

# Mosquito Byle

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## CHAMPION BAKER!

Caroline Jones is a blue-ribbon winner at the California State Fair. Her first-place recipe won her \$100 plus a silver-plated cake plate, a championship rosette ribbon and an apron plus her entry in the national contest with a grand prize of \$1,000. Her recipe and 33 others will be judged in the Betty Crocker test kitchens. We wish Caroline good luck and hope to have a taste of her championship cake!

## TIME TO GET READY FOR WINTER

Leo Chaloux

Summer is now over and fall is here. With the days getting shorter and the temperatures getting lower now is the time that many of us start thinking about heating the house during the coming winter. Me, I am one of the greatest procrastinators around. I am an expert at finding something else to do besides doing what needs to be done. Fire wood is a prime example, my philosophy is never cut fire wood until you absolutely have to and then when you do have to, look for a reason for not doing it. Cutting fire wood is a lot like having to fix a leaky roof. If the sun is shining there is no need to fix it and if it is raining you can't because it is raining. I just hate cutting fire wood in the summer, there are bugs around chewing on you, poison oak to infect you, heat to make you miserable, and the constant threat of starting a fire to intimidate you. Any one of those alone is a good excuse for not cutting fire wood, and when I think of all of them it becomes a definite reason not to do it. If you are cutting fire wood now and for the next couple of months please be careful. Things are still real dry and could very easily catch fire and burn a lot of stuff up.

Now is the time to have your heating system checked out. If you utilize a wood stove and did not have your chimney cleaned and inspected last spring then you need to have it done as soon as possible. Pellet stoves also need to have their chimneys cleaned as well as having the hopper and the feed system checked. Propane heating systems need new filters installed, vents inspected, burners checked, and pilot lights lit.

Onto other things. Jerome Kristjanson is no longer working for the fire department as he has gone on to other things. Devery Minor is now working as a fire fighter mechanic. As the Chief I am fortunate to have Devery here. He has a great deal of background and experience in fire fighting and in

providing medical care. He has been a resident of the area all of his life and he and his family have invested a great deal of their time and energies into the community. As a community we are all lucky to have him here.

Devery and I have changed days off. I am now taking Friday and Saturday off so that I can watch my son play foot ball. Devery will be taking Sunday and Monday off. There will still be some one at the fire station every day of the week unless we are on an incident, working some where in the District, or one of us is on vacation. If you need burn permits, or have a question or concern please drop by the fire station and we will be glad to meet with you.

## MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Leslie Keene

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors will be holding their Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. At this time there will be elections to fill the four Board positions up for election.

We are looking for firefighters, support group members, and/or community members who are interested in running for these positions. The basic charter of our organization is fundraising for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, events for the community, and the Fannon Lake Project. We desire a certain level of commitment, but not an onerous one. We ask that our Board members commit to attending the monthly meetings (first Thursday evening of each month), each member is the chairperson of at least one event per year (the events at the moment are the Fire Department Awards Dinner, the Spring and Fall Spaghetti Feeds, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Halloween Party, the Community Christmas Party, and coordination of the Christmas Baskets), each member is in charge of one activity at the Annual Fire Department/Community Picnic (like drinks or food or ticket sales or publicity or games, etc.) We also like to see each Board member support the other Board members at their events by helping to set up or working at the event or whatever.

Believe me, we have a lot of fun and our efforts are highly appreciated by everyone! If you are interested, please give me a call or send or e-mail

(lkeene@inreach.com) a short paragraph or two telling us about yourself and why you would like to be part of our group. I will need your input *on or before October 18<sup>th</sup>* so that I can publish the list of candidates in the November *Byte*.

### SPAGHETTI FEED - ELECTIONS - COMMUNITY GRANT!

Patti Penrod

The Fall Spaghetti Feed was a great success and we thank all of you who came and contributed to a very fun filled fundraiser! The day was beautiful and the spaghetti and all the salads and desserts were delicious. It's Halloween time again and I am in desperate need of some people to help out at the party with some of the games. If you can help, please give me a call, Patti Penrod 642-1878. We are going to be having another cakewalk this year along with some of the other games, so we are asking for donations of cakes, cookies, cupcakes etc. in addition to the donations of candy to fill the candy bags for the children. The date is Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Start planning those costumes now, October 24<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it.

It's almost election time again! On November 5, 1998 the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors will be holding their annual elections along with their regular monthly meeting. Please look for more information on the elections in another section of this Mosquito Byte.

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board was recently given a grant from the Forest Service for a Economic Recovery Program. This program is called "A Community Action Plan". There are several steps that this plan is going to be going through, but the first step is going to be a survey that will be sent to all of you within the next few months. Please--Please--Please send them back in!!! The person who is going to be doing the Community Action Plan is Kerri Timmer and she has a real love for the Sierras and foothills. I know she will do a terrific job.

Just in case you were wondering why I am doing the article this month, in stead of our fabulous President, Leslie Keene, it's because she had a heart attack last month. She is doing great, but is in need of some REST AND RELAXATION. We are all looking forward to her return to action, not only because she is such a great lady , but because she is much better at writing these articles than I am!!!

### WE GET LETTERS!

Dear Community of Mosquito,

My family and I would like to thank all the people who supported my recent promotion to Firefighter/Mechanic at the Mosquito Fire Department. I would also like to thank Chief Chaloux and the MFPD Board of Directors for their show of confidence in promoting me. Specifically, I want to thank the Volunteer Fire fighters and those in the Support Group for their over whelming support.

I want everyone to know how much I appreciate the cards, letters, smiles, handshakes, hugs, and congratulations. I look forward to working with the whole community as I start this new chapter in my career in the fire service.

Once again my family and I thank you very much for the support.

Devery Minor

### Thanks to the Mosquito Community!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire Mosquito community, and especially to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department and the Swansboro Pilot's Association, for their outpouring of love, care, and support to Pat and I during this last month.

It's easy, in the grind of day-to-day life, to forget the good things in life. We found out this last month that one of the very best things in life for us is the community we live in.

Again, many, many thanks for being there for us.

Leslie and Pat Keene

### SKY AND WEATHER!

Jim Hinds

This is the time in the year when the Atmospheric and the Astronomic tend to overlap. Allow me to explain. There is always a relationship between the two terms.

Atmospheric relates to the gasses that surround the Earth and the pressure exerted by them on us. (Air Pressure approximately 15.2 pounds per square inch- at sea level-which makes your "vacuum cleaner" work.) It is also the home to our weather, that is the clouds, winds, etc., that make up our atmosphere, all 621 miles of it.

Astronomic relates to all that is beyond our atmosphere and outward in all directions from us to infinity. So when particles (meteors large or small) reach our atmosphere we named them *Meteorites*. The term Meteorology is assigned to the study of our atmosphere and all that it contains. The main ingredient in this whole equation is our Sun that supplies us with light, heat radiation and much more

The Sacramento Bee is now available at Fannon Lake. There is a Bee Box on the patio.

that space does not permit me to enumerate. Let's just say we would not be here without it.

The overlap mentioned above occurs on September 22, at 11:37 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time when our Sun reaches the September equinox, which is the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. Actually it is the time as we orbit the Sun that the Sun is directly over the Equator at 12:00 noon. From that time until just before Christmas the Sun apparently continues to move south and our fall weather leaves us for the winter season. On this date day and night are each 12 hours long, the Sun rises due East and sets due West, and most of the Summer heat records will be in the history books. ( I hope)

Speaking of the past Summer's heat. (I did not record the month of July) I only recorded one day temperature over 95 degrees Fahrenheit for June, August and so far in September. The nights were something else. 16 days in June were above 65 degrees F. with some as high as 74 degrees. August gave us 13 nights above 65 degrees but only 3 days above ninety. It seems to be the nights that bother the most. Only two days were recorded in September that were 90 or above and again the nights came in with high recordings. Hopefully this is the end of the "hot" weather. Yes, we did get rain .50 inches Sept. 4, and Sept. 6, .45 inches. This does not add up to the *Mountain Democrat's* .77 inches for season to date. I recorded 67.67 inches for the season and they recorded 60.72. This is probably close enough for "Government Work." We could use some of that liquid Sunshine about now.

## DELICIOUS CHICKEN DISH

Betty Kinney

This was given out at a "Pampered Chef" party - very easy and good.

### SHORTCUT CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes

1 Tbsp. margarine or butter

4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves  
(about 1 pound)

1 can (10 ¾ ounces) condensed cream of  
chicken soup

2 Tbsp. water

2 Tbsp. Chablis or other dry white wine

½ c. shredded Swiss cheese (2 ounces)

½ c. chopped cooked ham

4 c. hot cooked medium egg noodles  
(about 4 cups dry)

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat margarine. Add chicken and cook 10 minutes or until browned. Set chicken aside.

Add soup, water, wine, cheese and ham. Heat to a boil, stirring often. Return chicken to pan. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until

chicken is no longer pink, stirring occasionally. Serve with noodles. Serves 4.

## BUSY TIME FOR CRAFT SALES

Sharon Hern

Our first sale at High Hill was successful even though the apples were not ready for picking and there were not a lot of "craft buying public" present. We were able to bank \$606.40 on craft sales and donations from our community and \$41.00 for the Quilt Drawing Donations.

A note of interest ..... a lady from the Sacramento area was visiting High Hill with her parents from Southern California and decided to buy the two babies Afghans that had been made by Grace DeHaan, but since her daughter was having triplets, she wanted to know if it would be possible that a third Afghan was available. Grace had another Afghan, the lady was contacted, her check has been received and the Afghan mailed to her. With her check, we received a note saying "....I'm very impressed with your community spirit and will support people taking care of their own".

Our last sale at High Hill for this year will be on November 7 & 8. If you would be able to help sell crafts on either of those dates, please give me a call to reserve your times.

I want to thank all of you in the community who have worked at our craft days at the Firehouse and those of you who donated items that you made at home, without these items, we would not be banking any \$\$\$\$ and those who gave their time to work at our craft booth last weekend.

We can still use any craft items that you can donate to us for our sale. Fall and especially Christmas items will be most appreciated.

If you have any questions about the craft projects or have items to donate or want to work at the sale on November 7 & 8, please give me a call at 626-5268.

## GEORGETOWN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hazel Smith

Georgetown Divide Health Care  
Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar

When: Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: IOOF Hall, corner of 193 and Main Street,  
Georgetown

Profits from this bazaar are divided among the three fire districts on the Divide. Last year we received \$900. We can help by donating white elephants and baked goods..

**White elephants.** Please no clothes. Any working small appliances, books, dishes, knick knacks etc are welcome. Call Hazel at 621-3046 or

Betty Kinney at 621-1879 if you need to have your items picked up. We must have these items by November 13th.

**Bake Sale:** Baked goods of all kinds (they really like home made bread) jams, jellies, pickles, etc. Please label each item (e.g. peanut butter cookies) and package them in non-returnable containers (e.g. paper plates.) Have items for the bake sale at the Fire Station by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## BUSY KIDS IN MOSQUITO

Deborah H. Arsenych

We must have some of the busiest kids in Placerville living in Mosquito. I see them and their parents on Mosquito Road all the time. Up and down, up and down. I had no idea when we moved here I would be spending so much time on that road. Of course there is one redeeming quality about being on that winding road. I have Zoe's undivided attention and she has mine. We have had some of our best talks during the 25 minutes it takes to drive to town. The way I figure it, I have that time for the next 5 to 6 years, and that's a lot of talking and listening. After that, she'll be driving. What a scary thought.

The kids are back in school and are participating in everything from band to volleyball. It's too early for grades and awards, so I'll tell you what is keeping our children so busy. Again, I only have stats for Markham and whatever I hear through the grapevine, so if you can help with information, give me a call at 626-7120.

Our band members at Markham are Zoe Arsenych, Nate Chaloux, Steven Loree, Daniel Norman, Amanda Pearson, Katherine Ryan, Jonathan Skaggs, and Caroline Veerkamp.

Football players on the 7th grade team at Markham are Greg Stuhr and Chris Swenson. Chris Carter is playing at Camarado.

Volleyball players on the 7th grade team at Markham are Elizabeth Frazier and Zoe Arsenych.

Zoe Arsenych and Amanda Pearson took first place out of nine teams in the Grape Stomping competition at the recent El Dorado County Harvest Festival.

Mosquito Jr. Firefighters is starting up again. It's the third Saturday of every month and it begins October 17th. The times are from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M.. It's a great way to learn fire safety, prevention, and rescue. I'm told the kids will be learning CPR too. Call the fire station for more information.

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

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## 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

**QUILTERS' MEETING** Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. - noon. Call Sandy Nester 642-9865.

## NEEDED

**RIDE:** Looking for a ride to Greenback/Orangevale area leaving Mosquito 6:00 a.m. and returning 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Call Chris at 622-8611.

**DAY CARE PROVIDER:** For a 3 year old and a 9 month old on Thursdays and Fridays. Call Dawn at 621-4682.

**CHILD CARE:** For 3 children on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m. while mother goes to school for vocational rehabilitation. Either your house or mine. Call Debbie at 621-3533.

## WANTED

**BICYCLE:** Women's hub brake bicycle. Call Pat 622-6436.

**CHILD'S CAR SEAT:** to hold up to 40 pounds. Needed for grandchildren's visits! Call 626-8856.

**LOCAL CONTRACTORS,** tradesmen, subs to bid on house going up on Nugget Drive. Contact owner/builder: David or Denice Garza at 621-1719 or Dale at Designs Plus at 916-987-2060. If you have already submitted a bid, we have not chosen a final yet. Thank you.

**CLEAN FILL DIRT:** Call Doug 642-2118.

## SERVICES

**NOTARY PUBLIC - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.** I live in Swansboro and will come to your home to do all your notary work. Call Elaine 621-2433.

**WORKER AVAILABLE:** Honest, dependable, hardworking man seeks work gardening, weed eating, house cleaning, painting, odd jobs. Call 621-1762.

**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 621-1653. 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. References 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

**BED:** California King size water bed, frame, mattress and heater. \$100. OBO. Call Pat or Leslie at 621-0508.

**MAYTAG** washer, \$50. 622-1886.

**AVION** trailer (like Airstream) 28', rear bath, twin beds. Exc. condition. SOLAR PANELS (2) large. Call 626-4166.

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

**DOUBLE BED** and frame \$100; **WHITE CEILING FAN** \$25; **COLOR TV**, 13" Toshiba \$35.; **HAM SHORTWAVE** radio receiver \$35; **TEEN STEREO** all-in-one \$35; **ANSWERING MACHINE** Record-a-call \$10; **KEROSENE HEATER** \$25; **CAR TOP** Boat rack \$10. **CONCRETE DRILL** Hilti, needs work \$10. 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

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

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

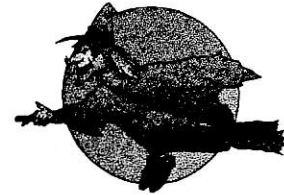
**HERBS:** Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.





## MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**  
**MOSQUITO FIRE STATION**



### **GAMES - PRIZES - CAKEWALK**

Donations needed:

Candy for candy bags - drop off at the Fire station anytime before October 23<sup>rd</sup>

We also need: Cakes, cookies, cupcakes etc. for the cakewalk. Drop them off at the Fire Station the day of the party or the day before.

Help needed: Anyone who would be willing to help out at the party, please call Patti Penrod at 642-1878. Thanks!

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## RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION**  
**BENEFITS MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT**



For Space Call  
Jean McLain at 621-1653

Run, don't walk! Come and find  
some great bargains!

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				1	2	3 Support Group 10:00 a.m.
4	5  Full Moon	6	7	8 MFPD Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10 Rummage Sale Benefit MVFD 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
11	12 	13	14	15	16	17 Barbershop Harmony 7:30 p.m. (see Notes)
18	19	20	21	22	23 Quilters' Meeting (see Notes)	24 Halloween Party 6:30 - 8 p.m.
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**NOTES**

MVFD Rummage Sale - Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station  
Barbershop Harmony and Traditional Jazz, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Foothill United  
Methodist Church, call Neal Sisson at 622-1046 for ticket information  
Quilters' Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. Sandy Nester's, 6680 Peycos Dr.  
Lots of fun for all at the Halloween Party on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

All meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted above.  
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