

GOOD NEWS!

Dr. Lisa Couper, DVM who comes to the Mosquito Fire Station with her mobile veterinary clinic, has contributed several articles that will appear in the *Byte*. The first article is on heartworm. Thanks, Lisa - we (and our pets) appreciate your coming out to our community and saving us a trip to town.

FIRE SAFE PLANS FOR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES

Leo Chaloux

I have just completed a class at the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection Academy in Lone. The class was a week long and consisted of developing fire safe plans for residential structures. One of the major aspects of the class was how to predict a fire's behavior. This ability to predict is done by using computer programs that required several data inputs such as weather, fuel types, and topography. Using computers to determine a fire's behavior; where it is going to go, and how fast it will burn is fine and dandy as long as the fire agrees with the computer program. There are so many variables and unknowns that these prediction methods are great tools but not something that you really want to put all of your faith in.

The fire safe planning portion of this class was very interesting as it centered around how to design and maintain your house in such a way that it could survive a wild land fire. As more and more people move into the foothills the loss of lives and property greatly increases. With people being the number one cause of wild land fires the potential for large devastating fires greatly increases. Another problem with what is called this urban-wildland interface is how it has changed the tactics that are utilized to fight wild land fires. In the past whenever a fire started in the wildland the common tactic was to determine where the fire was going, fight the fire on its flanks, get out in front of it and with dozers or hand crews cut in a dirt line and then back burn it. Now, from almost the onset of a fire we find ourselves being very aggressive on a wild land fire and if we can not get it out within the first hour we break off the attack in order to do structure protection. We end

up with a large number of acres burning with more homes being threatened requiring more fire fighting equipment and fire fighters to do all the additional structure protection. This tactic results in the loss of many more acres, eventually some structures and at a great deal of suppression costs. If homes built in this urban-wildland interface were built in a manner that would make it more capable of surviving a wildland fire then fire suppression activities could be directed more at putting out a fire than at saving a home.

If you are interested in having your home inspected for its ability to survive a wild land fire please call me at the fire station and I will be more than willing to spend some time with you. At the least the CDF will probably be in the area starting in May to do the annual inspections for clearance, clean gutters and roof, and tree branches overhanging the house. Remember that by state law you have to maintain at least 30 feet of clearance around your house. This clearance increases the odds of your house surviving a wild land fire but also makes it more difficult for a house that catches fire from burning up the wild land. It only makes sense to do this and in fact what I suggest is a clearance of at least 100 feet if property lines make it possible. Now, this does not mean that every living plant 100 feet around your house has to be cut down. The critical part of any wild land fire is the amount of fuel on the ground as the grass, brush, and shrubs keep the fire going. These ground fuels eventually create enough heat and flame to ignite the taller trees and now the fire could go into a crown fire. The best thing to do is eliminate the ground fuels and cut all limbs up around 10 feet so that the fire cannot extend in the higher trees.

With summer coming now is the time to be cleaning up around your house. Special attention needs to be given to getting all pine needles and leaves off of the roof and out of the gutters. Maintaining 30 feet of clearance around all structures on your property is extremely important. If you have any questions please call me or Devery at the fire station and we will come over.



BLUEJAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE

Chris Chaloux

Yes, there is good news. Dr. Helms, Superintendent of the Placerville Union School District, confirmed that a ten acre parcel has been placed in a long term escrow for the purpose of our community school. Dr. Helms stated that the land was located between Rock Creek Road and Mosquito Cut-off Road west of Claim Street. The long escrow is intended to give Dr. Helms and the school district sufficient time to renew the "necessary small school status" that was granted almost three years ago by the State Department of Education. Dr. Helms felt this would not be a problem, but it would take time.

Dr. Helms also shared that the architect has already started work on the plans. The plans include three classrooms, a multipurpose room, a small office and a kitchen area. The multipurpose room is being designed so that it may be used by the community after school and on weekends. Dr. Helms stated he knew this was important to our community. He also stated that it was being designed for grades K-8. I did share some of the feedback from the Mosquito District Community Survey that indicated 66% of the people who responded felt the need for a K-5 community school.

When I asked for time lines, Dr. Helms responded that he felt it would take approximately six months for the engineering. Then approximately a year for construction. Unofficially this places the opening of our community school between the years of 2001 and 2002. A dream is made real by hard work and perseverance. We will persevere.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MOSQUITO/SWANSBORO COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Kerri Timmer

With the community survey and two town hall meetings completed, the next step in the development of the community action plan is the final report. The final report will contain data and conclusions drawn from the survey responses, results of additional research, and a set of recommendations for actions the community may want to consider to achieve its goals.

Thanks to everyone who came to the second town hall meeting, held on a blustery and snowy day in early April. Huddling in the fire station bay, we reviewed some preliminary recommendations and talked a lot about the future of Mosquito/Swansboro. Some of the ideas we discussed include:

- Establishing volunteer clean-up events to spruce up Finnon Lake - broadening the labor pool to possibly include Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, school clubs or other groups to help with a couple of clean-up days as a community service.

- Developing a recreation master plan for Finnon Lake - identifying what uses are allowed, deciding where different uses should take place in order to avoid conflicts and minimize any impacts on nearby residents, deciding what improvements are needed, and identifying any use restrictions, such as hours of operation, number of consecutive days people can camp, etc.

- Using the recreation master plan to seek funding for specific improvements to Finnon Lake, the campsites and day use areas - including a phased plan for implementing those improvements.

- Selectively promoting Finnon Lake as an educational or group retreat location - using a reservation-only system to invite school groups, nature clubs or other organized groups to use the facility on a limited basis for nature study, interpretive work, small-scale retreats, or other low-impact uses. Some people expressed concerns about turning Finnon into a tourist destination. But this would be a very limited use that would likely appeal to organized groups that offer a higher degree of accountability to the community.

- Establishing a community-based Road Maintenance Plan committee to work with the County on road safety and maintenance issues - using survey data and other input to identify problem areas and define specific solutions, such as additional or improved turnouts, roadside brush control, pothole maintenance, etc.

- Establishing a Bridge Preservation committee - the vast majority of survey respondents listed the bridge over the South Fork of the American River as one of the community's key landmark features. Seeking some kind of historic designation for the bridge could help make people aware of its significance and celebrate the role it plays in the life of the community.

This is just a sampling of what was discussed and what will be presented in much greater detail in the final report. The good news is that there is already a lot happening, including the renovation of the restaurant and development of a design plan for the campground at Finnon Lake, among other things. But the community action plan recommendations may be able to offer more specific suggestions and ideas about how to accomplish these and other goals.

We had originally scheduled a third town hall meeting on April 24th. But so much good information and new ideas came out of the first meeting and the surveys, we've decided to take a little more time to digest it all. The meeting on April 24th was postponed and will be rescheduled for a Saturday in July. The next *Mosquito Byte* will have the exact date, time and location of the final meeting, where the final report and recommendations will be presented.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kerri Timmer, our consultant, at 530-273-7329 or email her at kvtimmer@oro.net

NEWS FROM THE MVFD BOARD

Leslie Keene

The weather, once again, didn't cooperate for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt (is that a large understatement, or what?!), but once again, with many thanks to **LaVonne Moser, Jean McLain**, and their crew, it was a great success! Unfortunately, the big snow storm didn't hit until after they had started to organize the event at Finnon Lake, and it was a bunch of bedraggled, but very cheerful folks who came back to the fire station to set up there. We truly appreciate their efforts and especially the fact that they kept happy faces throughout! We're thinking that we need to change Easter to the middle of July or some such thing! Or maybe have a 4th of July Egg Hunt??

And, although some of us may have our doubts as to whether spring is really here yet, it's time for our **SPRING Spaghetti Feed!** This event will be held on Saturday, May 15th and we sure hope to see all of you there. **Doreen Frazier** is the chairperson of this event, so if you'd like to help out, give her a call at 621-4221.

Plans continue for the annual Fire Department/Community Picnic to be held at Finnon Lake on Saturday, July 17th. There is a rumor afoot that we will have some very decent entertainment, including possibly a period of music by some local DJ's and possibly a period of live music. And the games and events will be better than ever, and we might even have a popcorn machine. As always we are looking for help and ideas. Give me a call at 621-0508!

Are you interested in joining our Phone Tree Committee? If you'd like to volunteer, give me a call at 621-0508. It's a lot of fun being able to talk to your community friends, and it's really not too much work!

By the way, Chief Leo told me recently how **HAPPY** he was that I told the entire community about his running out of gas! It really is nice to be appreciated!

As you know, we are looking for a concessionaire to run the Finnon Lake Resort Restaurant, once it is reopened. The "Request for Proposal" is available and a copy can be obtained at the fire station or by giving me a call. The proposals are due back to us on or before May 13th.

Our next Board meeting, which is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station. We'd love to have you join us!

CRAFT NEWS

Sharon Hern

We still do not have a Craft Coordinator, however we will be selling Craft Items at all of the community functions this year, so please continue to make crafts at home for our sales. All proceeds go directly to our Volunteer Fire Department, help support our community. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

EASTER EGG HUNT

LaVonne Moser

What a surprising day! The weather man said it would be nice but the big man upstairs shed some of that white stuff on our parade! It all went okay, but was a surprise to all. (Beautiful out for a while though!)

Wish to give a great **BIG THANK YOU** to all the people that showed up to help on Friday night and Saturday morning to hide eggs. Best turn out ever! We also had the most candy and colored eggs ever -- just what the children have ask for in the past -- "More candy"! Thank you very much from the Easter Bunny! It was great. If the weather would have been sunny it would have been the best yet! The children that were able to show up really made out well with the 160 bags of candy and eggs being distributed among the ones that were able to be there.

Another big Thank you to the bunny helpers that helped cook and color the many, many dozen eggs in advance so we were not up till 2:00 a.m. Ron & Karen - you know who you are. The signage was wonderful - (even when wet) - good work Doreen and my co-chairman Jean. Jean also was able to obtain many wonderful teenagers who helped a lot, next year maybe we will have sunshine and be able to hide the eggs too.

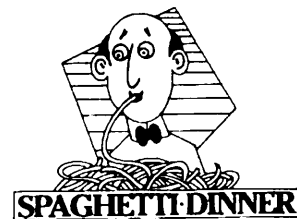
Thank you to the Fire Department for letting us use the bay again and moving out the equipment on a moments notice! (Although there was quite a bit of giggling when I called back from Finnon Lake - with snow all over us - I think they may have been expecting the call.....)

All and all it went well with terrific help and donations of candy and eggs.

We did end up a bit in the 'red' for the items the Volunteer fund purchased, but maybe the sun will shine on that account too.

This is such an unbeatable community, unlike any I know in El Dorado County. Many Thanks to all of you.

**SEE YOU AT THE
SPAGHETTI FEED
Saturday, May 15th**



SCPOA CORNER

Deborah H. Arsenych

This list of telephone numbers was sent to me and I thought I would pass it on to you. Remember: For emergency situations that threaten life or property and require immediate attention, call 911.

Abandoned car	621-6573
Abandoned/dangerous building	621-6539
Animal manure	621-5795
Belligerent person	621-6600
Car, building alarm	621-6600
Dangerous animal	621-5795
Dead animal	621-5795
Disabled car	Sheriff's Dept., 621-6600 or CHP 622-1110
Down power lines	PG&E (800) 743-5000
if dangerous, call Sheriff's Dept., 911	or 621-6600
Fallen tree	621-5900
if state highway, call Caltrans	(800) 427-7623
Flooded street D.O.T.	621-5900
if state highway, call Caltrans	(800) 427-7623
Gas leak	644-5769
Graffiti	621-6600
Hazardous sidewalk	621-5900
Loud noises	621-6600
Missing, damaged manhole cover	621-5900, Caltrans (800) 427-7623
Non functioning traffic light	D.O.T. 621-5900 Caltrans (800) 427-7623
Nuisance bar	621-6600
Open fire hydrant	644-5769
Pothole (Mosquito Rd)	D.O.T. 621-5900
state highway, call Caltrans	(800)427-7623
Rats	621-6539
Sink hole, collapsed street	D.O.T. 621-5900
state highway, call Caltrans	(800)427-7623
Trash-strewn lot	621-6539
Tree limbs in electrical wires	(800)743-5000
Uncollected trash/recyclables	626-4141
Underage drinking	621-6600

SCPOA REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at the Fire Station at 10:00 a.m.
June 19, August 21, October 16 and December 18.

MOSQUITO KIDS

Deborah H. Arsenych

We have an up and coming Tiger Woods living in the Mosquito area. His name is **Brian Okumura** and he is Captain of the Varsity Golf team at El Dorado High School. Brian started golfing five years ago with his grandfather and dad, Jerry. With part-time jobs at Cold Springs Country Club and the El Dorado Hills Club, practice every day and two tournaments a week, he still maintains above a 3.0 average at school. He has medaled in the last four dual matches and was top

Cougar scorer, with a 78 in the tournament against Rocklin. This summer Brian will be playing with the Sacramento Area Youth. Great job and great swing.

Steven Loree has done it again. For the second semester in a row he has made a 4.0 getting all A's at Markham Middle School. Not only is he smart, but he has a passion for Go-Carts and Karate. He and **Nate Chaloux** just earned their Junior Black Belts at Foley's Karate School. They both endured 12 hours of testing to graduate. Stephen also is involved in the Civil Air Patrol on Saturdays. His dream is to play football for Notre Dame. Stephen, I can't wait to see you play.

Making the Scholastic Honor Society with a 3.5 to 3.9 at Markham was **Stanley Okumura, Caroline Veerkamp, Zoe Arsenych, Elizabeth Frazier, Tawnia Peissner, and Ashley Levine.**

Amanda Susmill, Rex Hays, Daniel Norman, Ryan Poarch, and Nate Chaloux achieved the Principal's Honor Roll with a 3.0 to 3.49.

Last semester **Zoe Arsenych** received the Markham "EM Award". From sports to scholastic achievements, teachers at Markham give points to outstanding students, starting in the 6th grade. With 225 points you get the "EM Award" and with 325 points you receive the coveted "Chevron Award". Zoe was one of four seventh grade students to receive the award. Great job. You make us very proud.

A special thanks to the Mosquito Resident that I like to refer to as my anonymous assistant. You make my job easier.

IN MEMORY OF BETTY BETTENCOURT

A DELICIOUS SALAD!

Evelyn Potter

Easy and very good. Serve this versatile fruit mold either as a salad or dessert.

BERRY BERRY FRUIT SALAD

2 (3 oz.) Pkgs. raspberry or strawberry gelatin

2 c boiling water

2 c cold water

½ tsp. cinnamon

1 (21 oz.) can blueberry pie filling

1 (8 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice

8 oz. sour cream

1 tbs. confectioner's sugar

1. In medium size serving bowl completely dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cold water and cinnamon. Stir gently until dissolved. Chill until partially set. 2. Add blueberry pie filling and pineapple. Stir to combine thoroughly and chill 4 hours until set. 3. In a small bowl, whip together sour cream and sugar. Gently spread cream in an even layer on top of gelatin. Chill briefly. Serves 6 to 8.

THANKS TO A TRUE FRIEND

Norm Benes

Thursday, 8 April, while driving my grandson home from the Mosquito Firehouse, my brown El Camino lost the tire chain from the right rear wheel. Between Dogwood Lane and Holiday Lane on Mosquito, I was stuck and helpless because I didn't know how to put on a tire chain in that situation. A true friend got out of the vehicle behind mine and he got down on the snow, unwrapped the chain from the axle, and put it around the wheel. Telling me to give it a shot, I got behind the wheel and drove home...less than five hundred feet away.

Friend, I did not thank you for your help so freely given. I hope this note reaches you and that you will accept my belated THANK YOU!

HEARTWORM DISEASE IN THE DOG TESTING, TREATMENT & PREVENTION

Dr. Lisa S. Couper

The heartworm is a nematode parasite that lives inside the dogs heart. It transmitted to one dog from another dog by mosquitoes. It actually requires the mosquito as part of its maturation process. A dog infected with heartworms has baby heartworms (L1- the first larval stage) circulating in its blood. When a mosquito feeds on the dogs blood it ingests the L1. In the mosquito the L1 develops into an L3. It is the L3 which can infect your dog when a mosquito carrying it bites your dog some of the L3 larvae can get into your dog. If your dog is on heartworm prevention these larva are killed before than can develop into adult heartworms. The process of going from an L3 to an adult takes about 5.5 to 7 months. Thus the importance of re-testing dogs placed on prevention about 1 year after they start on the medication and periodic re-testing especially when medication is forgotten.

The Adult Heartworm Antigen Test tests for proteins which are shed from adult heartworms in a dogs heart and circulate in the blood. There is another test called a Difil test which tests for the L1 larvae in the bloodstream. The former test is considered to be more sensitive especially when a dog is already on heartworm prevention. (There is one additional test which checks for antibodies to the L1 stage.)

If your dog is negative when tested they can be placed on heartworm prevention. This is a medication which is given monthly. The old preventatives had to be given daily - they are still available but most people prefer to use the monthly form because it is so easy. The medication should be given year round in the lower Sierra foothill area. The approximate cost for the monthly preventative is as follows based on body weight:

5-25# - \$14 for 6 mo.

26-50# - \$25 for 6 mo.

51-100# - \$36 for 6 mo.

If your dog tests positive for heartworms they can be placed on monthly heartworm prevention so they do not become infected with more heartworms, **but there is a risk of a reaction to the medication.** If the old daily

preventative is given to a dog infected with heartworms there is a high probability that the dog will have a severe reaction and die 20-25% will die. The newer medications are much safer.

Treatment is available for the heartworms. The first step is to run some routine lab work to evaluate your pets kidney and liver function and to check for anemia and changes in the white blood cells. This will help determine the severity of the heartworm disease. In addition it is advisable to x-ray the dogs heart and lungs to see how much these organs have been affected. Once this is done your dog will be graded according to the severity of the heartworm disease. If the severity is low then the dog will be placed on aspirin once a day for a week prior to and for 3-4 weeks after treatment for the heartworm disease.

The actual treatment consists of two injections in the muscle of the lower back 24 hours apart. During and after the treatment is important that the dog be calm and not allowed to run around. Some dogs need tranquilizers for this. The more active the dog, the greater the potential for an adverse reaction, especially about 1-2 weeks after the treatment.

JIM'S WEATHER & SKY REPORT

Jim Hinds

ATMOSPHERIC

This is a beautiful day to begin this report. The Sun is full bloom, the sky is almost clear, there are a few 'contrails' up there, but just another clear, spring like day. It is just possible, Spring that was supposed to be here on March 21, has finally arrived.

We could still have a day or two with cold nights before Summer finally arrives in full force. I still remember when we had a snow storm on May 5 and had to turn around this side of the grape vineyard to come home by way of Rock Creek Road. It could happen again.

What have we accomplished this weather year? Mostly it has been a very mild season to date with not many really cold days and nights to worry about. When the temperatures go down to the mid twenties for several days in a row and nights even go below the twenty degrees marks as they were recorded, it begins to feel a bit nippy. The ground was frozen to the point of cracking like a dried up lake bottom. Those were the good old days back in the late 70's and early 80's. Of course, those were the years when the yearly rainfall average was in the 20 inch mark or less. Things got mighty dry around these parts and many of us newcomers worried that it would never rain again. Well, as the Old Timers kept telling us. It did rain just as they said it would. The fields turned green with the grass and the multitude of flowers blossomed again and we all benefit by the beauty of this little niche of the world.

By the way so far this season of 1998-1999, which will end June 30, has favored us with a little more than 44½ inches of rain (I recorded 44.35"). This is very

close to the 120 year average recorded by the PG&E for the entire year. We have about 10% more rain up here than they receive in the immediate Placerville area. Of course, we have the months of May and June yet to consider, neither of which has a very high yield of rain over the same 120 year average.

ASTRONOMIC

The news of the day or of last week at least had to do with the discovery of a sun-like star Upsilon Andromedae sprouting three massive planets each the size of or larger than our Planet Jupiter. It is an amazing discovery. This is a first because it indicates a solar system around another star or any star for that matter. We, of course, are limited due to the vast distances between stars. This Star is reported to be only 44 light years from our Planet Earth. When you consider that the nearest star to us is only 4.2 light years away and that the distance light travels in one year at a speed of 186,000 miles per second you will agree this is an amazing discovery. First at the speed of light any object would travel about 6 trillion miles in one year. This is 6 with 12 zeros following it and 44 light years is somewhere in the neighborhood of 264 with 15 zeros or 264 quadrillion miles out there some where. It is still in our Milky Way Galaxy, however.

Researchers have now discovered 17 planets outside our Solar System since 1995 with the help of larger and better telescopes and better technology. This discovery was made by two teams of scientists who studied 107 stars in the Milky Galaxy. The new technology called radial velocity measurement that measures the wobble caused by an object near enough to the parent star to affect its orbital motion. Three astronomers from the State University of San Francisco, Geoff Marcy, Paul Butler and Debra Fisher determined that more than one object was causing the wobble and their further calculations, pointed the two additional planets.

The Upsilon Andromedae discovery raises some very important questions about the formation of planets. One question in particular - how could such massive planets form and still exist so near the parent star? This should keep the scientists busy since our knowledge of planetary motion does not include Jupiter size planets orbiting our Sun in the place Mercury or rather the space Mercury occupies now.

Data for this report is from an article in *The Christian Science Monitor*, dated February 16, 1999 pages one and nine.

PUZZLE -- ACADEMY AWARDS

Peggy Vogele

There was no puzzle the last two months - ran out of room! This month the puzzle is about Academy Awards. Circle the words reading them up, down, forward, backward or diagonally. The remaining 9 uncircled letters create the answer. The prize for this puzzle is an adult meal ticket for the MVFD picnic in July. Good luck!

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MEETINGS

NO QUILTERS' MEETING THIS MONTH. SEE JUNE CALENDAR.

WANTED

CLEAN FILL DIRT: Call Doug 642-2118

RECIPES: The Mountain Fellowship Youth Group is putting together a local cook book as a fundraiser. We are looking for recipes from locals. Please call Niki Wenzel to have your favorite recipe included. 642-2257

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WORKER AVAILABLE: Honest, dependable, hardworking man seeks work gardening, weedeating, 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.

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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, Inc. 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. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Coldwell Banker, 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

FOR SALE - 1981 Dodge Ram Pickup Truck. In good running condition, just needs a new battery and a smog test. \$200 OBO. Call Pat or Leslie at 621-0508.

C. D. PLAYER "JVC" holds 6 disk, with remote, like new, \$100. WET SUITS, (for water skiing) 1 man's, 2 women's: Man's is full suit fits about 200-220 lbs. approximately. Women's are full wet suits, one fits about 115 - 130 lbs, other one fits 130 - 140 lbs, approximately. Paid \$120 + each, will sell for \$50.00 each COUCH, dark wood accents, no rips or tears, fabric is velour greenish gold color. LOVE SEAT, purchased at Bruners, has an 'iron' burn in one place and sunburned on one arm. Both pieces - make offer. LARGE WOOD STOVE, can be used in fireplace as insert or free standing, has blower. \$75.00 "AB" EXERCISER, paid \$40., sell for \$20. Older SCHWINN BICYCLE, \$25.00 "AEROBIC RIDER" Like new \$125. Please call 622-6337. If no answer, please leave message. Will return calls ASAP.

VW CAMPER, 1986, only 47000 miles by original owner, very good condition, \$14500, 622-1886

TWIN BEDS: (Dark wood) Excellent condition with box springs and mattresses \$185.

REAL BUY: \$110 for Thompson Color Glow ORGAN with 13 instruments. Walnut finish, matching bench included. Must see to appreciate. 2749 La Paz. 622-9492.

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

THE MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING A CONCESSIONAIRE TO OPERATE THE FINNON LAKE RESORT RESTAURANT A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained by:
Stopping by the Fire Station or
Calling Leslie Keene at 621-0508

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SPAGHETTI FEED

MOSQUITO FIRE STATION

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

\$6.00 FOR ADULTS ---- \$3.00 FOR KIDS UNDER 12

ALL YOU CAN EAT:

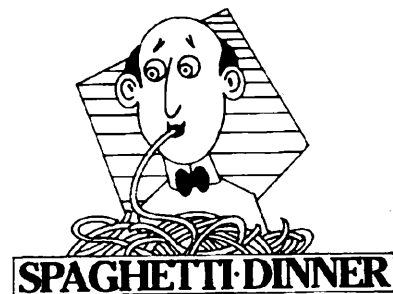
Homemade spaghetti, salads, desserts, bread, punch and coffee



PRIZE DRAWING FOR A PORCH GLIDER SWING
(Just in time for summer!)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING

ENJOY WONDERFUL FOOD AND VISIT WITH YOUR FRIENDS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 1999						1 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
2	3	4	5	6 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	14	15  SPAGHETTI DINNER
16	17	18	19 FINNON LAKE PLANNING COMM. 7:00 PM	20	21	22
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NOTES

See you at the spaghetti feed on May 15th

Save Saturday, July 17th for the MVFD annual picnic!



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