*Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to the
Stevens family during this difficult time.*

Jim Rupert
3719 Rockrose Lane
1966-2026

*May you, Lavinia, find peace and solace in the
memories you shared.
Our condolences to you and your family.*

COMING IN MAY

Derby Day

Saturday, May 2

Look for more details to follow soon. Start working on your **Derby Hats**. Contest for men and women
Join us for the running of the Southport horses!

Bunco

Thursday, May 7 6:30pm

Main Clubhouse—\$1.00 per person.

Tickets on sale March 18 & 25 from 4-5pm in the Clubhouse

Dance to the Music of Westwind

Saturday, May 9 7-10pm

\$5.00 for HOA members - \$7.00 for Non-members.

Tickets on sale April 15, 22 & 29.

Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, May 18 5:30pm

Sign-up in the Main Clubhouse.

Charles Williams Dance

Saturday, May 23 7-10pm

\$5.00 for HOA members - \$7.00 for Non-members.

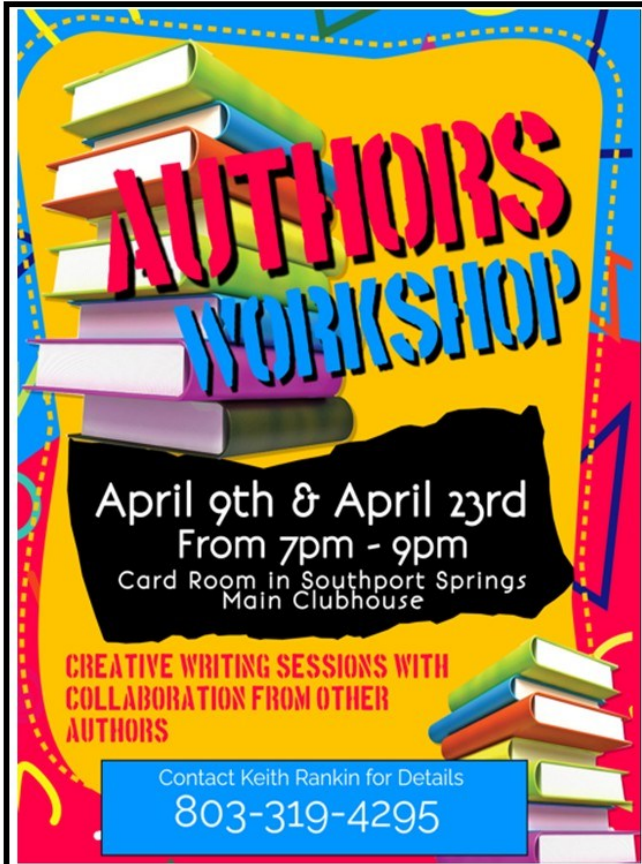
Tickets on sale May 6, 13 & 20.

Events & Activities

April 2026

MC - Main Clubhouse
LC - Little Clubhouse
CR – Card Room
TC - Tennis Court

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AUTHORS WORKSHOP

April 9th & April 23rd
From 7pm - 9pm
Card Room in Southport Springs
Main Clubhouse

CREATIVE WRITING SESSIONS WITH
COLLABORATION FROM OTHER
AUTHORS

Contact Keith Rankin for Details
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Listen
& Dance
To The Music
Of

Billy D Williams

Saturday, April 11th
7:00 - 10:00pm
BYOB

\$10.00pp

Tickets On Sale Wednesday, April 1st and April 8th
From 3:30pm to 5:00pm
In the Main Clubhouse Ballroom



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, April 12
Serving from 2-4 p.m.
in the Main Clubhouse

\$5.00 per person
which will be refunded when you show up.


Tickets are on sale April 1 & 8.



Sponsored by Your HOA

Potluck

**Monday,
April 20,
5:30 p.m.**




**Quarter Bingo
to follow.**

**There will be six rounds
of quarter bingo.**

**Please bring a dish to pass
that will serve 10-12 people.**

Iced Tea & Lemonade will be provided.
Bring your own tableware.

Sign up in the clubhouse.



Sponsored by Your HOA

**Throwback Thursday with
Bone Cartel**



**Thursday, April 23
7 – 10 p.m.**

**HOA Members \$5.00 per person.
Non-members \$7.00 per person.**

Tickets on sale April 8, 15 & 22.



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**Coming May 2nd
Derby Day**



*Look for more
details to follow soon.*

*Start working on your
Derby Hats.*

*Contest for men and women
Join us for the running of the
Southport horses!*

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Ticket Sales Schedule and Sign-up Sheets For HOA Events

Unless Otherwise Noted, Tickets for the following events go on sale
Wednesday mornings

In the Main Clubhouse Ballroom from 8-10am

Table reservations available (First Come/First Served)
unless noted as open seating (limit 8 tickets per person)

Disclaimer: All event and social activity information included herein is consistent with information that was provided to our editorial staff as of this printing. Thank You.

Events

Ticket Purchase Dates or Sign-up Sheets

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, April 12 2-4pm
\$5.00 per person

which will be refunded if you show up.

Wednesday, April 1 & 8.

Call Lee Edwards at 863-207-2523 to inquire.

Potluck & Quarter Bingo

Monday, April 20 5:30pm

Sign-up Sheet

On the Main Clubhouse Bulletin Board
Call Lee Edwards at 863-207-2523 to inquire.

Throwback Thursday "Bone Cartel"

Thursday, April 23 7-10pm

\$5.00 for HOA members \$7.00 for Non-member

Wednesday, April 8, 15 & 22.

Call Laurie Smedberg at 612-991-3804 to inquire.

Tickets or Sign-up for the Following Events

Bunco

Thursday, April 2 6:30pm

\$1.00 per person.

Text Shawn Bernier at 813-541-3127 to inquire.

Southport Springs Author Workshop

Thursday, April 9 & 23 7-9pm
FREE

To sign up please send a note to Keith Rankin at
writer@pkrankin.com

Dance to the music of Billy D Williams

Saturday, April 11 7-10pm
\$10.00 per person.

Wednesday, April 1 & 8.

Main Clubhouse from 3:30 – 5:00pm
Text Charlene Maxwell at 813-928-5476 to inquire.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ladies

Schwebach, Sarah	April 1
Loyer Coon, Sandra	April 1
Kibly, Wendy	April 1
Peterson, Pamela	April 2
Barnhardt, Lelia	April 3
Froelich, Beverly	April 4
Mattson, Bonnie	April 4
Caudill, Shirley	April 7
Crooke, Connie	April 7
Pruett, Cindy	April 8
Greene, Helen	April 8
Harris, Libby	April 12
Levesque, Lorraine	April 12
Gallagher, Agnes	April 15
Quartucci, Winnie	April 15
Roy, Janice	April 17
Crooke, Connie	April 17
McCoy, Tena	April 18
Waterman, Lauren	April 19

Griffin, Roberta	April 19
Hagerty, Diane	April 22
Robinson, Roxanne	April 22
Walters, Rita	April 23
Brownell, Dawn	April 24
Earon, Nancy	April 25
Pennella, Patricia	April 27
Lucariello, Joyce	April 28
Edwards, Lee	April 29

May

Dolan, Christine	May 1
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Men

Falco, Dan	April 1
Miller, Daniel	April 1
Dehne, Steven	April 2
McGovern, James	April 3
Grigevich, Joseph	April 3
Angel, Wade	April 4
Mull, Gregory	April 6

Tarbell, Ray	April 6
Walters, Al	April 6
Fey, Tom	April 7
Naylor, Bob	April 17
Gunderson, Leon	April 19
Jacobs, William	April 20
Montpetit, Jacques	April 20
Weston, Paul	April 23
Mahler, Keith	April 23
Sitton, Marvin	April 23
Barnett, Steven	April 24
Cruz, Adelberto (Al)	April 26
Ertel, Stephen	April 26
Barth, Ronald	April 27
White, Lee	April 28
Keffalas, George	April 29

May

Sanderson, Jim	May 1
Bair, Bill	May 3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

APRIL

Pritchard, Jerry & Barbara	April 2
Smedberg, Dale & Laurie	April 2
Mosley, Dennis & Kathleen	April 12
Bartol, John & Lynda	April 12
Evans, Bill & Carla	April 16
Sheveily, Phillip & Joy	April 16
Bowers, Carey & Lyneth	April 19
Tarbell, Ray & Ronnie	April 19
McKee, Leo & Sue	April 22

Cherry, Bob & Linda	April 22
Rearick, Randy & Becky	April 26
Howell, Grover & Celia	April 26
Crozier III, Wilbur & Faulk, Ericka	April 30

MAY

Cluck, Ed & Mary Adele	May 1
MacDonald, Edward & Jayne	May 1
Jones, Harold & Susan	May 3
Kingsbury, Larry & Foley, John	May 4



Birthday & Anniversary Info



Due to privacy issues/concerns, residents will no longer receive birthdays or anniversary dates from the SPS office. I include in the newsletter each month a list of resident birthdays and anniversaries. This is well received and expected. If you are a new resident (past 12 months) and want your birthday or anniversary date included in the SPS newsletter, please contact me with that information.

Text me at 815-566-1505 or email me at rjsone@yahoo.com.

Also, please let me know if you see an error in the newsletter birthday/anniversary info.

I appreciate your feedback.

Bob Schutt, Newsletter Editor

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HOA News



April Blooms. As the spring flowers are blooming and our northern friends leave for home, HOA slows down a tad, but not for long...our HOA membership is growing and with every new member comes the opportunity to get to know our residents, make new friends, and build long lasting relationships.

Our community is a nice ebb and flow of folks and summer months bring with it an opportunity for smaller gatherings, more pool time and comfortable conversations. Inevitably these get togethers lead to questions and suggestions about how HOA can better serve our community at large? What's the benefit of being an HOA member? What does HOA do for me? Love the questions!

The HOA Board asks that of ourselves frequently. Many residents know the obvious, tickets to events cost less, complimentary coffee hour to ALL every Wednesday, the monthly newsletter...lets share a few quotes from Board and HOA members directly to help answer:

- Board diligently collaborated with SPS Management to have ballroom chairs & ceiling fans cleaned to ensure a healthier social space.
- Membership matters because of the foundational intention.....For members, by members for the benefit of all.
- Met so many friends in HOA.
- What would we do without HOA!?
- As one of our Entertainment Committee volunteer HOA members so aptly put it "\$2.50 a month for all HOA does!"

So let's name a few less obvious things your HOA Board does for \$ 2.50 a month.

- Advocate & liaison between residents and SPS Management.
- Stays in continued contact with FMO & laws that regulate our community both State & Federal.
- Attends outside community meetings to maintain relationships with like communities in our area.
- About 90% of activities, functions and entertainment is provided by HOA for our community at large.

Our library, HOA member volunteers keep it neat & tidy. Sunshine committee HOA members, our Bereavement committee HOA members, our Line Dancing, Horse Shoes, Karaoke, Bus Trips, Phone Directories, and so much more, HOA members.

Every time the HOA Board or another HOA member steps up to offer a function, that is an opportunity for
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our community to come together, socialize, break bread and enjoy life to the fullest! It takes commitment, volunteers, a desire to serve others and hours of time, lots of time.

To let you know roughly how much time, I asked my Board members to loosely keep track of their HOA hours for one month. Of our 6 Board members right now: 380 total hours. That averages out to 63.2 hours per month per Board member. Not including our Ass't Secretary or our Ass't Treasurer.

Thank God for member volunteers, other committee volunteers and we do not leave out residents that volunteer who can't be HOA members but wish they could or residents who just haven't gotten around to joining HOA yet. A huge thank you to ALL!

So much of what happens goes on behind the scenes. Your HOA Board wants to do more and add more activities and different events BUT we need more members and more volunteers to accomplish it!

\$2.50 a month. It's a bargain. One donut at Social Hour covers that. Become a member, get involved, meet new friends. We'd love to have y'all!

Help HOA bloom!

By grace

Sharon Parent, HOA President



Horseshoe Team

The SPS Horseshoe Team is ready for tournament play for the upcoming Season!

Thanks crew for your dedicated hard work making our team eligible to join tournament play again!
Pits Ready to Go!!!!

Mary May



ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED!



The time of year is fast approaching once again when the grandkids and great-grandkids and their folks will be visiting on their way to one or more of the awesome attractions we have here in the Sunshine State. For their

safety and the safety of everyone around them here in Southport Springs it is important that they understand a few especially important safety rules.

First, do not let them "sweet talk" you into letting them drive your golf cart. Each year there are more than 6,000 serious golf cart accidents involving young people under the age of 16. Some result in permanent life changing injuries. You do not want, and we do not want your grandchild or great-grandchild to be one of those statistics. So please do not let them drive your gulf cart.

Second, if you see a young person driving a golf cart, please report it immediately to the community office.

A second reminder to those visiting is that for the safety of everyone concerned, jumping into the pool or running around near the pool is absolutely prohibited. Here again, the last thing we need is to see is the local Rescue Squad taking someone to the hospital with a serious life threatening injury. Rules are not meant to punish. They are meant to keep everyone safe.



PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES!

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HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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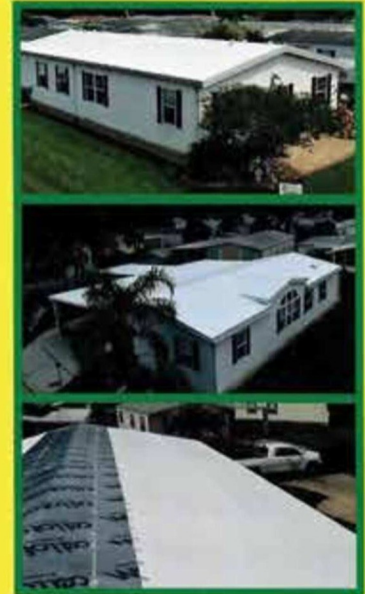
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Southport Springs Sunshine Committee

All is good on the Sunshine Team! Sunshine continues to find those in need thanks to our Sunshine ladies and gentlemen. Harriet Carman continues to manage medical supplies. Thank you, Harriet! Medical equipment is provided **on loan** and at **no charge** to residents and their guests. Contact Harriet Carman. She generously stores these items at her home. She is in the directory.



If you know of someone who needs some sunshine, please contact Karol McGinn or Cindy Judy so that we can make that happen. Cindy and I are ever so grateful for the Sunshine Team members and all that they do.



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Cindy Judy
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**We are not put on this earth for ourselves,
but are placed here for each other.**

THANK YOU



Thanks to all you "Life Savers" who took the time to come out for our Spring Time Blood Drive. Collectively, you potentially saved over 90 lives. You folks are definitely among Southport's **Super Heroes!** And congrats to Jim Teixeira from over on Privet Court who won the \$30 gift card which was generously donated by our HOA. Our community's continued and on-going support is greatly appreciated by **OneBlood** and most importantly, by the folks whose lives were saved because someone cared enough to "give the gift of life". Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15th. Thanks again to the following folks who took the time to step up:

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Dawn Brownell	Greg Foxen	
Cheryll Hoff	Patti McConchie	
Kim Griffin	Bernie Pietrowski	
Harry Newton	Marci Pembleton	



Southport Springs Veterans Association

Account Balances Report February 2026

Account	2/28/2026 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Vet Ck wall fund	1,311.89
Vet Sav SPS	47.10
TOTAL Bank Accounts	1,358.99
Cash Accounts	
General Fund	3,237.12
TOTAL Cash Accounts	3,237.12
OVERALL TOTAL	4,596.11

Income & Expense Report February 2026

Category	2/1/2026- 2/28/2026
INCOME	
Wall & Bricks income	160.00
TOTAL INCOME	160.00
EXPENSES	
Purchase Bricks	88.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	88.81
OVERALL TOTAL	71.19

Come join the fun & exercise



Horseshoes
1pm every Tuesday

Corn Hole
3pm every Tuesday



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Cindy Judy, Women's Club



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General Manager
Southport Springs Golf Community

Raspberry Mojito

Dick Knoles
Resident Mixologist



Ingredients:

- 6 mint leaves, plus more for garnish
- 6 fresh raspberries, plus more for garnish
- 2 ounces white rum
- 1 ounce lime juice
- 1 ounce simple syrup or raspberry simple syrup
- 4 ounces Seltzer or Club Soda*

Instructions

1. In a cocktail shaker, muddle the mint leaves, then add the raspberries and muddle again.
2. Add the rum, lime juice, and simple syrup and fill the cocktail shaker with ice. Shake until cold.
3. Place ice into a glass and strain in the liquid.
4. Top off the glass with soda water. Garnish with additional mint leaves and raspberries.



*Soda water, aka seltzer, is carbonated water with no additives — straight up bubbles!

Club soda is carbonated water infused with added minerals, which give it a salty flavor. It works here if you prefer it!

Pickleball Update



As of April 2nd pickleball will be played at 9 am on Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday immediately after tennis if applicable.

Lee Casteris

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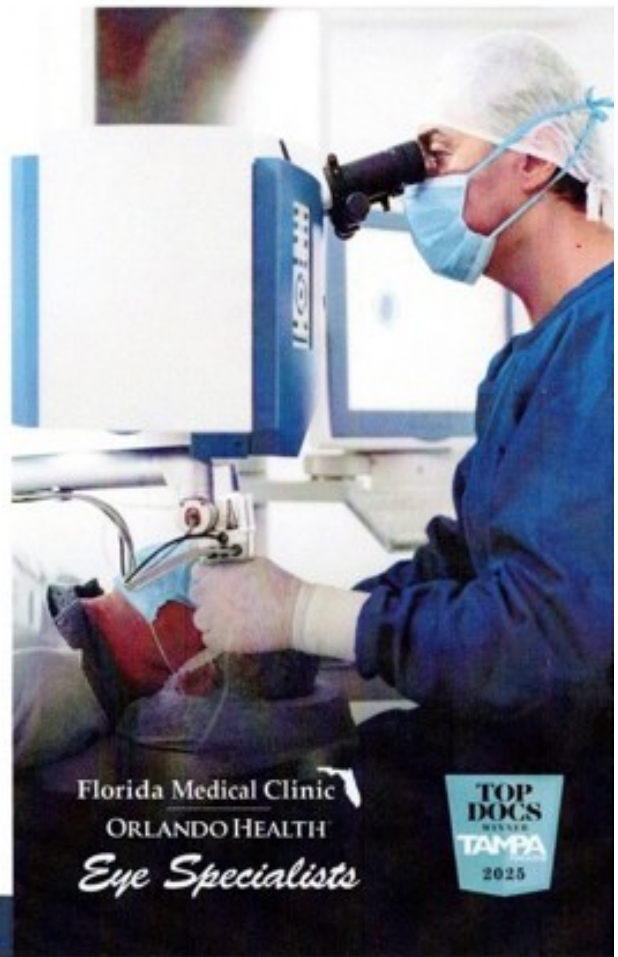
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Golf Association



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 We had a great Club Championship this year. Weather could not have been better. The meal was great and hats off to Sean Rankin / Sun for providing the food and refreshments. Thanks to all who helped to make this event a success!
 During the summer months the course will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. We should have our leagues times moving up somewhat

and I will let all know what times will be when I get it from Earl. There will be a Ryder Cup outing on Sunday, April 19th. Watch for the Sign up sheet to go up. Here are the winners in the 2026 Club Championship:

Men's List of Winners;

Joe Finley – **Club Champion** / Tom Rich - **Senior Champion** / Rich Abbott - **Vern Goodwin Award**

Flight A

Second Low Gross – Jon Lovell / **First Low Net** – Gerald Knierim / **Second Low Net** – Rick Gelles / **Third Low Gross** – Al Cruz

Flight B

First Low Gross – Rich Dziki / **First Low Net** – Ron Greene / **Second Low Gross** – Bill Hrovosky / **Second Low Net** – Harry Jones

Flight C

First Low Gross – Rich Abbott / **First Low Net** – Jim Teixeira / **Second Low Gross** – Earl Ferree / **Second Low Net** – Brian Kibler

Ladies List of Winners:

Club Champion – Betty Texter / **Senior Champion** – Janice Roy

Flight A

Second Low Gross – Dawn Milby / **First Low Net** – Pam Clearwater Lovell / **Third Low Gross** – tie between Mary Cox & Lorene Rankin

Flight B

First Low Gross – Wendy Kibler / **First Low Net** – Winnie Quartucci / **Second Low Gross** – Kara Krohn

Flight C

First Low Gross – Barb Pritchard / **First Low Net** – Vicki Winchester

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Golf Championship photos



**SPS Golf Champions
Betty Texter and Joe Finley**



**All other photos of Golf Championship
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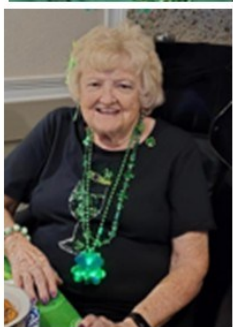
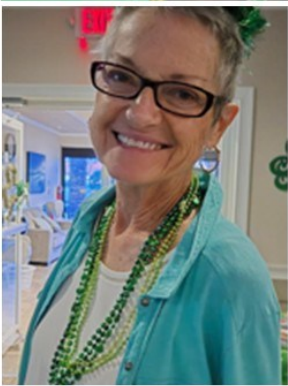
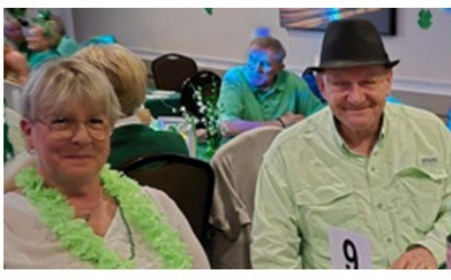
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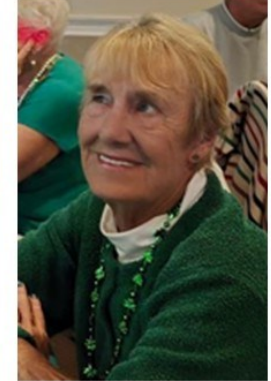
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St. Patrick's Day Dance



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Southport Springs Veterans Association

The foundational goal of the **Southport Springs Veterans Association** is an unwavering commitment to our veterans and their families, ensuring they receive the recognition, respect, and assistance they earned and rightfully deserve.

The March 'Fall In' Happy Hour featured **Martin Mazurek from the Pasco County Veteran Service Office** from the Dade City Office. He provided a wealth of information on Veterans & Veteran Survivor Benefits. Veterans and Veteran Survivors are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with a Veteran Service Officer to know what your benefits are and how to access them.

The next "Fall In" Happy Hour formation for **Veterans and Veteran Family Members is Thursday, April 11 at 4:00 PM** in the **Main Clubhouse**. Veterans are encouraged to show up, bring a fellow Veteran & family member of a Veteran residing in Southport Springs. Show your service pride!

'Honor Brick': Anyone who desires to have an engraved brick placed on the Memorial Wall can request one.

The past week two Masons, who are Veterans from **B&H Construction of Central Florida** placed **6 Honor Bricks** on the Wall. They refused any compensation and left a cash donation for the Wall!! Veterans taking care of Veterans!

We are continuing to establish a complete directory of Veterans and Veterans Family members residing in Southport Springs. To ensure your information is correct, contact:

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This Board serves the Veteran Family of Southport Springs. You will be called upon to serve from time to time to assist us in serving our community.

Scheduled Dates to Lower the Flag to Half Mast ~

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- ◇ May 15: Peace Officers Memorial Day
- ◇ May 25: Memorial Day **Sunset to NOON**
- ◇ July 27: Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- ◇ September 11: Patriot Day
- ◇ December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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Southport Springs Veterans Association

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Key Pollinators, Where Did They Go This Winter?

A healthy honeybee colony may contain 50-75,000 bees in the summer time but by winter the colony population can be reduced to 10,000 or less winged residence.

Honeybees communal consciousness recognizes the fact that fewer bees consume less honey to ensure the colonies survival.

To stay on course, we are talking about only honeybees. Native bees, butterflies, moths, and other pollinators will be discussed in the future.

We know that honeybees never hibernate because they do not sleep. It is also true that honeybees tend to not leave the hive once temps become cold and fall below the mid-50s. Other bee types use different coping methods to deal with winters environmental shifts. Honeybees prepare for winter by storing honey and pollen within the hive as the food source during the winter. Beginning in August or later in central Florida the queen will reduce the number of eggs she will lay daily and by new year's stop laying eggs in total.

Bees group around the queen and her brood creating a compact cluster inside the hive which undulates at various rates determined by the temperature inside the hive. Worker bees are tasked with keeping the hives warmth by generating heat. Workers flex shoulder muscles and move their bellies (vibrate) to produce heat. Bees continually rotate their positions within the hive from the center to the clusters outer layer allowing other bees to flex and help keep the hive warm. The combined heat generated by the workers can dramatically increase the hives core temperature to 90 degrees F. The colonies reserve of honey must be large enough to sustain the bees thru winter months and give them sufficient energy to produce the required heat to maintain the colonies needed temperature.

Colonies do not grow in the winter as resources are limited. Drones (male bees) are forced out in late autumn. Drones will be raised again next spring. If winter temps are between 60-70 degrees worker bees will venture out to gather more pollen and nectar. The honey bee queen will ramp up egg production in mid-February and by mid-April will be laying 2000 to 2500 eggs each day.

The queen increases the hives population back to 50,000 to 75,000 bees before late May. For bee keepers March is a critical time as it is when starvation is most likely should a period of cold weather after the buildup of bees is under way.

Some butterflies like monarchs and hummers migrate. Other butterflies and some moths lay eggs that may survive the winter season. Native bees have already laid eggs for next year.

With the mass destruction of so much green space in our area due to our expanding residential communities, the numbers of pollinators have been reduced. As this continues, which it will, the extinction of native plants and their native pollinators will continue.

Why is this important? Easy. Plants must pollinate to produce seeds. No seeds, no plants, then no food for us or the animals we consume. Our food system will be compromised placing the world's population at risk!

Bob Gallion.

List of resources for Senior Citizens

Here is the list of resources in Pasco and the state of Florida. I will have to research, or you can go to your government site to find resources in Hernando County. I apologize for not having the resources for that county. This Meals on Wheels has Pasco County only and state resources. Also call 211 for resources as well.

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A little Bit of This and a Little Bit of That

Soup Making May be Older Than We Thought

So, who concocted the first bowl of soup?

Most sources state that soup making did not become common place until between 5,000 to 9,000 years ago. Boiling was not a commonly used cooking technique until the invention of waterproof and heatproof containers about 5,000 years ago according to the Oxford encyclopedia.

We now know that was probably wrong by at least 15,000 years. It appears functional containers were invented much earlier than we thought, per Harvard's discovery of 20,000-year-old pottery from a cave in China. When you look at the cookery you can see that they were in a fire. This discovery may possibly be the world's oldest known cookware, but what exactly was being cooked is unknown. Whatever it was, soup or alcohol, the containers were much older than 5,000 years. That kind of container was not necessary for boiling. An ancient soup maker could have simply dug a pit and lined it with animal skins. He would then fill the pit with water and drop in some very hot rocks. "The power of the expanding steam would break up the rocks, a characteristic that first shows up around 25,000 years ago in western Europe", says John Smith, an archaeologist from the University of Michigan. He added, "Boiling water to make soup may even be older. You can boil water and eliminate the hot stones."

All you needed was a waterproof container suspended over a fire source.

Long ago cooks may have made such a container from tree bark. The water inside kept the material from burning,

It is argued that Neanderthals that lived 20,000 to 28,000 years ago would have needed boiling technology to render fat from animal bones to supplement their diet of lean meat and avoid death due to protein poisoning.

If Neanderthals were boiling bones to get fat, they could have drunk the resulting broth (soup). Anthropologists haven't been able to determine with certainty when man first controlled fire or when cooking itself was invented. It was likely to have been more than 300,000 years ago before homo sapiens first emerged.

Science found evidence of cooked starchy grains in a 46,000-year-old fossilized Neanderthal's teeth in Iraq. They were probably cooked in some way, but nothing proves they were making soup or stew.

Putting a date on the first bowl of soup is impossible. It is very likely that humans were concocting soup 25,000 years or more someplace. Long ago cooks could have fashioned such a container from tree bark or an animal hide. Evidence would be very difficult to find because these articles would not be preserved.

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