

MOSQUITO BYTE

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IMPORTANT MEETING ! SEE THE RED CROSS FLYER ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE!

ANOTHER YEAR

It is hard to believe that we have started another volume of the *Byte*. We want to thank all the "reporters" who have contributed their time and effort over the years, and we especially want to thank our loyal subscribers. Many of you have been subscribers since day one – and we appreciate your support.

BE PREPARED

Leo Chaloux

So far this summer the fire department has not been doing much. Usually summer months are our busiest, but not this one. We have not had one wild land or in fact any kind of fire so far this summer. We had more wild land fires in February than we did in June. My real concern is that we will only have one fire this year and it turns out to be 10,000 acres in size. That potential is truly there and it really is just a matter of time when a large fire does start off.

I asked the editors of the *Mosquito Byte* to include in this issue some information from the American Red Cross. This information should help you pre-plan your families ability to respond to a wild land fire. Your actions and preparedness could make all the difference in how well your family survives the dangers of a wild land fire. There is also an article on planning for your livestock in case of a disaster.

MVFD BOARD NOTES

Debbie Minor

Where does the time go. It seems that yesterday we started the year and now it is half over. School will be starting up again in a month or so. It just goes to show you no matter what life goes on.

This article is coming out after our annual Fireman's Picnic. I am sure that we all had a wonderful time eating and visiting with our

neighbors. We had some special live entertainment going on for this event by Paul Hinds and his band.

We have had some good news that towards the end of August we will have water hooked up and running to Finnon Lake. The restaurant plans are coming along nicely and should be completed and able to submit in the next couple of weeks. It has been a trial but we are not giving up. Again I would like to mention that if anyone would like to volunteer their time in helping us with the remodel project please give me a call at 621-3533. I will write you on the list.

We are in the heart of summer and the days have been dry and windy at times. Please remember to be fire safe in all you do.

Fire Department Calls June 8 to July 13

3 public assists

2 medicals

COMMUNITY MEETING

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

An important meeting concerning procedures to be used in case of an emergency was held July 13th at the Mosquito Fire Station. The speakers were Sgt. Marty Hackett of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department OES (Office of Emergency Services), Patricia Judge of the Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross and Kathie Voss and John Vail of EDC Animal Control.

Sgt. Hackett asked members of the audience to introduce themselves and to note their community affiliation. There were representatives from the MVFD fire fighters and support group, amateur radio, pilot's association, Civil Air Patrol, STAR and others.

Patricia Judge from the Red Cross spoke about



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Disaster Action Teams and the need to have volunteers in our community trained to help until Red Cross volunteers are able to be on scene. She would like to train a group here in Mosquito. (See flyer on the class to be held on Thursday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station.) The airplane hangers could be a suitable venue for evacuation shelters. The owners of two hangers volunteered the use of their hangers and others will be recruited. We need to have a disaster plan suited to our community's specific needs.

Kathie Voss and John Vail of Animal Control talked about the need to prepare plans for your animals in case of a disaster. They stressed planning ahead with such items as a preparedness supply kit for each pet, having vaccinations up to date, having transportation items such as pet carriers or a horse trailer available as the situation may demand. After approximately 24 hours mutual aid can be called in to assist our local animal control in emergency situations. Pamphlets are available for different animals such as dogs and cats, livestock and birds.

Our community needs to develop a Neighborhood Emergency Services Team under OES. The Red Cross class to be held August 17th is a first step in the procedure. Please call and sign up for the class. Remember, we need to take care of ourselves and those we love, until outside help arrives.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR LIVESTOCK OWNERS

The following are excerpts from a pamphlet prepared by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Veterinary Medical Association. Bear in mind, when the excerpts discuss evacuation – it may not mean taking animals off the hill, but taking them to a safe place on the hill!

BEFORE

PLAN AHEAD Determine the best place for animal confinement in case of a disaster. Find alternate water sources in case power is lost and pumps are not working or have a hand pump. You should have a minimum of three days feed and water on hand.

EVACUATION Decide where to take animals if evacuation is necessary. Have several sites in mind. Familiarize yourself with several evacuation routes to your destination.

IDENTIFICATION This is critical! Photograph, identify and inventory your animals. Permanent identification such as brands, tattoos, ear tags or microchips are best. Temporary identification, such as tags on halter, livestock markers, paint and duct tape with permanent writing will also work. Include your name and phone number. Keep identification information with you to verify ownership.

MEDICAL RECORDS AND VACCINATIONS Your animals need to have current vaccinations. Keep medical histories and record special dosing instructions and dietary requirements. Write down contact information for your veterinarian.

VEHICLES Keep trailers and vans well-maintained, full of gas and ready to move at all times. Be sure your animals will load. If you don't have your own vehicles, make arrangements with neighbors before disaster strikes.

DURING

Evacuate your livestock early, if possible, to ensure their safety and ease your stress.

Take all vaccination and medical records and enough hay, feed and water for three days.

Check to make sure there is space available at your destination.

If possible, use roads not in use for human evacuation when you are transporting animals.

If you must leave your animals leave them in a preselected area appropriate for the disaster type. Leave enough hay or feed and water for 48 to 72 hours

AFTER

Check pastures and fences for anything that could harm your animals. Remember local wildlife may have entered the area.

Familiar scents and landmarks may have changed and animals can be come confused and lost. If you find someone else's animal, isolate it from yours until it is returned to its owner or examined by a veterinarian. Always use caution when approaching or handling strange or frightened horses or livestock.

CRAFT REPORT

Betty Kinney

Six ladies and two girls attended our July meeting. Many more of our crafts were finished. Thanks to all who worked so well and so fast. Our lunch was small but adequate. Hope no one went home hungry.

Next meeting is August 10th at 9:00 AM. Followed by the usual lunch at 11:30. (Due to a new state law we are no longer allowed to mention what kind of lunch – but you all know, don't you????) Please come join us.

Thanks to all who are working on projects at home. We only have three more meetings before sale time. Pricing will be on Friday, November 3rd. All finished projects need to be in by then.

Plan the dates you can help sell at High Hill, 14 shifts are needed. Call me for dates and times at 621-1879.

First graders are the only ones who think it's really great when their teeth fall out

SCPOA BRUSH CLEARING

John Moali

Many of you may have noticed recently that our maintenance man (Paul Hinds) and a commercial contractor have been clearing brush among and around our roads. This activity will be going on for the next several weeks and we ask that you drive with caution around the many blind curves in Swansboro - we don't want our brush clearers to get run over!

Remember, the board meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM at the fire station and welcomes your presence and participation!

HILL HAPPENINGS

Jo Thomas

I know one can probably expect to see many different kinds of critters on a small country airport, from cows, to deer, geese, dogs and horses, but imagine *Kim Purcell's* surprise when she came across a good 8-10" tortoise marching down the runway. She took it home to protect it while she tried to locate its owner, if there was one, but... it quickly escaped to continue on its great Mosquito adventure.

Linda Gieseler Smith is already out and about while still recovering from surgery!

When *Ken & Carolyn Jones* returned home from a trip to Southern California (where Ken reportedly got sick on Krispy Kremes) they brought their grandson with them, which led to getting a new computer and now they have E-mail. But that hasn't deterred Carolyn from developing a new carrot cake recipe to enter in the State Fair. Umm, ummm, ummmm. She wasn't here to bring home the bacon for baked goods at our county fair, but she still won 1st place for "change of color" crocheted afghan, knitted baby item and handwoven blanket, 2nd place for child's crocheted garment, plus another 1st place and two more 2nd place awards. Carolyn's hands are never idle. Make that *Carolyn* is never idle.

Jodar Vineyard/winery won second place in the Commercial Wine division for their Port.

I got a kick when I read that one of the fair entrants was named Cookie Crumb. No offense to you, Cookie, wherever you are. (Nope, she didn't win in the cookie division. She won for her wedding cake)

A little bird told me that *Tim McCoy* celebrated his BIG 5-0! Now that wasn't so bad was it, Tim?

Last month I mentioned our representation at the Mountain Democrat so I think it only appropriate to mention our representation at El Dorado Irrigation District, which has had no shortage of publicity lately! Which means more work for *Leslie Keene*, Fiscal Services Manager, who has been featured at evening workshops to explain the cost of service to the public. If anyone can 'splain it, Leslie can.

Lynn Spitsen put on a wonderful high tea for the craft ladies. (She had many new ideas to help them raise funds for the fire department) A friend helped her serve dainty little sandwich cakes, petits fours and of course some wonderful tea. It was all irresistible. The tables were beautifully set on the deck at her daughter's (*Darlene Rood*). Lynn has an impressive collection of elegant porcelain teacups, saucers, teapots and plates. The King of England couldn't have asked for anything more as Lynn had thought of everything. Now, to work ladies.

Lee & Pat Hair took their daughter and granddaughter to our county fair, but Lee had some constructive comments for the Fair Association (they requested it) via a letter to the editor of our local newspaper-but he tempered these comments with a compliment. That's the kinda' guy Lee is. Lee & Pat also had a very nice 4th of July.

As did *Lee-Ann Becton*, who performed at the celebration at Cameron Park Lake with an impromptu group called El Dorado Women of Song. This group was composed of ten women who virtually had not sung together before that day! Lee-Ann also sings with her daughter-in-law as a duo called "Doubletake". (More fodder for our "talent show", which Lee-Ann was enthusiastic about)

Congratulations to *Norm & Sandy Nester* who celebrated their 45th anniversary.

Norm & Doris Ostrander have returned from a five week genealogy trip which took them to some 18 cities and as far as Chattanooga, Akron and then back home. However, his son-in-law did give him some flying time and he took in some of the Smithsonian. And now that they have all that gardening to catch up on, it seems that Norm decided he'd like to ride while he does the mowing.

Ditto for *Dean Edson!* Dean & Lela took a ten day trip that included the state of Washington and a rafting trip in Idaho. When I asked about the rafting Lela said, "How did you hear about that, we just did it yesterday?" Actually, we had heard about it the morning after, just before they arrived back home. Such is life in Mosquito!! Lela didn't think she got a very good welcome home though as one of the first things she did was go into town for groceries and got a flat tire. (Better the tire than the raft?)

Tom & Barbara Atkins went to Reno to hear Johnny Mathis. "Chances Are" they had a great time. They also went canoeing on Folsom Lake recently, which was last year's birthday present so maybe Reno was this year's birthday present? On the return from Reno they stopped in Lake Tahoe and who did they run into? *Eddie & Betty Kinney* of course, who had been on a fishing trip around Truckee. Eddie & Betty just celebrated their 28th anniversary by staying at the gorgeous Sterling Hotel in the historic part of Sacramento. I

understand they renewed their vows and exchanged rings with their family looking on, prior to a big luncheon, and eventually they traveled on to Mendocino. I think Betty is having Ed's new ring engraved with "Still the One". Are these two romantic or what?

LATE BREAKING NEWS: While most of us were sleeping in the wee small hours of Wednesday morning, **Kelly & Todd Hern** were doing their best to make **Dylan Matthew** become a part of the real world. And he is, all nine pounds of him (8lb 14.7oz). This overdue package missed his ETA by at least a week, landing at 1:53 AM July 19th. (Dylan and/or Kelly were waiting for their doctor, who returned from vacation the day before) In a matter of a few weeks brother **Devin James**, nearly 3 now, will have a "bud" to play with. This makes **Ralph & Sharon Hern** grandpa and grandma three times over, all boys. You did good, guys. And thanks for meeting my deadline, barely!

I have to tell you about our trip home from Roseville, via Auburn and Hwy. 193, about 10:30 Saturday night, July 1st. Did anyone else see anything unusual in the sky that night? Well we certainly did. It was very bright with a long, bright tail, traveling at a pretty good clip from west to east more or less, and we assumed it was a comet or meteor. Wrong! I couldn't reach our local astronomer **Jim Hinds** so I called my friend, George Peabody, who said he'd had a number of calls. Although he hadn't seen it, he surmised it was some kind of manmade junk. He was right as usual, but this nice fella' at the Naval Observatory told me it was an auxiliary rocket motor from a Russian Proton rocket that was launched in 1990. The payload was Raduga (rainbow) 26, a communications satellite. It pays to look up! (I wasn't driving)

Oops-did you know a café in our county, which I've heard is pretty good, is owned by the Roaches? Obviously, they didn't name it after themselves!

KIDS NOTES

Jo Thomas

There was the cutest picture in the local newspaper of **Gabriel Britton**, 4, who was peering out of a playground tube at Benham Park which is located behind the post office. His mother, Kristen, said by the time you read this Gabriel will have turned 5, which means he gets to go to school this fall. Happy birthday to you, Gabriel.

We have a new resident on the hill. Her name is Skyler and she's about ten weeks old now. And **Stephen Loree** is the proud owner of this yellow lab puppy. It's been a number of years since they lost Casper so his parents promised if he kept his grades up he could get another dog. Of course we all know Stephen performed his part of the bargain and now his parents have kept theirs. I haven't seen her yet

but it sounds like she's got the whole family wrapped around her little paw.

SUMMER'S CAMEO APPEARANCES

Norman Benes

There were highs in the 100-103 degree range in the middle of June and skirmishes in the upper 90's the last ten days of the month. Then with July came the freezer door slightly ajar. High temperatures ranged throughout the 90's. The fifth of July slumped to 76 degrees at my place for a cool high. It was Mark Twain remarking that "the coldest winter was the summer I spent in San Francisco."

Why the pleasant change? An upper level trough of low pressure stalled along the West Coast from Alaska to southern California. There was another low pressure trough over the East Coast and, sandwiched between a large, blocking high pressure area. This type of wind and pressure pattern is termed by meteorologists an "Omega Block" as it resembles the large Greek letter Omega.

The western trough tapped cooler, polar air pushing it south as a slightly faster than average Jet Stream. That cooler air over the western Canadian provinces brought not only below normal temperatures but convective clouds and showers. In the mid-morning hours, towering cumulus and cumulonimbus clouds were a common entry on METAR (aviation) weather observations. Along the Fraser River going north, then turning west at Prince George to Prince Rupert on the coast...all convective clouds, no sun and temperatures in the middle fifties.

Other days of note in addition to Independence Day: June 25, 1950 was the start of the Korean War. This year a weak cold front was moving slowly across Manchuria toward North Korea. Mid-day temperature at Seoul was 77 degrees.

And, on July 2nd the Army Air Corps ('Brown Shoe Air Force') was established in 1926. Col. Duckworth on July 27, 1943 flew a single engine North American AT-6 (Texan) into a hurricane off the Gulf Coast near Galveston TX; the first flight into a hurricane.

Hurricane Carlotta briefly appeared off the southern Baja, California coast. Advisory 21, one of the last issued, put it about 250 mile south of Cabo San Lucas, Baja, on the 23rd of June.

Hurricanes, even dissipating ones, bring rain. But rain has been a very rare weather event. The last time I measured rain was on June 9th and that only 0.09 of an inch. While the local Olympic track and field trials have remained rain-free, the outlook for Sydney is cloudy. September, in that part of Australia, averaged about a dozen rain days, tallied over a nine decade period. Throughout the year

there, rainy days bounce between 11 and 14 days per month.

Will it rain here before the autumn rains begin? Or will the rain year total of 51.13 inches keep some of the dust settled until October? While wishing may make it so, be careful; someone hoped for a change to cooler temperatures!

The semi-permanent high pressure over the Pacific Ocean keeps a northerly wind parallel to the West Coast. In turn, there is an upwelling of ocean water. While bringing nutrients from the bottom, the cold water chills the lowest layers of the air. This phenomenon persists from late spring to early fall. Gadzooks! We have the highly publicized "marine layer" which may or may not be pushed inland. This morning, July 18th, the low overcast extended along the north coast from Crescent City to the San Francisco Bay area and south to Monterey and Salinas. Inland, it reached to Ukiah and San Jose but straggled to only a few pieces at Concord and Fairfield-Suisun. That is where the Carquinez breeze stopped.

Phycis Today, in the July 2000 issue, reports on the planned launching of up to 3000 untethered sensors floating 6,500 feet below the ocean surface. World-wide ocean temperatures are one of the data transmitted every ten days, and GPS will give a location when transmitting to a satellite when cycling to the surface every ten days. The project is called Argo from Jason's ship Argo, and the full complement is to be in place by 2004.

The return of warmer daytime maxima, how long will it last? Long term tenure or just a cameo stint? At the 18,000 foot level, a long-term computer forecast suggests that summer may be around for several days, perhaps to the end of July. The model shows the Omega Block slipping west from the middle U.S. to be centered over Las Vegas. An upper level low off the British Columbia coast could bring a cloudy, cool, showery regime to southwestern Alaska and the British Columbia and Washington coastal areas.

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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.

WANTED

CHILD CARE: I need someone to watch three children ages 4, 7 & 10, for about one week until school starts and then for one child at least four days a week Monday through Thursday and possibly some Fridays while I work. I need someone starting August 14th. 621-3533

LOST

Lost, maybe you found: carrying case, battery and charger for a 12v. DeWalt cordless drill. Would have been found on Swansboro Rd, Sluice St. or upper half of Mosquito Rd. Call Norm 626-8856

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CRAFT MEETING, Thursday, August 10, 9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30 AM.

QUILTER'S MEETING: Quilting at Sandy Nester's August 17 - 10 to noon. Phone 642-9865 for information.

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA If you like cool lake waters and great family fun, start saving your cardboard and duct tape for the entertainment event of the summer, the 3rd Annual Mountain Fellowship Cardboard Boat Regatta which will be held on Saturday, August 5 at Dyer Lake. Any group of at least two persons is invited to bring a boat and participate in this exciting and hilarious race for the historic Regatta Trophy. The winner will be the first team successfully completing the dash to the water, launching the boat, furious paddling on the way to a buoy about 100 yards out and returning to the beach intact, all to the cheers and laughter of the shore crowd. The trophy will then be handed over to this year's winners by last years reigning champions, the Hansen/Searcy clan. All boats can be constructed ONLY of cardboard and duct tape. No styrofoam, plastics, wood or other materials may be used. All participants will be required to have life jackets! For last minute entries who do not have supplies to construct a boat, the Mountain Fellowship youth group will have FREE cardboard, duct tape and advise available at Dyer Lake starting at 10 a.m. Bring your swim gear to spend the day relaxing and having good, clean family fun at beautiful Dyer Lake. Food and soft drinks will be available.

SERVICES

WOOD SPLITTING: Winter's coming. \$20. per hour. Call 626-8856

Have you been wondering what this Creative Memories thing is all about, but haven't gotten around to checking it out? Well here's your chance! Come to a Creative Memories Open House on Sunday, September 10, from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Mosquito Fire House. Half of all

profits will be donated to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. Feel free to drop in for a few minutes to look at the displays and ask questions. Or join the class at 2 PM and make your own scrapbook page (bring 5 or 6 photos). All class participants will be entered for the drawing of a free Creative Memories Premiere album. For more information call: Diana Adams, Creative Memories Consultant, 642-9441. See you next month!

QUILTING.....Long arm machine quilting in Swansboro. Call Bennett Quiltworks at 642-9626

IF YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION we can do pet and garden care. Call the Pearson's at 621-1653.

I CAN RUN YOUR ERRANDS, do shopping or even help with cooking meals. Call Jean Pearson at 621-1653.

ARTIST: All subjects (portraits, landscapes, animals) all media (watercolor, oil, pencil, pen and ink, etc.) Makes great birthday or anniversary gifts. Call Ann, 622-6447.

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HOUSE CLEANING Reference available. Free estimates. Lisa Harvey, 626-1524.

DENTISTRY: Dr. Robert Catron, a Mosquito resident, has 10 years of experience in General Dentistry and Orthodontics. Consistent with the past, Dr. Catron donates 5 % of his earnings from Mosquito residents to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. For a no charge consultation, please call and schedule an appointment at 676-7777.

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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 295-8112 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.

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, 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 tenant, please call LaVonne Moser at 622-6337 or 626-3333.

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FOR SALE

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COLEMAN GENERATOR: 4000 watt, used twice. New \$700. Asking 350. Call 621-4613.

HONDA REBEL 250 motorcycle 1985 model, with helmets. \$1,200. CHAMELEON CAGE: 16" x 16" x 32" high, with accessories \$50. Call Loren at 626-1231.

TWO WHEEL TRAILER: 4' X 7', excellent condition \$200.00. Call 642-1944.

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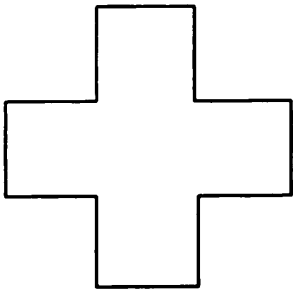
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AMERICAN RED CROSS CLASS INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER SERVICES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th

FROM 6 - 10 p.m.

AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION

THE CLASS WILL FEATURE AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT THE RED CROSS DOES DURING DISASTERS AND WHAT OTHER COURSES ARE AVAILABLE.

ADDITIONAL COURSES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR MOSQUITO RESIDENTS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
AND CLASS REGISTRATION CALL
PATRICIA JUDGE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR
SACRAMENTO SIERRA CHAPTER OF
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

626-5491

THE GOAL IS THE CREATION OF A
NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM
UNDER THE EL DORADO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

LET'S BE PREPARED!!!



PROTECT YOUR HOME

- Regularly clean roof and gutters.
- Inspect chimneys at least twice a year. Clean them at least once a year. Keep the dampers in good working order. Equip chimneys and stovepipes with a spark arrester that meets the requirements of National Fire Protection Association Code 211. (Contact your local fire department for exact specifications.)
- Use 1/2-inch mesh screen beneath porches, decks, floor areas and the home itself. Also, screen openings to floors, roof and attic.
- Install a smoke detector on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms; test monthly and change the batteries two times each year.
- Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type) and show them where it's kept.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Consider installing protective shutters or heavy fire-resistant drapes.
- Keep handy household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, bucket and shovel.

Before Wildfire Threatens

Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on the roof and exterior structure of the dwelling. Or treat wood or combustible material used in roofs, siding, decking or trim with UL-approved fire-retardant chemicals. Plant fire-resistant shrubs and trees. For example, hardwood trees are less flammable than pine, evergreen, eucalyptus or fir trees.

Create a 30- to 100-foot safety zone around your home.

Within this area, you can take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Homes built in pine forests should have a minimum safety zone of 100 feet. If your home sits on a steep slope, standard protective measures may not suffice. Contact your local fire department or forestry office for additional information.

- Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.
- Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.
- Thin a 15-foot space between tree crowns, and remove limbs within 15 feet of the ground.
- Remove dead branches that extend over the roof.
- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 15 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.
- Ask the power company to clear branches from powerlines.
- Remove vines from the walls of the home.
- Mow grass regularly.
- Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the barbecue. Place a screen over the grill — use non-flammable material with mesh no coarser than one-quarter inch.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers and rubbish at an approved site. Follow local burning regulations.
- Place stove, fireplace and grill ashes in a metal bucket, soak in water for two days, then bury the cold ashes in mineral soil.
- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings.
- Stack firewood at least 100 feet away and uphill from your home. Clear combustible material within 20 feet. Use only UL-approved woodburning devices.

PLAN YOUR WATER NEEDS

- Identify and maintain an adequate outside water source such as a small pond, cistern, well, swimming pool or hydrant.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of the home and other structures on the property.
- Install freeze-proof exterior water outlets on at least two sides of the home and near other structures on the property. Install additional outlets at least 50 feet from the home.
- Consider obtaining a portable gasoline powered pump in case electrical power is cut off.

When Wildfire Threatens

If you are warned that a wildfire is threatening your area, listen to your battery-operated radio for reports and evacuation information. Follow the instructions of local officials.

- Back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key in the ignition. Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers.
- Confine pets to one room. Make plans to care for your pets in case you must evacuate.
- Arrange temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.

- Wear protective clothing — sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and a handkerchief to protect your face.
- Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Lock your home.
- Tell someone when you left and where you are going.
- Choose a route away from fire hazards. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.

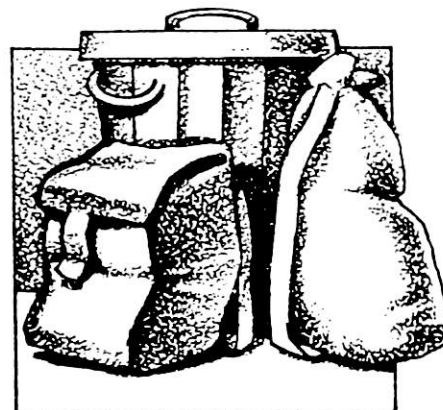
If you're sure you have time, take steps to protect your home:

Inside:

- Close windows, vents, doors, venetian blinds or non-combustible window coverings and heavy drapes. Remove lightweight curtains.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Turn off pilot lights.
- Open fireplace damper. Close fireplace screens.
- Move flammable furniture into the center of the home away from windows and sliding-glass doors.
- Turn on a light in each room to increase the visibility of your home in heavy smoke.

Outside:

- Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Place combustible patio furniture inside.
- Connect the garden hose to outside taps.
- Set up the portable gasoline-powered pump.
- Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet the roof.
- Wet or remove shrubs within 15 feet of the home.
- Gather fire tools.



EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

When wildfire threatens, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit with items you may need if advised to evacuate. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as backpacks, duffelbags or trash containers.

Include:

- A three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil.
- One change of clothing and footwear per person and one blanket or sleeping bag per person.
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications.
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks.
- Sanitation supplies.
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members.
- An extra pair of eyeglasses.

Keep important family documents in a waterproof container. Assemble a smaller version of your kit to keep in the trunk of your car.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM BOAT REGATTA SEE AD
6	7	8	9	10 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM CRAFT MEETING 9:00 AM LUNCH 11:30	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 QUILTER'S MEETING 10:00 AM & RED CROSS CLASS 6:00 PM	18	19 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM MVFD BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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