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DID YOU KNOW -

— our wonderful volunteer firefighters participated in fighting the massive Butte County fires last month? We have articles from three of them telling us about their experiences on an "out of county" strike team. We are all very proud of our volunteers.

THE SUMMER SO FAR!

Leo Chaloux

This summer so far has become one of the slowest from a wild land fire stand point that we have had in some time. This slow activity has been primarily a result of the weather conditions we have been experiencing. The weather has been one that we definitely cannot complain about, outside of a few days over 100 degrees we have been very fortunate with a rather pleasant summer.

We have had one fire so far. Someone a couple of months ago pulled a 14 foot by approximately 40 foot mobile home out onto Mosquito Road into the National Forest. When I was told this thing was out there I drove out and determined the exact location before I called U. S. Forest Service law enforcement. I asked if they could get it out of there as soon as possible because I had a feeling that some idiot would set it on fire.

Well sure enough, someone did. Someone had apparently shot the thing up with shot gun ammunition and either that action started a fire or they simply became bored and set it off. Slate Mountain look out was the first to pick up the smoke and called it in as a fire somewhere on Rock Creek Road. The lady now working at Slate Mountain is new and not real familiar with the area. Bald Mountain lookout then picked up the smoke and stated that it was probably on Mosquito Road but she was not sure where because Slate Mountain was blocking her full view. Then we received a 911 call from a local resident that stated that a mobile home was on fire out in the forest. With that information I knew exactly where to go.

As far as fires go this was not a real significant one. When I arrived on scene the mobile home had already burned to the ground and about 1/4 of an acre of brush was burning. Being a Saturday evening I was not sure who or how many of the Volunteers would be respond-

ing. Fortunately, George Kellison, Todd Hern and Diane Brady quickly arrived with Engine 75 and then started putting a hose line around the fire. Shortly afterward, Steve Loree and Clay Salzman arrived on Tender 75 to supply us with water. Lori Ridenour and Jackie LeMasters then arrived with Squad 75 and helped with mop up on the mobile home. We also received a great deal of help from the Support Group. Helicopter 516 from Big Hill and two air tankers from the CDF along with U.S. Forest Service Engine 33 from Georgetown also arrived providing a lot of help. As with all fires this time of the year the potential for this fire was great. I tell all the volunteers that every fire during the summer is a ten thousand acre fire and be prepared to fight it that way. Because of the volunteers this fire didn't have an opportunity to get to that size.

I want to thank Stu Frazier and Clearance Hogrefe who volunteered to accompany me and Engine 75 on an Office of Emergency Services request to the Butte County Complex fires. We found ourselves doing a great deal of work and fighting more than enough fire. The strike team of engines we were with were given some tough assignments with many homes to protect and when it was all over we did not lose a single house. I also want to thank Devery Minor, Diane Brady and Chris Johns who came up and relieved us. I know I was dead tired and was real grateful to see them arrive and take over the engine. Special thanks must go to all the volunteers who remained behind and covered the district making sure that equipment and personnel would respond.

The Butte County Complex fires were a result of several hundred lightning strikes that came through the area in one night. Those strikes touched off many fires and quickly overwhelmed the capability of local resources. California has developed a system of mutual aid where any fire department that is not capable of handling a large emergency can request assistance. This request is made through the Office of Emergency Services (OES). OES then sends request (orders) out to each surrounding county asking for strike teams to respond to the emergency. A strike team consists of five Type I engines which are designed for structure fire fighting or Type III engines which are more suited for wild land fire fighting. As an emergency gets larger the OES request will start to expand outward trying to



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get the proper amount of equipment in as short of time to the emergency.

The Butte County Complex fires was one of the largest OES equipment request ever made in California. We saw engines from practically every fire department in the state. Fire fighters from all over the west were brought in along with several hundred American Indians from Montana, South Dakota, Arizona and New Mexico. All in all this was one event that showed tax dollars hard at work and resulted in very few structures being lost and only a few fire fighters being injured.

Summer may now be over but the wild land fire season is not. Not till we get a definite decrease in day time temperatures, and at least a couple inches of rain will I start to feel better about the fire danger in our area. So please, be careful.

WHAT A WAY TO SEE CHICO !

Stu Frazier

On a dark and quiet night, when sleeping is so fun, we heard a telephone ringing and somebody said we've got to run.

Tuesday Morning 8/24/99, 0100 Leo was asking if I was available for a strike team assignment to Chico. I said sure, he said be at the station at 0130. Has anybody ever tried to wake up from a beautiful sleep, pack a toothbrush and etc: for a trip that's supposed to last for an unknown time? Anyway, at the station, Leo, Clarence and I gathered our gear and packed it onto engine 75.

Next deadline, had to be in Cool at station 72 by 2:30. At station 72 we met the rest of the strike team. By the way, for those who are curious, a strike team consists of five pieces of equipment, in our case it was type 1 fire engines. The other four engines were from Rescue, Georgetown, Camino and El Dorado Hills. Next deadline, had to be at Chico Fairgrounds parking lot by 0730. We made it by 0630. We were checked in and sent to the staging area. The people who organized this get together really knew what a person needs when they get to the staging area. First the parking lot, next the potties then the chow, all of these were in a line and we wasted no time utilizing all.

At 0900 we were on our way to Stirling City, a beautiful little town of about 700 people East of Chico. Our first assignment out of Stirling was to an area called U40. OK where's U40? They showed us a map that did not have any road names. Directions were to follow the "U" and "S" signs until you got to where you wanted to go. At 1215 we arrived at U40 after traveling over some of the roughest roads I've seen in a long time. This turned out to be a lightning strike mopup operation. Leo and Clarence grabbed a McCloud (a tool used to clear brush) and a shovel and went down a

steep hill to help CDF mopup. I stayed up on top and furnished water from our engine to the CDF engine. At 1620 we were released and arrived back at Stirling City at 1750. At 1800 we were assigned to S80. This was another lightning mopup, again over roads that only mountain goats should be using. We got back to Stirling City about 0015 Wednesday morning very tired and ready to get some sleep. 45 minutes later we were awakened and told to report back to base camp, which is the Chico fairgrounds. After arriving at Chico about 0300 we again took advantage of the facilities and then back to the engine for some sleep.

We got about an hour's sleep when we got the call to go to a place called Forest Ranch. This turned out to be a place on top of a butte with approximately 40 homes. We relieved the strike team that had been doing the structure protection and our strike team assumed that responsibility. The smoke was so thick, that we could hardly see a quarter of a mile. We started getting reports that several fires were heading our way from different directions. Then we received word that the name of our incident had been changed from Forest Ranch to The Butte County Complex. (Complex meaning several fires joining together). This kinda added to our adrenaline rush. One of the fires broke over the top of the butte near a vineyard and in this area there was a slight depression running past the vineyard to a small lake and then into the homes. A fire just absolutely loves these depressions, or draws, and runs full tilt from the lower end to the top end. Leo and Clarence were running hose from one side of the lake to the other along with the other engines personnel. The fire crowned (went into the tops of the trees) and it got a little hairy there for awhile. Leo noticed a young firefighter from one of the other engines was trying to hit the fire with a stream from a long ways away, so he went up behind him, talked to him and then began urging him closer to the fire, the youngster didn't appear to agree that this was the right thing to do, finally after being shown how the stream can protect as well as extinguish or cool down the fire he stood his ground and did a very good job. Anyway we got the fire stopped at the lake and we all felt pretty good about that.

Then came word from the powers that be, to burn out all of the area on the butte that had not been burned already. We asked for reinforcements because of the possibility of the purposely set fires getting out of hand, the wind was kicking up a little and we had almost no sleep. No reinforcements were available and it was imperative the burnout begin ASAP. If this fire got past us then there would no stopping it until it got to a town called Paradise. Due to the smoke being so thick caused by the fire and the inversions holding it in, aircraft could not be used, they could not see the ground.

The first fire that Leo and Clarence set turned into a very spectacular fire in that it moved very fast, the trees it came in contact with almost exploded and it went under the high voltage lines. It went on its merry way and burned down before it got to the homes. WHEW. The next one that we set was a mile and a half long down a fire break road called Doe Hill. That one took most of the night to set. We were relieved at 1130 that next morning.

After arriving back at base camp, about 1230, and eating we could hardly wait for our turn in the showers. That felt soooooo good. We tried sleeping but it was too hot, so we found some shade, ate Eskimo Pies and tried to relax. After sundown it started to cool off, so we went back to the Engine and tried to get some sleep. One thing they didn't tell us about, how big and how many mosquitos Chico has. We may be with the Mosquito Fire Department — BUT. After soaking down with a mosquito repellant borrowed from one of the other engines, we finally got to sleep.

At 2350 we were awakened, a code 3 response to Schutt Rd (The Vineyard). We were assigned to structures that were the last ones on the road and the closest to the fires. Only problems were that the inhabitants evidently wanted anonymity because the driveways were hard to find, almost completely overgrown and very narrow, no addresses and most with locked gates. We got the last house on the road along with engine 21 from Camino. The residents that came back to check on their property were absolutely great. One of them went down the hill to the nearest Wendy's and came back with hamburgers for everybody. GooooooooD. That night another resident, a local UPS driver, came in with monster deli sandwiches. GooooD. The next morning after cleaning brush and other growth from around the house we noticed a big column of smoke coming our direction. We laid our hoses and waited. It kept getting bigger and bigger and still heading towards us. It seemed to spread across our whole horizon and now we see the flames. I looked down at our hoses, which under normal circumstances looks like a big hose, but put up against this wall of flame coming at us, they looked very inadequate. I don't know what the other guys were thinking but I was becoming scared. A few prayers were said and then remembering the wildland training along with the 'Shake and Bakes' (emergency shelters) helped quite a bit.

When the fire was less than a hundred yards away we charged our lines and made ready when a lead plane bringing a large plane in for a fire retardant drop came thru. What a beautiful sight. The smoke had cleared enough so that aircraft could be used.

Many drops were required to stop the wall but they did it. Thank You.....

We were released at 1130 8/28/99. Back at base camp we cleaned the engine in preparation for our

relief crew in the morning. When Devery, Chris and Diane arrived the next morning, (8/29/99) they were a very welcome sight. We had about an hour or so to brief them before they were on their way to a new experience. Leo, Clarence and I headed home, tired but happy with our adventure.

BUTTE COUNTY FIRE

Clarence Hogrefe

My day of August 23rd started out pretty much normal. Worked all day at the shop, came home and fixed dinner and did a few things around the house. By the time I was done, it was close to 11:00 p.m. so I thought I would watch the news. The news reporters were talking about all the fires in Butte County and how bad they were. They said that more firefighters were being called out. I went to bed about 12:00 and my phone rang about 1:00. I had an idea what the phone call might be, it was Leo and he said we were called for a strike team and wanted to know if I could go. I said, "yes" and Leo said we needed to be at the station by 1:30.

We joined the other engines of the strike team at the Cool fire station at 2:30 a.m. Left Cool at about 3:15 and arrived in Chico at about 6:30. We left Chico at about 8:30 for our first assignment.

Our first assignment took us to Sterling City and then about 25 miles of dirt road to a lightning strike. We returned to Sterling City and then went back to Chico. Left within about an hour of arriving and went to another lightning strike for mop up.

The members of our strike team spent 4 days on the Doe Mill fire around Forest Ranch — Little Chico Creek — Little Butte Creek and Centerville. We were doing structure protection and back firing. I saw lots of wildland burn up with flames approximately 60' to 80' or more! The scope of the fires and the equipment and personnel needed was very impressive. People on our strike team worked very well together. All my training with our fire department was put to the test many times.

I want to thank Leo for asking me to go and having the confidence in me as a firefighter. Thank you Leo and Stu for sharing this great experience with me.

(Ed. Note: I happened to be in Chico recently and there were many billboards say "Thank You Firefighters!")



A BIG PUBLIC THANK YOU!

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel in my heart!

On July 27, 1999 at five a.m. when I suffered a stroke, the Volunteer Mosquito Fire Department personnel was there to give me medical care within minutes, with words of comfort. When I was scared and confused, Leo assured me I was among friends. I recall Lori Ridenour, Leo Chaloux and Jerry Okumura surrounding me. Not only was the team providing all possible emergency care, but giving me the words of encouragement and comfort, during my most vulnerable state. I found out later that Devery Minor and others were there too. What appeared like minutes were in fact hours of care and reassurance? All I remember is Leo and others saying: "you know everyone and you are between friends and family", those words still ring in my mind. The well wishes from the community people I met once or never met was amazing, and extremely touching. Also you brought me a cheerful blooming plant with, a card wishing me speedy recovery, signed "from your friends at the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Dept." After all you have already done for me, this was more touching than I can express.

I have always been a strong and a private person, if I had a chance to assist someone along the way I would but for most I kept to myself. A few weeks later my Mom was visiting me she had an attack, again Leo and Steve were there to assist and take care of my Mom. Fortunately for the quick action by our friends at the fire department everything turned out well. My Mom is back to normal and I am recovering by leaps and bounds. I truly think you are an admirable and a heroic group of people, and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Olga Schnipper

PLEASE... FENCE ME IN

Well I guess you would have to be blind, to not notice the fence around Dyer Lake has disappeared.

Here's the rational explanation for this madness. The Common Area committee is in the process of replacing the old wood fence with a maintenance-free vinyl fence. The material from the old Dyer Lake fence will be used to repair the fences at Trout Lake and other areas. Our Common Area maintenance person, Paul Hinds, has done an outstanding job maintaining the Common Areas and so far, has done all the work on the fences. Which brings us to a very important

point. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! We need help to repair and paint the old wood fences at Trout Lake and along the roads.

To volunteer, please call Mel Joyner at 621-3898. HELP KEEP SWANSBORO BEAUTIFUL!!

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

Name and address change

From: Jean McLain

To: Jean Pearson

2372 Mosquito Cut-Off Rd

621-1653

MVFD BOARD NOTES

Leslie Keene

As usual, this will go to "press" before the Fall Spaghetti Feed, but I know it was a grand success! The weather has been very cooperative and I know we all had a great time visiting with our friends and neighbors!

Many of you have already heard about the heroic efforts of our firefighters this last month, both here and away from home. A strike team of one engine and three firefighters left home on Tuesday morning, August 24th at 1:00 a.m. with about 5 minutes notice, not to return home again until Sunday, August 29th, late afternoon. These fellows, LEO CHALOUX, STU FRAZIER, and CLARENCE HOGREFE, were sent to Butte County to help those folks fight their fires. It was extremely hard work, and they were beat when they got home. It didn't end there, though. That team was replaced by a second team, DEVERY MINOR, DIANE BRADY, and CHRIS JOHNS. Fortunately, they were only there for two days, and we are very, very proud of all of their efforts on the behalf of all California firefighters! We are glad they all got home safe and, from what I hear, Mosquito held their own up against all the BIG boys! Job well done!

But not to be forgotten are all the firefighters here at home that held down this front. If you recall, the weather conditions at that time were very fire dangerous. There was actually a lightening activity level of SIX, the highest I've ever heard in the county. Fortunately, we didn't have any fires, although there was a big scare that weekend when we were called out for a wildland fire, it turned out to be a burn barrel (on a NO burn day). But every member of the fire department was on alert during this time.

I am very proud to be associated with this great group of firefighters and support group members!

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors will be holding their Annual meeting on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. At this time there will be elections to fill the four Board positions up for election. We are looking for support group members or community-at-large 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 Finnon 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, and each member is in charge of one activity at the Annual Fire Department/Community Picnic. We also like to see each Board member support the other board members at their events by helping to set up or working at that event.

Believe me, we have a lot of fun and our efforts are highly appreciated by everyone! If you are interested, please give Debbie Minor a call at 621-3533.

Don't forget the Fire Department's Community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 23rd. Debbie Minor is the chairperson of this event and would appreciate any help you might want to volunteer for!

And last of all, this will be my last Byte column as a member of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. Due to business and family commitments, the October Board meeting will be my last. Debbie Minor, as our current Vice-President will conduct the Annual meeting in November. At that time, after the elections are held, new officers for the upcoming year will be chosen. I could go on and on about how much it has all meant to me, etc., but I'm not really leaving! I will still continue to be actively involved on the fire department as it's Safety Officer, Support Group member, EMT, CPR Instructor, and, most importantly, the wife of Captain Pat!

Stay fire safe!

S.C.P.O.A ELECTIONS

Swansboro residents

At least 3 new Board members are needed to run for the S.C.P.O.A. Board in February. This is your association and your help and services are needed.

The term of office is two years, February 2000 to February 2002.

Please call either Barbara Atkins at 626-9344, Norm Nestor at 642-9865 or Sharon Hern at 626-5268 if you have any questions or are interested in running for the Board.

BREAKFAST TREAT

Evelyn Potter

I received this recipe from a dear aunt who got it from a German friend – so I believe it to be authentically German. Cook up some bacon to accompany it and you have a nice breakfast treat.

GERMAN PANCAKE

Beat together until smooth –

- 3 eggs
- ½ c milk
- ½ c flour
- ¼ t salt

Melt 2 T butter or margarine in a 9 - 10 inch cast iron skillet. Spread butter around. Pour in mixture. Bake 10 minutes in 450° oven. Spread raspberry (or strawberry or blackberry) jam over the pancake, fold over and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serves two.

NEWS ON THE HILL

Jo Thomas

I saw a notice in the paper that *Trudy Chatfield* was going to be the cuer for an upcoming round dance and gave her a call to find out more. She said she's been cuing about 25 years now, (I'd say she's hooked) and husband, *Chat*, is her teaching partner. She said she did square dance calling for 8 years at a private club in Solvang where she came across many celebrities. Trudy and Chat really enjoy what they do, and it sounds like fun, too.

They're baaaack! I think everyone on the hill must have heard the air horn on *Bob Smith* and *Linda Gieseler's* motorhome last month announcing they had finally returned from a trip of more than TWO months that took them clear across the USA. Linda said they did find gas for 94¢ per gallon - but it's too far away for any of us to take advantage of. Welcome home you two newlyweds!

Carolyn Jones is doing her best to mend after rotator cuff surgery. I'm so happy to hear she won first place at the State Fair in the yeast division with her cinnamon and pecan entry, and two honorable mentions as well. It will probably be a while before she can do any of her famous baking. Congratulations Carolyn, and we know *Ken* will help you recover very quickly.

Terry and Tricia O'Neill had their picture in the paper with the fast pitch softball team called Quicksilver. And they must be just that as the team, on which Terry is a coach, Tricia is the manager and daughter, *Brianna*, is the catcher, came in second in a recent tournament. Brianna says she has been trying out for the next level which will be made up of 13 & 14 year

olds. Since she's been playing softball for five years now, I have no doubt she will be up to the challenge. Yea team Quicksilver.

Gail Reams, daughter of **Ron and Linda Reams**, and Jonathan Stenger have announced their engagement. Gail is a 1993 graduate of El Dorado High and currently resides in New York City where she is employed by the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency and is an assistant account executive for the DeBeers Diamond account. (Is this handy or what?) Jonathan is a 1995 graduate of UC Santa Cruz and is completing his master's degree in constitutional theory in Manhattan while employed as a production coordinator at Wintry Press. Linda says the wedding will probably not occur until after next year, but she is looking forward to Gail and Jonathan moving back to the West Coast when he finishes school.

Last but not least, did all of you know we are fortunate to have four Master Gardeners in our community? These volunteers are **Mary Ann Broddrick**, **Terri Darr**, **Trudy Deiglemeier** and **Virginia Feagans**. Each lady has had 56 hours of classes, for which they purchase their own books, where they learned the fundamentals of plant care and diseases, insects, watering, fertilizing, and growing fruits and vegetables among other things. After they pass the final exam they're only halfway through this UC cooperative extension office program. Then they have to perform 50 hours of related public service, all without compensation. Virginia, having volunteered over 1,000 hours, is now a Lifetime Master Gardener. Mary Ann has volunteered to offer classes in herbs, landscaping without deer fencing with blooms from February until winter, gardening, irrigation, etc. If interested give Mary Ann a call, and congratulations to all of you for this helpful service.

THE SUN'S STORY

Jim Hinds

The date for this edition will be sometime after September 23 as that is the beginning of the Autumn Equinox and is the day and time when the day and nights are each twelve hours long. There are two of these events in one of our years. One occurs as the Sun's apparent motion is South and the other when its motion is to the North.

The next one will be about 21 March 2000, called the vernal equinox. To be correct, we could call the one in March the Spring Solstice. Since it is a over six months away, it will just have to wait its turn. Both solstices are caused when the Sun crosses our Equator. The Greeks or Romans or whoever named them did

not have a name for equal day so they just called them "equal nights"(equi for equal and nox for night).

Of course the Sun doesn't really go anywhere it just stays relatively stationary in the center of our Planetary system. We on Earth travel around it (our Sun) each year in about 365.25 of our days. This orbit is our little race track and our Earth is the only vehicle on it. The exception, which is our Moon, just goes along for the ride. There is a catch to this. If our Earth slows down, it will be pulled into the Sun and we fry. If the Earth speeds up it will fly out of orbit and off into space away from our Sun and we freeze. A delicate balance to maintain. At any rate the Earth has been around for a considerable period of time. There are estimates from 10,000 years to 12 billion years or longer. Man hasn't been here and certainly no one has lived through the entire time frame so we have no witnesses. The summary is that as we make circuit around the Sun, we end up with four seasons Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. These make up our weather cycle with all its variations.

Our Sun seems to be the forgotten element in most of the present day calculations about weather on TV news reports and other predictions and comments about global warming etc. As indicated above our Sun does affect our weather. Therefore when the Sun's corona temperature rises from its normal temperature of 5,770 degrees Kelvin to over 1,000,000 degrees K something is going on out there. According to *Sky and Telescope*, for October 1999, this change is happening now and its brightness and its magnetic field has increased by a factor of 2.3 since 1901. In the 17th century during the Maunder Minimum, Baltic seaports were frozen over for several weeks longer than usual and in the Alps the glaciers grew. (they are shrinking now). The Sun's normal activity from low to high is about 11 years. At this period in time we are approaching the low ebb of this eleven year cycle. Still there seems to be a lot happening out there now. Several recent articles point out that changes in solar brightness do correlate with changes in our global temperature.

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Devery Minor, Captain, M.F.D.

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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

RENAISSANCE FAIRE tickets, (two) at the Nut Tree. Good any weekend through October. Original price \$17.50 each, sell for \$12.50 each). Call 626-1231.

HOOVER VACUUM CLEANER, upright, self-propelled, with attachments. \$75. **PANASONIC COLOR PRINTER** \$35. **WATER GARDEN**, easily moved, complete with fountain, pump, plants and fish. Make offer. Call 621-1822.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICS--1950 to 1999. Many years have a 12 issues in excellent condition. Maps included. Take them all for only \$10.00. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441.

WOOD STOVE - great condition. 5½ years old. High efficiency. Some flue pipe and terminate cap included. \$350. 642-1878

FREEZER - Frigidaire Upright 16 cu ft - \$75; **NAILGUN** - Hitachi Round Head Model NR83A, low hours, shoots 6d to 16d nails with assorted nails - \$250; **NORDIC TRAK** - "Walk Fit" Aerobic Exerciser - \$75 Call STEVE 621-4271

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

MAKE OFFER ON THE FOLLOWING: **LARGE WOOD STOVE**, can be used in fireplace as insert or free standing, has blower. **"AB" EXERCISER;** Older **SCHWINN BICYCLE** Please call 622-6337. If no answer, please leave message. Will return calls ASAP.

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 23RD

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

MOSQUITO FIRE STATION

GAMES - PRIZES - CAKE WALK



Donations needed:

Candy for candy bags - drop off at the Fire Station anytime before October 22nd.

Also needed:

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

Help needed:

Anyone who would be willing to help out at the party please call Debbie Minor at 621-3533. Thanks!

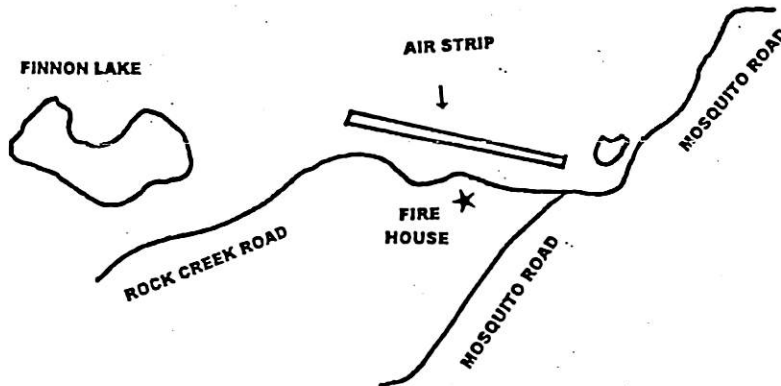
RESIDENTS OF EL DORADO COUNTY

HOMEOWNERS, OCCUPANTS, VACATIONERS

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SWANSBORO CLEANING EVENT

BRING ITEMS ON SATURDAY:
OCTOBER 9, 1999
9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

MOSQUITO FIRE HOUSE
8801 ROCK CREEK ROAD
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667



ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED:

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| ★ USED MOTOR OIL | ★ PAINT | ★ ANTIFREEZE |
| ★ POOL CHEMICALS | ★ BRAKE FLUID | ★ BATTERIES |
| ★ SOLVENTS/ PAINT REMOVERS | | ★ ADHESIVES/SEALANTS |
| ★ PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES | | ★ PHOTO CHEMICALS |
| ★ FLOOR & FURNITURE CLEANERS | | ★ AEROSOL CANS |
| ★ MOST PRODUCTS LABELED "CAUTION", "WARNING", "DANGER", OR "POISON" | | |

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- ★ Radioactive materials, infectious medical waste, explosives or compressed gas cylinders
- ★ Business wastes

Please limit materials to 5 gallons or 50 pounds; however, you may transport up to 20 gallons of used oil with no single container larger than 5 gallons. Please use original or disposable containers.

"IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER THE EVENT WILL BE CANCELED"

This household hazardous waste collection event is brought to you by the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department and the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
Please call 621-5300 for more information.



RECYCLE
USED OIL

OCTOBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
3	4	5	6	7 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	8	9 HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN-UP SEE PAGE 9
10	11 	12	13	14 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 QUILTERS MEETING CALL 642-9865	29	30 
31 CHANGE TIME!						



MOSQUITO BYTE
2300 MOSQUITO CUT-OFF RD
PLACERVILLE CA 95667