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COMING EVENTS

July 13 Breakfast at
Abbys 8:30 a.m.

Aug. 10 Breakfast at
Abby's..8:30 a.m. All
are welcome.

September:

Sept. 7 Breakfast at
Abby's8:30a.m.

Sept 8-11 Florence Rally
(Crab Rally) \$30./night
special rate just for us!

The very first thing I have to say is: Thank you, thank you to all who came to the monthly breakfast at Abby's. We had 20 folks. It was good to see familiar faces and get reacquainted. Please, please continue to invite other SKP members so we can rebuild. There is a list of events posted in the dining hall—start making plans. Also there will be election for new officers at the Sept Rally in Florence, think about stepping up or your nominees. I have proxy forms if you can't attend. Continue to support Chapter 9 and don't forget to pay your dues.

SPECIAL JULY EVENTS

July 4: **Golf Cart Parade:** Doll up your golf cart and join the parade.

Picnic at Snoopy's Meadow at 1 p.m. Bring your meat to cook or bring it cooked. Side dishes provided by Jacks and Jills and Chapter 9. BYOD.

July 13: 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast at Abbey's**, Don't be late, it's usually a good crowd.

July 19: **Annual Meeting 9 a.m.** at Clubhouse

July 23: 11:30 a.m.....**Blueberry Pancake Brunch** at Clubhouse

SOME LOCAL NEWS

Food prices have gone up; the SUTHERLIN/OAKLAND FOOD PANTRY can help. You qualify if your annual income for one person is under \$40,470 or two persons under \$54,930. Three times a month you can choose enough food to make 9 meals or more. And no, you aren't taking food out of the mouths of the hungry. They currently can help more people than they have; maybe even you! They're open Monday and Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. Phone number: 541-459-4082 (call during that time.) They're staffed by pleasant, helpful and nice volunteers. As they say, "Shop for staples here and then finish at regular stores." Your food budget will go a lot farther and maybe even help pay for gas!

CHAPTERS, RALLIES

What is Chapter Nine? For the uninitiated, chapters, rallies, parks are very confusing. So let's start at the very beginning of Escapees Inc. Escapees started from something like what you now have in your hand: a newsletter! Kay Peterson wrote, on a manual typewriter, the first newsletter and sent it to friends. RVers receiving it wanted to get together and thus were born rallies. At rallies folks discovered others from their area and formed groups called Chapters (there are 57 chapters in the US). We, the ninth chapter, were founded in Casa Grande, AZ. in 1985 with Don and Pat Kuykendall as the "driving force".

Chapter Nine Was Looking for a Park

Recapping the history from previous "Tracks": "The property (90.19 acres) which sold for \$300,000 several years ago, now on Oct. 15, 1988: "The 90.19 acres cost \$80,000" .. plus additional costs "for a total of \$90,031". A Bargain, right?

There were over 200 names on the list interested in the 150 sites originally planned here in Sutherlin. Some remember our hillside as a meadow or a cow or sheep pasture. Others think it might have been part of an orchard. Perhaps it had been planted in mint at one time; mint tended to spring up all over where it wasn't wanted. How do we get from that unkempt hillside to the lovely park we have today? First of course there had to be money.

George Nace remembers, "We each put in \$1,000. Folks asked, what collateral? And we said: NONE.....A "founding board" was formed, Olen Edwards was hired as contractor and he drew up the plans. Les Bean was advisor to the board, construction had been his business and he attended all the meetings. (from interview with Jackie and Les).

Olen brought his construction equipment and rented it to the park. "He could run it all, we'd have been dead without him," said Bud Schick. The Park bought a used "fire engine", an old tanker truck, and it was used to spray water: the dust was horrible. They also bought "Big Red", track hoe (same truck or different? I'm not sure) And so construction began.

NEWSWORTHY NOTES

We were few but we enjoyed the "**Bites, Blues and Brews festival**" June 25. at Seven Feathers. For those who worried about sun, no chairs etc., fear not. The South parking lot has a large paved area, covered by a canvas tarp/roof with many tables and comfortable chairs. We suffered not, tho the music wasn't exactly what we think of as blues. Watch for more events at the South parking lot of Seven Feathers; a most enjoyable venue..

The Timber Valley Community Garden report by Sharon Elliot

Rick De Young told me there has been interest among members for a garden in the park for many years. Recently that dream has been renewed by a bunch of us who had working family gardens growing up and know the benefits. That bunch has organized and begun planning. Their objective in their MISSION statement is: "To create an organic community garden at Timber Valley for individuals of all abilities. The garden shall be a welcoming, inclusive space where the focus is on sustainable organic food, education and strengthening bonds of the Park community."

At the May meeting the board voted (7 to 1) to allow the Community Garden Group to create a garden! The CGG is now requesting the approval of a specific site so they can finish detailing plans, including layout design, costs, who will do what and how the project will look upon completion. Meanwhile the CGG will continue fundraising as they are already halfway to their initial goal. This is the largest single purpose group of park members that have the ability and willingness to add an amenity that will serve current and future members allowing them to participate in wholesome healthy exercise.