

Mosquito Byte celebrates its 11th Anniversary

This is the start of the 11th year of publication of the *Byte* by the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. The editors want to thank the Volunteer Board for their support, the reporters for their reporting and the subscribers for subscribing!

Last month we gave our Fire Chief a months vacation — this month it is Jim Hinds turn to “miss” an issue. He'll be back next month.

As you may have noticed, we're trying a new format. Some of the reasons are, we get tired of doing the same thing each month — and we want to keep the U.S. Post Office happy. Let us know what you think about the changes!

Your Fire Department and Crime Scenes

Leo Chaloux

Recently the fire department was dispatched to an incident that due to its nature brought up a problem that requires explanation. We were dispatched to a possible suicide with weapons involved. For those of us in the fire department this type of incident is one that we cannot respond immediately into. Any time a dispatch is made such as a possible suicide, weapons involved, domestic abuse, or any type of violence it is assumed we as fire fighters and EMTs cannot go right to the incident. Not only is this type of incident not within our jurisdiction it is against the law for us to enter the area until it is secured by law enforcement personnel. By fire department policy I will not put one of our fire fighters in harms way. There are several other reasons why we do not respond directly into an incident. They are; we do not wear bullet proof vests, we do not carry weapons, and we do not get paid \$50,000 a year.

At the time of dispatch we are asked by our dispatcher to stage our equipment and our personnel at a safe area away from the suspected incident. This request is made to the Incident Commander responding into the area. The Incident Commander then will notify the dispatcher where all equipment is to stage (park). Once this is done the dispatcher will announce over the radio to each responding piece of equipment where they are to stage. Once at staging all we can do is wait for the Sheriff Deputies. This can

be a very frustrating process for us as we know that time is often the critical difference between someone living or dying. The biggest problem is the great deal of time it takes a Deputy to respond into the Mosquito area. If the incident is developing into a large one or potentially dangerous one then one Deputy may have to wait for backup from a second or even third Deputy. Now, the time frame for us really increases as we wait for all law enforcement resources to get into place.

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The incident with the possible suicide was a very frustrating one, not only for us but for the individual that called 911. As protocol and law states we staged our equipment away from the incident address and waited for law enforcement. The 911 reporting party became very angry and irate over the fact that the fire department was taking so long getting to the incident. In fact, within 5 minutes of dispatch we were at staging approximately 1/4 mile from the incident waiting for the Sheriff. Unfortunately, we were at staging for 30 more minutes until the first Sheriff's unit arrived. That Deputy waited about 3 more minutes for backup. Once the backup unit did arrive they went into the incident. Two minutes after their arrival we were notified by our dispatcher to proceed into the incident and render medical aid. We were at scene within one minute doing CPR. In the middle of this process while I was requesting a helicopter for this suicide patient I found myself being yelled at and called all kinds of names by one of the reporting parties. Some of the language I heard reminded me of some of the times I had in Viet Nam. I asked a Sheriff's Deputy to deal with the person so that I and the rest of the fire fighters could do our jobs and not spend time with someone who did not understand how the process works.

Fire fighters think police officers are crazy for doing what they do and police officers think we are crazy for doing what we do. We both respond into an incident based on the information the reporting party gives the dispatcher. There are many incidents that the police respond to and the fire department is not even notified. Anytime there is a structure fire, wildland fire, or a medical aid that is not a crime scene the police are not notified. We both have specific jobs that we perform, often under the worst of situations, and the majority of the time they are done very well with positive outcomes for everyone.



Volunteer Fire Department Board

Notes

Leslie Keene

Another picnic behind us! Although this column went to press prior to the picnic, I'll just bet it was a tremendous success! Hope you all had a wonderful time and will come again next year!

But don't forget our next fundraiser which is the Fall Spaghetti Feed being held on Saturday, September 19th. There will be a prize drawing for a nice vacation get-away, lots of chances to visit with your neighbors, and, as always, GREAT food!

I put out a call for volunteers to help on our phone tree, and Jean McLain has volunteered! We thank her very much and want to let everyone know, the more, the merrier! Give me a call at 621-0508.

The tables and chairs belonging to the Volunteer Fire Department are used frequently by firefighters, support group, and community members. We don't mind at all letting you use them, but keep in mind the wear and tear on them. We do have to replace or rebuild these items frequently, so, if you are able and/or willing, donations to our "table and chair" fund are greatly appreciated! Our fund is in the "red" at the moment, so some help from the community will allow us to replace/repair some trashed tables. We appreciate your support!

Due to the absence of our President on the date of our regularly scheduled August meeting, the date of our next meeting has been changed to Thursday, July 30th, still at 7:00 and still at the firehouse. You are welcome to attend!

Keep cool and keep fire safe!

Finnon Lake Update

Leslie Keene

Last month I said there was not much new to report. And this month, there are so many things going on that I don't know where to start!

We hope you all enjoyed our headline article in the *Mountain Democrat*! It certainly helps us to get that sort of coverage and we appreciated the chance to talk with them.

The most exciting thing for us and the entire Mosquito/Swansboro community is that we have just received a \$15,000 grant to develop a Community Action Plan. The letter we received upon award of this grant states, "We are pleased to be able to fund your Application for Federal Assistance and grant Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department \$15,000 under the Economic Recovery Program for Community Action Plan Development for Mosquito/Swansboro." Further, we received a letter from Frank Mosbacher, Community Affairs Officer for the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest in Placerville, which read:

"Congratulations on your successful grant application. As the Eldorado National Forest coordinator for the Rural Economic Development program, I look forward to working with you periodically throughout the year.

The Community Action Plan you will be developing for Mosquito/Swansboro will help you set community goals. I hope that your effort will result in building economic flexibil-

ity into your community. It sounds like the Finnon Reservoir project is leading toward good results already.

Once again, congratulations and good luck with your community action plan."

We will be discussing this at our Finnon Lake Planning Committee Meeting on July 19th, but I will have submitted my article prior to that so I will bring you up to date with the next issue of the *Byte*. Debbie Harris, President of the Swansboro Country Property Owners Association, will also be at that meeting, as the Swansboro community will also be heavily involved in this plan. At that meeting we will begin to formulate action items and our community will be well informed and as involved as they would like to be. We need YOU!

In the meantime, the waterline is wending it's way to the Resort, the pipe has been purchased, and the trenching has begun. Once we obtain the permit to cross Rock Creek Road from the water meter, that piece of the project will be completed.

The permits to re-model the restaurant and to upgrade the existing camp sites are being obtained. Once we have them, we will determine the timing on the shutdown of the Resort.

We have met with a number of officials including an engineer from Division of Safety of Dams and we are getting major support from every faction. Although we have not yet received "official" notification, it appears that they will defer the requirement to breach the dam for another year to see if we can obtain the necessary engineering design to allow the Operating Engineers to re-build/repair the dam. We will continue to keep the dam level at slightly less than 50 acre feet as required.

We're busy, as you can see. This is an exciting time for us but progress still moves slowly and we'll be patient. If you desire to help in any way, please feel free to give me a call at 621-0508.

MOSQUITO COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

Start sorting through your items now for the September sale. Call to reserve a table or donate good quality items for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department to sell. Call 626-0691.

Busy Crafty Crafters

Sharon Hern

We will be putting the finishing touches on the various projects, such as Gingerbread Garlands, Napkin Holders and Reindeer Pencils.

I hope that you are also working on your projects at home. It is all of the projects put together that make our "Craft Sales" the success that they are. The first sale at High Hill is the weekend of September 12 & 13, sooooo time is catching up with us.

We need volunteers to work the following dates and times:

Saturday - September 12 (Setup at 8:00 am)
9:00 - 12:00; 12:00 - 3:00; 3:00 - 6:00

Sunday - September 13
 9:00 - 12:00; 12:00 - 3:00; 3:00 - 6:00
 Saturday - November 7
 10:00 - 1:30; 1:30 - 5:00
 Sunday - November 8
 10:00 - 1:30; 1:30 - 5:00

Please call me to reserve the time that will work best for you.

Enjoy your summer and continue to work on your craft projects at home, we need your help.

If you have any questions about the craft projects, please give me a call at 626-5268.

All craft items will be needed at the Firehouse on Friday September 11th at 9:00 am. All pricing of items will be done at this time.

The last craft workshop will be:

Date: Thursday August 20th.

Time: 9:00 am crafts begin (coffee and tea will be available)

11:00 am potluck lunch begins. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

Where: Mosquito Fire Station

Phone Book Update

Delete:
 McCrea, Dick & Cindy

Add:
 Blair, Michael & Carolyn
 3423 Lupin Lane
 295-0907

MMMmmm — MMMmmm — Good !!

Betty Kinney

Another "Pampered Chef" recipe. This is so easy but tastes like you spent hours - my kind of recipe. Preparation time is 5 minutes. Takes 20 minutes to cook.

LEMON BROCCOLI CHICKEN

- 1 lemon
- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound)
- 1 can (10 ¼ ounces) condensed cream of broccoli soup
- ¼ c. milk
- ½ tsp. pepper

Cut 4 thin slices of lemon and set aside. Squeeze 2 tsp. juice from remaining lemon and set aside. In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken and cook 10 minutes or until browned. Set chicken aside. Pour off fat. Add soup, milk, reserved lemon juice and pepper. Heat to a boil. Return chicken to pan. Top with lemon slices. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Serves 4.

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🕒 Meeting date changed

Please note the change of date for the MVFD Board Meeting. The August meeting will be held July 30th.

📖 Mosquito Memories Available

Copies of the fourth printing of the popular *Mosquito Memories* are available for the same price of \$5.00. You can purchase a copy at the Mosquito Fire Station during regular station hours.

The *MOSQUITO BYTE* is available by subscription and is mailed first class to subscribers. Cost of subscription is \$8.50 per year. Deadline for news and advertising is the 19th of each month.

The editors reserve the right to edit, limit or refuse any article submitted for publication in the *Mosquito Byte*.

Editors: Lela Edson - 626-8265
 Pat Relfe - 622-6436

ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Pat at 622-6436 or Lela at 626-8265. Ads in the "For Sale" department will run for three months unless you call to say the item has been sold, or you want the ad extended.

MEETINGS

QUILTER'S MEETING Thursday August 27th — 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Call Sandi at 626-0608

FREE

WOOD STOVE - Malm brand with ash drawer, fan and glass door. Good condition. Call 622-6436.

Also Free: Used exterior wood doors — make great work benches. Call 626-8265.

WANTED

WOODWORKER: Someone with wood lath to cut a spindle and do other small woodworking jobs. Call 626-1231.

CLEAN FILL DIRT: Call Doug 642-2118.

SERVICES

ALL SORTS OF WORK! Weed-eating, pineneedle raking, pet care — anything. I'm here for you. My name is Stephen Loree. I am 12 years old. Put me to work this summer for \$4.00 an hour. Call 626-0691.

SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY: For help in times of crises. If you or anyone you know is in need of food, clothing, transportation, abuse intervention drug dependency, emergency housing or any other need, please call Sharon McCoy 621-4383 or Mountain Fellowship 621-4282. All requests will be confidential and needy parties are treated with respect. Your help and support are needed. Call us to assist in this ministry or to donate food, clothing, cash or other usable items.

VACATION CARE: Going on vacation? Need any pet care, or taking care of plants? You have found just the one: me, Amanda Pearson. I love animals and am great with plants. Call me at 621-9975. If I'm not there, leave a message.

PLUMBING: Vick's Plumbing, license No. 605357. Victor Garcia, 626-6493.

CLEANING: Swansboro resident for 7 years to clean your home, meal preparation or errands done with TLC. Reasonable, experienced, references. Call Renee at 626-3280 OK to leave message

NUTRITIONAL AIDS and free information. Call Teresa at 626-6970.

BABY SITTING: Need a sitter? Call Teen-Sitter now! CPR CERTIFIED. Amber Meadows, 642-2044 or Kirsten Lietz 622-3296. Call evenings after 5:00.

QUALITY REMODELING AND REPAIR: Vinyl siding and window specialist. L. B. Smith, General Contractor. Lic. #418862/ Call Loren at 626-1231.

PROSPECTOR PLUMBING: Plumbing for your propane and natural gas needs. Hot water heaters, gas lines, leak repairs, etc. Licensed, bonded and insured. 622-1241.

COMPUTER HELP: Need Help with your computer? A+ certified computer technician. Upgrade, troubleshooting, repair, hardware and software. Call Mike at 622-1336.

CARETAKER/DOOR SHAKER SERVICE: Available to vacation/vacationing homeowners at modest cost, daily, weekly, monthly. Reference available. Call "Critter" Don Reid, 622-7622.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates, references. Call 622-7622.

BACKHOE AND TRACTOR WORK: Trenching and driveways. Call Jim at 622-6414.

BUSINESS CARDS: Small quantities, 10 to 100. Designed for you. Cost plus \$5.00. Call Lela, 626-8265.

ANIMAL OUTREACH: Cats for adoption. Low cost spay, neuter and vaccinations. Call Pat Hair at 642-1944 for information.

REALTOR: Continuously serving this area with efficient, friendly service. Associated with Coldwell Banker, Gerwer and Assoc., Inc. residential affiliate. Member of Multiple Listing Service, Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Support Group and Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board. Call LaVonne Moser for any of your real estate needs. 622-6337 or 626-3333.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Coldwell Banker, Gerwer and Assoc. Inc. Now has property management services. If you are a landlord or prospective tenet, please call LaVonne Moser at 622-6337 or 626-3333.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Are you stressed to the max about your bills? Are you having difficulty making your monthly payments and the creditors are calling and getting nasty? WE CAN HELP! Call Barbara Proctor at Hampton Financial for a FREE consultation at 621-3153.

J. R. PLUMBING: Licensed plumber. Repairs, remodels, new construction. Gas Lines and gas appliance conversions. Local gas company references. Call John at 626-6552.

COMPUTER SERVICE: Frazier Electronics. Computer/printer service and repair. Free estimates. Call Stu at 621-4221.

ROBIN'S NEST CLEANING: Commercial and residential. References. Call Robin 621-1030.

TAX HELP?? Professional Tax Preparation and Electronic filing. Call Don Bates, licensed and bonded tax consultant, 622-1886

FOR SALE

1984/85 MOTOR HOME: El Dorado Encore. Loaded cream puff. Too many extras to mention such as generator, color TV, microwave, power step, driver's door, air spring bags, roof and dash air, furnace, new awning, new tires, radio and tape deck, island double bed, Bilstein shocks, 454 engine, new 92 amp. alternator. Like new condition, only 17,000 miles. Poor health forces me to give this away for a measly \$14,999 (FIRM). Call Joe at 621-1822.

MOBILE HOME: 12' x 60' located in Swansboro. Blocks, and earthquake tiedowns. You move. \$2,500. Call 642-8685.

GROVE LIFT and boat loader and rack for front of king cab pickup to use when towing fifth wheel. Like new \$400. JENN AIRE stove, drop in unit with down draft and all BBQ attachments. Works great. \$200 OBO. TWO WHEEL TRAILER. \$50 OBO. Call 626-7001 by August 4.

PUSH MOWER, Like new \$30; **VACUUM CLEANER,** canister, \$15; **BBQ,** Large Weber, \$30; **CAR TOP** carrier \$10. **CHILD'S DRESSER,** needs refinishing, \$15. Call 626-1231.

FRESH VEGETABLES Are you interested in fresh garden vegetables this summer? Call Karen at Sunshine Gardens 622-0924. Weekly delivery.

FRESH BROWN EGGS: \$1.25 per dozen. Call 622-7622

AQUACAT: 12 foot catamaran sailboat with licensed trailer. In good operating condition. Complete for \$400. Will accept a cartop canoe in trade. Call 642-1970.

MISCELLANEOUS: Duerr 22 ton vertical log splitter, Briggs and Stratton engine, \$1,200. Call Bob at 626-8205 or Mike at 622-7254.

CHIPPER/SHREDDER: "The Brute" 16hp. by Mighty Mac. Includes blower attachment. Call 622-7254.

AVON: Call Gwen at 622-9314 for all your AVON needs.

HERBS: Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.

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All meetings at Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM		¹ SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 AM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 SCPOA BOARD MEETING
9	10	11	12	13 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	14	15
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