

WE ARE THANKFUL

We really have a lot to be grateful for this Thanksgiving season, no major fires in this area so far and our great volunteer fire department members safely returned from their out of county adventures. We are truly blessed.

WELL THE CHIEF IS OFF AND RUNNING AGAIN.

Devery Minor

In his last article, Leo related his experiences in Chico. As I am writing this article Engine 75 and the rest of the strike team are returning from Shasta County.

Saturday, October 16, was a busy day in California. Most days usually are during fire season, but due to dry weather and high north winds small fires become large fires. Around 2:30 p.m. we had a small fire on Stope Dr. Luckily George Kellison and Clarence Hogrefe were at the station and kept the fire from spreading. Only about 1/3 acre. Of course others were there to help. Thanks guys!

The equipment had just made it back, was refueled, refilled with water and hose, when a strike team assignment was called and E75 was on its way, with three firemen. Later that night we had another fire, this time on Dyer Way. With three people from our Department and one Engine gone, it made for some tense moments. High N.E. winds didn't help the situation. We managed to keep that one at 1/2 acre. Thanks again guys! I was the Incident Commander on that one. It sure is nice to see familiar faces when you need them.

It seems whenever there is a fire, people come out of the woodwork. They want to help, they are worried about their homes and property, and others are just plain curious. The problem is the people with the training, proper gear and equipment are sometimes hampered by these well meaning folks. Then in the heat of the moment we, as firefighters and support group people, have to ask them to leave. Sometimes not so nicely. This is nothing personal, we just need to

have room to work and don't want anyone to get hurt. PERSONAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY are the number one priority. Our personnel are highly trained to deal with emergency situations. Oftentimes there is smoke and confusion and people showing up everywhere. These are not times for EXTRA helpers. Please keep your distance and let us do our job. I would hate to have a bystander get injured in any way, and it is very awkward to tell someone to leave who wants to be there. We also need to realize that it takes time for the firefighters to be paged and get themselves and the equipment to the scene.

As I was writing this Engine 75 and crew made it back to the station. We are glad to have you back. I'm sure there are some people in Northern California who are glad you were available. The families of the firefighters deserve a thank you also.

Lots of people have asked me when we can burn again. The million dollar question. When will it rain? If I knew I could make a lot of money. Looks like a ways to go yet, even the guys who are supposed to know don't have a clue. Maybe by the time you read this it will be muddy and we will have something else to worry about besides wildland fires. See you around the Station .

S.C.P.O.A VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

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.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 2nd the Board of Supervisors will meet in the museum at the Marshall Gold Discovery State Park in Coloma. The Board annually holds one of its meetings in each supervisorial district. This meeting will be in our Supervisor District IV, Penny Humphrey's district. The meeting will be held at 7:00 in the evening for the convenience of the public.

OPEN HOUSE TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Shane Ryerson

The open house is scheduled from 7 until 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, October 27th. It will be held in the County Library, 345 Fair Lane in Placerville. We will have a couple of presentations regarding both the Trails Master Plan and The Bicycle Transportation Plan. Copies of each plan will be on hand for the public to pick up and make any comments.

Both of the plans are ready to be scheduled for public hearings with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors within the next couple of months. We look forward to giving the public a chance to read up on these documents before the adoption hearings.

VET CLINIC

Dr. Lisa Couper, mobile veterinarian, will be at the Mosquito Fire Station on Sunday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m. until noon for walk-ins. She will make house calls in the afternoon. Call 677-4558 and leave a message to make an appointment for the afternoon or if you have a special request.

FREE KARATE CLASSES

Karate classes are now being held at the Mosquito Fire Station every Saturday afternoon. The classes start at 2 p.m. and you are invited to join at any time. We also invite visitors to come and check it out. We are taking kids as young as seven and adults of any age are welcome. This form of Kenpo Karate requires

no conditioning and can be taught to anyone. It is purely defensive in nature and we do not teach aggression. Instead we concentrate on developing coordination and both mental and physical skills. Come check it out this Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

GEORGETOWN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hazel Smith

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE HEALTH CARE
AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

IOOF HALL

CORNER OF 193 AND MAIN STREET
GEORGETOWN

Profits from this bazaar go the three fire districts on the Georgetown Divide. Our fire department always receives a generous donation. You can help by donating to their bake sale and white elephant sale.

Have your white elephants at the Fire Station by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 12th. Please no clothes. Working small appliances, books, etc. are welcome. Call Hazel at 621-3046 or Betty Kinney at 621-1879 if you need to have your items picked up.

Baked goods of all kinds are welcome - home made bread, cakes, cookies and jellies, jams, pickles, etc. Please label items and package them in non-returnable containers. Baked goods should be delivered to the Fire Station by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 4th.

HILL HAPPENINGS

Jo Thomas

Hope everyone is enjoying our "extended" summer days and cool fall nights. I can't tell you how many times I put the extra winter blanket away this summer and wound up dragging it back out. But Lela Edson had a classic, and I quote "Every night has been blanket management night." (Thank you Lela, I thought it was just me!)

Amy Harris, daughter of *Rusty & Debbie Harris*, has moved to Rocklin for her second year at Sierra Junior College. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher. Go, Amy! (Excuse me, I mean MISS Amy.)

Keeping it all in the family, our local newspaper had a series a while back on how roads got their names. Debbie Harris' mother, *Lee Dyer*, imparted to me one day that her husband, Dick, and his partners were running out of street names for the Swansboro development. They were trying to stick with the theme of gold and the early days. Evidently it was Lee's brother, Bob, who came up with the name Pawdick Court by remembering the western TV series "Bonanza", which

starred Lorne Greene as Ben "Pa" Cartwright. So if you didn't already know, that's how they came up with Paw Dick.

Have you seen the softer side of **Paul Hinds**, the maintenance person extraordinaire for Swansboro? He was recently pictured in the newspaper playing the violin at a Scandinavian dance. In addition, he's an artist who paints mostly portraits and some of his work is currently on display at the Placerville Coffee House. AND he and his wife, **Jeanne**, both act and have been involved with Theater El Dorado since its inception around 1978. Wouldn't it be great if someone would get all our local talent together for an evening of entertainment? I know we have a number of varied artists in our community and a show of their works would be interesting as well!

I know **John & Tina Sobol** are proud of their second grader, daughter **Christina**, and **George & Holly Kellison** are proud of their third grader, son **Taylor**. But we can all be proud that these two students were among those named Citizens of the Month (September) at Sierra Accelerated School. This is in honor of their academic achievement AND good citizenship.

Dan Ribolin's daughter **Andrea** recently married Joshua Samuels. We wish them every happiness, and Andrea was also an achievement award recipient from the Independent Learning Center earlier this year.

You know you're in the country when you hear cow bells clanging. They got louder... and LOUDER... as they ambled toward the RUNWAY. When an airplane circled overhead a bunch of people quickly tried to head them off - - at the pass so to speak. With the help of **Danny Schurpf, Kim Purcell, John Moallie** and his dog Chester and Carroll and I, we got them herded into what used to be Kim's garden. All SIX of them. However, they remained there only a few hours, but long enough to become SEVEN. Then they decided to move to greener pastures. And let me tell you, they were on the mooove all night long... clang, clang, clang. I guess everyone knows who these cattle with bells belong to, Pete Carmen ~ a REAL cowboy in every sense, and a story unto himself. The next morning Pete arrived with a wrangler and a trailer with two horses and four dogs. They set up a holding pen and methodically rounded up five, with only a little protestation. Cow and calf were a bit more trouble, but soon the dogs were loaded in their upper niche, then the cattle, a barricade and finally the horses. And the neighborhood was none the worse for wear except for a FEW (actually, quite a few) mooovements that cattle tend to make dotting the landscape, plus a rather sleepless night. Now Pete is a mere 75, he's been a cattle rancher for many, many years and was also a cropduster at one time. I might also add he's a colorful storyteller! He has about 500 head grazing in the

forest and just renewed his lease another three years, so he's not thinking "retirement" any time soon! The reason the cattle left their summer home was because hunters destroyed the gate. We shouldn't be seeing any more of these cattle through the winter, but next spring **Norm Ostrander's** "pets" may be b-a-a-c-k.

Quickies: **Tom & Barbara Atkins** took their first cruise and it was on the Columbia River. **Mark Kozy** took a 17 day, coast to coast trek. **Dean Edson** had to remove the engine from "Little Bird" and ship it back east for examination because of contaminated fuel from Chico. And as if that wasn't bad enough Dean, along with several other vehicles, was in a hit and run accident in Sacramento so their car has been in for repairs. (As for Dean, he's indestructible) **Ed & Betty Kinney** have opened their home to two new kittens: King Tut and Long Tall Sally. (Can't you pictures these cats?) Betty says that when they REALLY lived in the country they had 13 cats! Be sure to give a warm "hello" to **Lela Edson, Lois Pearson** and **Evelyn Potter** on Tuesday, November 2nd when you go VOTE. These ladies have been our dedicated pollworkers for many years. **Ken and Carolyn Jones** (who is anticipating therapy after her recent shoulder surgery) went on the Napa dinner train tour for their 10th wedding anniversary. Isn't that romantic! Sorry to see **Joe & Grace DeHaan** move to Roseville. Their house sold so quickly they weren't able to get around to say goodbye to everyone. But they say "hello" from Roseville, they have fond memories of Swansboro and will probably be back from time to time because family is still here.

The four hour power outage in mid-October was due to a blown fuse. Have a great Thanksgiving - eat dessert first!



Rounded up!

De-licious!

Evelyn Potter

Another chocolate lover's delight!

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 eggs

1 c vegetable oil (see note below)

2 c sugar

1 T vanilla

2 c shredded zucchini (peeled or not)
 2½ c all purpose flour
 ½ c cocoa (not chocolate milk drink)
 1 t salt
 1 t baking soda
 1 t ground cinnamon
 ¼ t baking powder

In mixing bowl, beat eggs to blend well. Add oil, sugar and vanilla, mix well. Stir in zucchini. Combine dry ingredients; add to zucchini mixture and mix well.

Pour into two greased 8 x 4 x 2 inch loaf pans, or three smaller ones. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until bread tests done.

Note: Want to cut the fat? Reduce the oil to ½ cup and add ½ applesauce.

IT IS DRY !!!!

Jim Hinds

All I can say at this point in time that makes any sense at all is that this has been a very dry period. This may not be the driest four months we have had but it must be close to it. The ground is so dry that even the gophers are spitting dust. Actually we have had no rain or only a trace since the first of July which is the beginning of our Weather Year. Here it is the 20th of October and the skies are completely devoid of clouds as they have been all summer and fall. The long range forecast at least for the next week or two shows the jet stream going through central Canada which will not do us much good, the Western Pacific Ocean with only a few scattered clouds off the Canadian coast; and nothing along our coast which would indicate any rain coming our way. soon. Using the yearly averages from the Mt Democrat and data from my own records I found that 1987-1988 and 1988-1989 were preceded by at least 3 months with no rain from July to November as is our present year. We still have 10 days to go for October this year. The rest of the story is that both of these years had subnormal rainfall. 1987-88 had 25.66 inches and 1988-89 had 34.12 inches. Our yearly average is somewhere around 40 inches depending on where you live.

HOW THINGS USED TO BE!

I was asked what it was like living here 25 years ago. As far as the Area of Swansboro Country was concerned it was a bit primitive. The roads were mostly unfinished and under construction and were to be topped with decomposed granite from the bottom of Catfish Lake. There was one house in Unit 3 under construction – mine. How does this tie in with weather? It doesn't really until the rains came. The decomposed granite contained more clay than was good for a road base because when wet it became slick and when mixed the natural soil the entire mess became almost

impossible to travel on. All wheel drive vehicles were the answer except we didn't have one, so we relied on our Volkswagen for wet weather travel. Also we found that the neighbors, although not close by were a big help in time of trouble. Communications were not too good either. There were often four parties on a single line so we relied on CB Radios. for local communications. Construction materials were supposed to be delivered during the dry months between May and September. This was difficult because in the early stages of construction we were buying from suppliers in Richmond where we were known, until we could get established in this area.

I know that most of you who have built in this area have gone through all this and more to get your dream house built. Maybe this will awaken memories that have long been dormant, and probably forgotten. Anyway it turned out for the better.

MFPD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Mosquito Fire Protection District is to provide to the people of the community the services that will strive to protect life, save property and ensure the public health and safety. This shall be done by providing the best possible methods of fire suppression and emergency medical services through the efficient use of personnel, equipment, training, prevention and public education.

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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.

FREE:

COUCH, dark wood accents, no rips or tears, fabric is velour greenish gold color. LOVE SEAT, purchased at Brueners, has an 'iron' burn in one place and sunburned on one arm. Please call 622-6337. If no answer, please leave message. Will return calls ASAP.

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CHEST FREEZER in good running condition at reasonable price. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441.

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NOTARY PUBLIC- Anytime, Anywhere: I live in Mosquito and will come to your house to do notary work. Call Elaine at 621-2433.

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.

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HERE'S THE SEPTEMBER PUZZLE WITHOUT THE GREMLIN'S GOOFS

BASEBALL


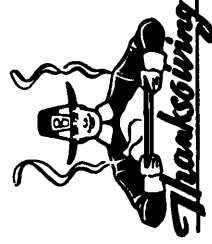
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After all the words have been found, unscramble the unused letters to find the solution to the puzzle.

November 1999

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