



# CRACKER CRUMBS



The Florida SKP Co-Op, 2219 SKP Way, Wauchula, FL 33873-4870

February 2020

## Annual Meeting Proposal 2 Potential Land Purchase Have Questions?

Members would do well to attend the Town Hall meeting if they are looking for more information about the land purchase proposal and desire to make an informed decision on it.

Pages 21 and 22 in your annual packet provide background information on this proposal and time is of the essence.

A board-appointed committee including Bob Lewis, Ken Hixon, Laurie Milliard, Ken Tarkin, and Ron Wszalek have been hard at work doing research to provide the answers to many of the unanswered questions that have been asked. Some of these include:

- Taxable impact on our organization
- Zoning ramifications and requirements
- Property access
- Potential uses
- Possible security issues

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall meeting, talk to a member at the park after the meeting to get the answers. When you are ready to vote, complete your proxy with BOTH signatures when appropriate, and fax it to the office at 866-455-4680 or scan it and email to Anne Warren at

[skpsecretary2219@gmail.com](mailto:skpsecretary2219@gmail.com)

### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

The window between the town hall and annual meetings is short. Your proxy **must be received before Sunday, February 16.**



As per our by-laws, the CO-OP Annual Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, February 17, at 9 am** in the Clubhouse. The annual meeting packet has been given or mailed to all members.

This year's agenda includes the election of Board Members, Treasurer's Report, and consideration of a by-law change, purchase of additional land, and changes to our standing rules.

#### **Member Responsibility: Proxy Voting**

Complete, sign, and send in the proxy in your packet if you are unable to attend the annual meeting. Proxies must arrive at the Clubhouse before **February 16, 2020** in order to be counted. Use the self-addressed envelope provided.

#### **Member Responsibility: Participation**

Your knowledge, labor and time toward the betterment of our community is vital to maintaining its beauty and affordability. Indicate your preferred area of interest on the committee/organization sheet in your packet and return to the office.



**Monday, February 3**

**10 am - 2 pm**

**Sign up in Clubhouse**

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## Town Hall Meeting

On **Thursday, February 13, at 9:00 am**, members will have the opportunity to ask questions about the 14 proposals included in the annual meeting packets that will be voted on at the annual meeting.

The three candidates running for the four Board vacancies will also be introduced. They include Ed Landry running for a second term as well as Dick Pearce and June Post running for two of the other vacancies.

When sending an email to the Board, please send it to the Board's attention at:

[skpresortwauchula@gmail.com](mailto:skpresortwauchula@gmail.com)

Please do not send it to them to individually.

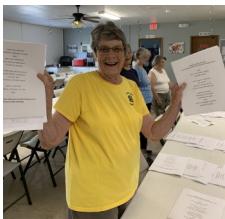


We extend our gratitude to Jim Krueger, Bob Lewis, and Anne Warren who will be rotating off the Board of Directors.

In November, 2018, Jim Krueger was appointed to the Board as assistant treasurer. He has fulfilled Margaret McIntyre's term which she had to give up because of health reasons. Jim spearheaded the implementation of the computerized reservation software and has been troubleshooting its integration with our website. He also provided invaluable assistance as we migrated the park's accounting system to an outside service.

We are indebted to Bob Lewis for his service as president for two years and his continued contribution as an at-large board member for the past two years.

Anne Warren has served as secretary for the four years she has been



*Annual meeting packet preparation is a huge job that our board secretary does each year.*

on the board. Her contribution has involved much more than taking meeting minutes but included ensuring that all the t's were crossed and i's were dotted in preparation for the annual meeting, and she has done an admirable job.

### Board Members

<b>President</b> .....	Frank King, A-15
<b>Vice-President</b> .....	Ed Landry, A-35
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Anne Warren, H-18
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	Pat Dubuc, A-34
<b>Ass't Treasurer</b> .....	Jim Krueger, H-20
<b>At Large</b> .....	Bud Hodgkins, H-10
<b>At Large</b> .....	Bob Lewis, A-13

### Update on Site Upgrades

*By Ed Landry*

The permitting process seems to inherently include frustration.

We completed an eleven-page form which was sent with the permit check to the state Department of Environmental Protection about four weeks ago. After some initial delays in the submission process, the permit to construct a domestic wastewater collection/transmission system was issued on January 21.

The permitting process continues with our contractor getting the final city and county permits required to move forward with our project.

We'll keep you posted.



*Dick & Nancy Pearce caught a picture of this beautiful painted bunting in the park.*



*L-r, Anne Warren, June Post, Lillian White, Donna Wallin, Mary Lou Lester, Joann Silva It may be work, but it doesn't mean we can't have fun while we're doing it.*

### A Warning Worth Considering

The Economic Times has outlined why it is crucial to write this year's date in full, according to several legal professionals.

A warning has been issued encouraging everyone to get in the habit of writing out 2020 in full to eliminate the chance of being scammed.

Instead of writing the date out as 01/02/20, you should write it like 01/02/2020 to eliminate the potential for fraud.

Why? Because anyone can make changes in the date and can easily modify it to 01/02/2000 or really, any year that took place prior to 2020 after the year 2000.

Any legal document should be marked with the full date to verify the identity of the person signing or witnesses to the signatures. This also applies to checks, receipts, and other notarized legal documents.

The general warning is to be cautious this year when writing the date on any documents, as well as accepting documents without the full date. It is better to be safe than sorry.

**Pet Owner Reminder**

Pet blankets or beds should not be washed or dried in the park appliances.

### 2019 Tree Trimming & Removal Stats

Total Trees Trimmed .....	226
Street Trees .....	168
Private Trees.....	58
22 work days x 3.25 hrs/day x avg of 8 people .....	572 man hours
Trees Removed .....	7
Fees Paid for Tree Trimming and Removal Exclusive of Dump Fees .....	\$1,300

## February Special Events

### **GANDER** RV & OUTDOORS

Bringing to the Park from Bartow, FL

RV Exhibit &  
Hot Dog Lunch

Wednesday, February 5  
11 am - 1 pm

### Dreams & Nightmares



A Journey into Southeast Asia  
with Robert Mellis

Thursday, February 20 at 2 pm

### Pesticides Safe & Effective Use



Jonael Bosques, Director  
Hardee County Extension Office



Thursday, February 6  
2 - 3 pm

### Dulcimer Recital

presented by Don & Eunice Boderer

Monday, February 10  
4:00 pm



### Makers and Bakers

Craft Fair  
Saturday, February 8  
9 am - 2 pm

Concessions Available

Vendors Include:  
7 Park & 8 Community



### Birthday Party

Come and celebrate our 31st year  
with cake & ice cream!

Sunday, February 2 ~ 2 pm

We are delighted to still have  
7 founding members in the park.

Sign up in Clubhouse

### TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, February 13  
9 am



### CO-OP Annual Meeting

Monday, February 17  
9 am



### Valentine Dinner Dance

Friday, February 14

Dinner 5:00 pm

Chicken Marsala  
Salad

Baked Potato

Fresh Green Beans

Cherries & \$10 Cream Crepes

Bring place setting.

Dancing 6:30 pm

Music with Dennis & Wendy

Open to All.

Don't have to come to dinner.

Dinner tickets on sale

February 3—11 or

until sold out. Limit: 120

Lanette Breault.....A-31

Janet Gibson .....G-12

Rose Irons .....F-10

Jane Lewis .....A-13

June Post .....H-21

Jan Pratt .....H-09

Sue Wszalek .....S-02



### Leap Year Event

Saturday, February 29 Of course

#### Dinner

Watch for More Info  
5:00 pm

White Elephant Swap  
6:30 pm

Open to all!

Come even if you don't come to dinner.

\*Bring something used or new.

\*Be creative in your wrapping.

Sign up in Clubhouse

# Monthly Activities



## Possible Board Meeting

*Check the bulletin board for confirmation.*

**Note Time Change**  
Tuesday, February 11  
9:00 am

## Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, February 16  
2 pm**

Vanilla Ice Cream  
w/ Pecan Praline Sauce  
**\$2.50**



**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

## ROMEOs

All men in the park are invited.  
Please join us!

**Wednesday, February 19**

Meet at 11:00 am at

Wild Turkey Tavern  
2751 US 27 N Avon Park

**Sign up in Clubhouse**

## FUN 'n MeETING

**Election of Officers**

**Monday, February 3 - 9:15 am**

**Let's Eat Out!  
(LEOs)**

**Wednesday, February 12**  
Meet at 3:30 pm at

**CODY'S<sup>®</sup>  
Original  
ROADHOUSE**

**521 U.S. 27 N. Sebring**

**There's a full menu available.  
Wednesday is BOGO Fajitas.**

**Everyone is invited.  
Sign Up in Clubhouse**

**Ham & Bean Soup  
Cornbread Lunch  
Friday, February 21  
Noon**



**\$3.00**

**Bring your own bowl  
& place setting  
Sign up in Clubhouse**

## SK Pettes

**All ladies in the park are invited.  
Please join us!**

**Wednesday, February 19  
Meet at 1:30 pm at**



**6813 US 27 South  
1/2 mile north of SR 66  
on the west side of highway.**

**Sign Up in Clubhouse**

## Book Club



**Friday, February 21 1 pm**

We'll be meeting in the clubhouse library to discuss *Three Things About Elsie* by Joanna Cannon.

This British novel explores the life of an elderly woman in some kind of nursing home and reveals a secret she has been carrying for decades. Mysteries are solved with some surprising and very satisfying twists along the way.

All are welcome! Questions? See Laurie Milliard on H-37.

## Some Help When Needed



The Safety Committee has placed a walker and a wheelchair in the laundry room for use when necessary. Please sign them out in the office or, if after hours, with the park attendant on duty.



## Afternoon Coffee

**Tuesday, February 11**

**Tuesday, February 25**

**3 p.m.**

**Site: F-04 1272 Travel Trail  
(Bring lawn chair)**

**Hosted by**

**Norm & Ginny Milliard**

**COFFEE**

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## Letter to the Editor

Our annual membership meeting is coming up this month. Proposal #1 is very important to the future of our park. The proposal involves how we vote on our rules and bylaws. Currently, if a member does not fill out a proxy and does not attend the meeting (and vote), that membership vote is the equivalent of voting No!

Here is an example. Sixty members attend an annual meeting to vote on a change in the bylaws. Each of the sixty members vote to approve the change. Ten proxies are handed in, all of them also vote to approve the change. The end result of this vote is that the change is DEFEATED. Yes, even though everyone who voted approved the change and there was a quorum at the meeting, the vote failed. The reason is that our current rules require 87 yes votes to pass a change in the bylaws!

Proposal one will fix this problem. What the proposal proposes is that, if the meeting has a quorum and two-thirds of the people voting vote Yes, a by-law change will pass. Likewise, if the meeting has a quorum and one-half of the people voting vote Yes, a standing rule change will pass.

In the last three or four annual meetings there have been between 20 and 30 members that have not voted. Please consider this – If 40 members do not vote, it would be IMPOSSIBLE to pass a change or addition to our bylaws. We are letting the members who do not care enough to vote control what happens to our park.

If you care about the future of our park, please vote by proxy or in person to approve Proposal #1. We need all the votes we can get to defeat the members who will not bother to vote!

Ken Tarkin

## New Green Space Landscaping

by Paul Zeller

You may have noticed some digging going on in the green space adjacent to Julie Stolwitz's site at the north end of Leisure Lane. That's because Julie decided she wanted to improve the view out her window, so she offered to fund the improvement of the landscaping of the green space next to her site. She found willing workers in Ann and Dave Morris, who are visitors from Virginia.

Ann is an experienced gardener, but she isn't familiar with tropical gardening. Therefore, she consulted with the Hardee County Cooperative Extension before diving into the project. The extension office supplied her with numerous publications that helped with planning.



Ann also found Buckhorn Nursery located off SR64 a few miles to the east of the park. Buckhorn usually only sells wholesale, but they sell retail during limited hours on Saturdays. The nursery was also willing to provide additional guidance on the selection of low maintenance plants and to help plan the layout of the landscape bed. Ann then submitted her list of plants and consulted with the Landscape Committee before she and her husband, Dave, headed to the nursery one Saturday and loaded up on plants.

Ann and Dave started spading up the area adjacent to the dump station even before the list of plants was finalized. They screened the top 8 or so inches of soil to remove weeds and roots. They then installed edging around the area. Dave also cleaned up and painted the signposts at the adjacent dump station and pressure

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-washed the dump station concrete to improve the overall appearance of the entire area.



L-r, Ann & Dave Morris, Julie Stolwitz

The results are beautiful. There is a nice variety of small shrubs, herbaceous plants, and ground cover. The project was completed by adding a drip irrigation system. Many thanks to Ann and Dave Morris for all the hard work, and to Julie Stolwitz for funding the project.

## Poker Run & Sundaes

Forty-seven people participated in our first Poker Run. After purchasing a game card, players went around the park by bike, golf cart, or walking to 7 stations where some of our senior members served as station masters and got to visit with everyone.

When their player grids were completed, some of our experienced poker players determined the three winners with the best 5-card poker hand and, ultimately, the 3 overall winners. All the winners were visitors who shared the pot at 50%, 35% and 15%.



It was a fun afternoon followed by the ice cream social featuring fresh strawberry sundaes.

Skip LaPlante and his team prepared enough fresh strawberries to fill a couple of soup pots to serve the 60+ people who came to visit and enjoy the sundaes.

# Weekly Activities

## Monday

### Table of Knowledge

Weekdays 7:00 am



Coffee Available  
25 cents / cup

Monday - Friday  
7 am in Clubhouse

### Breakfast

7:50 am



Ala Carte Menu

No breakfast on February 17 because of annual meeting.

### Weekly Announcements 9 am

#### Colored Pencil Class Mondays ~ 1 pm

Contact Gary Wyatt, S-07,  
for more information and  
for materials list.

**330-248-3326**

### Scrapbooking

1st & 3rd Mondays - Noon

Enjoy the camaraderie of  
other scrapbookers or  
bring your own  
craft project to work on.

For More Info: Audrey Wyatt S-07



**Monday**  
**3-4 pm**



**Happy Hour**  
**Mon & Wed ~ 4 pm**  
**Clubhouse**



**Mon-Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun**  
**7 pm**

## Tuesday

### Exercise Class

**9:00 am Balance & Strength  
with Tai Chi Moves**

**Tues & Thu Mornings**  
except board meeting days.

See June Post, H-21, for details.

## Wednesday



on Palm Lane

### Wednesday & Saturday

**9:00 am**

**Equipment & Instruction Provided**  
**Players & spectators welcome!**  
Bring a chair.

### Movie Night

**Tuesdays ~ 7 pm**

- 2/4 ..... A Boy Called Sailboat
- 2/11 ..... Ford vs Ferrari
- 2/18 ..... Midway
- 2/25 ..... Overcomer



**50¢ for movie & popcorn**

**BYOB**  
Bring Your Own Bowl



**\$3.00**

**Wednesday ~ 7 pm**

## Thursday



**Thursday**  
**10:00 am**

**\$9 for 3 Games**  
(Includes Shoes)

**Bowl of Fun**  
943 S 6th Ave  
Downtown Wauchula  
All Welcome!

### For Your Convenience...



Soda, water, ice cream,  
and coffee are available for  
sale in the clubhouse at a  
very reasonable price.



Purchase of these items is on  
the honor system. Please be  
sure to pay.



We've been coming  
up short and risk  
losing this conveni-  
ence if it continues.

Thanks for your cooperation!

### Whine B4 Dine

**Thursdays**  
**4 pm**  
**Pool Patio**



Whether beverage of choice is  
pop, water, beer, or wine...  
all are welcome!



**Thursday ~ 1 pm**

Work on your knitting,  
crocheting, or any other handi-  
work project while visiting  
with fellow stitchers.

For More Info: Jo Mellis A-20

## Weekly Activities

### Friday

## February

**Friday at 9 am**

Sign up in Clubhouse

**February 7**

Intro to Macrame

Taught by Liz Bowman & Deb Mower

**February 14**

Zipper Hearts Pin

Taught by Marsha Hodgkins

**February 21**

Punch Needle Embroidery

Taught by Marsha Hodgkins & Deb Mower

**February 28**

Butterfly Patch Project

Taught by Lanette Breault

**Fridays ~ 9 am**

**Informal  
Woodcarvers  
Gathering**



## did YOU know?

The Pet Committee has created a gated, enclosed dog and cat park? It is located north of the dumpsters, between the catch basin and the neighbor's pasture fence. We now have a safe and secure place where our dogs and cats can run off leash.

## Family News



2/01.....	Bob Clark
2/03.....	Ann Ed
2/05.....	Rick DeCerio
2/09.....	Julie King
2/14.....	Val Young
2/20.....	Jewell Gosselin
2/22.....	Elsie Pettinato
2/23.....	Janet Gibson
2/26.....	Beverly Miller
2/26.....	Ed Landry
2/28.....	Nancy Pearce



### Happy Anniversary

2/06.....	Donald & Jean Masella
2/07.....	Richard & Helen Frenz
2/12.....	James & Brenda Caldwell
2/17....	Mel & Katsue VonPloennies
2/27.....	Bob & Judy Hoffman



### Our Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathies to Bob Pears and Debbie and Esley Hill on the passing of Bob's wife and Debbie's sister, Bonnie. She died on December 20 in Sebring, Fl. Bob and Bonnie, married 54 years, were founding members of our park. Their lot is G-02.

Our sincere sympathy also goes out to Jim McBride on the passing of his wife of 61 years, Ann, on January 8, in Binghamton, NY. Their lot is H-11.

### Arrivals/ Moves/Farewells

#### New Members

Chuck & Mari Roth.....	G-14
Robert & Jean Hunt .....	S-01

#### Farewell

Loren & Marilyn Kaufman .....	G-14
Fran Harig .....	S-01

## NEW MEMBER



### Chuck & Mari Roth, G-14

by June Post

Stop by to welcome our new members Chuck and Mari Roth. You might consider doing that soon because they are still enjoying their full-time travels.

Chuck served wth the Army as a helicopter pilot from 1968-71 earning a Purple Heart after being shot down 3 times. Even though they both grew up in Philadelphia, they didn't meet until Chuck returned from his tour of duty. It was a blind date at a bowling alley that got the ball rolling, and things progressed from there.

They lived for 23 years in West Virginia while raising their two sons. Chuck has worked in computers, as a machinist building propellers for submarines, at the Dept. of Treasury and finished his working career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Mari has worked as a medical lab technician and later switched to being a chemical lab technician retiring from a Dupont facility in WV.

They became full-time Rvers in 2008 and alternate their winters between here and their lot in Benson, AZ.

They are both avid ice hockey fans. So if you hear shouting coming from their RV, you can rest assured the TV is tuned to one of their favorite pastimes. They both like to read and walk. Chuck also rides his motorcycle a lot. He loves to cook and Mari likes to do the dishes. What a match!

Chuck's Birthday..... 4/22

Mari's Birthday ..... 12/04

Anniversary..... 8/14

# Cracker Capers Wrap Up



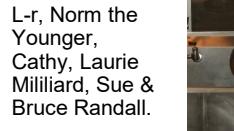
## Spaghetti Dinner & Dance

Coordinator extraordinaire, Cathy Landry (pictured below), believes “many hands make light work” and “the more the merrier.” These are just a few of the many hands.



Kenny Breault,  
our very own  
Energizer bunny.

Jackie Murray



L-r, Norm the Younger,  
Cathy, Laurie  
Milliard, Sue &  
Bruce Randall.



Duck!



Kevin & Margaret  
McIntyre

Helping hands Lee &  
Debra Mowers



Diners



L-r, Ernie & Eva Herman,  
Joanne & Bob Spangler



1st Place  
l-r Gary Allen,  
Kenny Breault

2nd Place  
Bruce & Sue  
Randall



3rd Place  
Bob Spangler  
Bev Miller



### Winners

Judy Hoffman  
and Bill Oates



1st Place  
Dave Morris  
Bruce Barnhart



2nd Place  
Dan Drassal  
Lynn Lunde



Champion  
Michael Milliard

## A Night of Games of Chance

It was a busy fun-filled night at games of chance with a full house (no pun intended) who enjoyed black jack, Left Right Center, Crazy Joker and Nickels.

### Poster Board Card Chance Winners

Marsha Hodgkins \$26.50  
Susan Wszalek \$53.00

**Food & Services Auction Proceeds**  
\$1,787.00

**Yard Sale Proceeds**  
\$2,446.07



L-r, Becky Lunde, Kathy & Ray  
Heaton



## Park T-Shirts

A new order of these good-lookin' Florida SKP Resort t-shirts is expected to arrive in early February.

The cost is \$10 up to size large, \$12 for x-large and \$13 for xx-large.

Sign up in the clubhouse to order a shirt.

Jan Pratt carved out an hour from her preparations for the yard sale to make map coasters, one of Marsha Hodgkins most popular crafts. As An Ed looks on.



Art Dubuc's family came from Miami, Texas and Ohio to surprise him for his 85th birthday.

Park residents were invited to join the festivities for cake and ice cream.



Judy Hoffman's happy, happy, happy hostess skills for Happy Hour were a fun asset to the Food & Services Auction.



**Happy Hour Crowd**



Miss Vera was the recipient of SKP 'caring & sharing' when new steps were built to help keep her safe going in and out of her home.



More Stitchers are coming each week as crochet, knit, needlepoint, crosstitch, quilt or card-making with floss projects are worked on while chatting the afternoon away. This fun group welcomes other stitchers to join them.



The first vegetarian potluck was a rousing success drawing crowd of about 60 people. A variety of vegetarian dishes were enjoyed so much that Marsha Hodgkins is putting together a cookbook sharing many of the recipes. Afterward, about 30 people stayed to play/learn the Nickels games.

I think there could be another vegetarian potluck in our future!



**Vegetarian Pot Luck**

# January Snapshots



## Hardee Help Center

Ray and Kathy Heaton report that we have donated food and misc. items totaling 219.5 lbs. since 10/15/2019.

They ask that we keep it coming. Things are slow after the Christmas holiday, but the need never goes away. There are always people in need.

Place your donations in the basket inside the main doors to the Clubhouse.

For more information, talk with Ray & Kathy Heaton on G-17. They donate their time to the Food Pantry every Tuesday.



### Friday, March 6

Danny's Famous Fish Fry

### Monday, March 16

Luau & Live Entertainment with Bobby Remp

### Thursday, March 26

International Potluck

### TBA

Flag Burning Retirement Ceremony

#### Editor

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Deadline for submitting articles

20th of each month

All articles are subject to editing...and all mistakes are made with love!

## Hardee County Emergency Numbers

Life Threatening ..... 911  
 (Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS)

Hardee County Sheriff ..... (863) 773-4144

Ambulance ..... (863) 773-3313

Hardee County Emergency ..... (863) 773-9390  
 (Storm, Disaster, etc.)

Power Outage—Peace River Electric ..... (800) 282-3824

**The RESORT is located on the north side of Hwy 64, just over 2 miles east of where Hwy 64 intersects with Hwy 17.**

**Code for Gate Beside Site A-1.....13-35-13**

**Code for Drive-Through Gate Between Sites A-28 and A-30.....32-14-22**

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