

MOSQUITO BYTE

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**ALL BURNING PERMITS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND
THE USE OF ANY OUTDOOR FIRE IS PROHIBITED.**

THANK YOU, FIREFIGHTERS!

On the night of Sunday, June 17th our Firefighters responded to a structure fire that went into the wild land in the Eldorado National forest on Rock Creek Road. This fire had the potential of being a great threat to our community due to the extreme dryness of the vegetation this season. We thank those who responded from the MVFD as well as other responding fire departments.

STRANGE AND BUSY TIMES

Chief Leo Chaloux

The last month has been a strange and busy one for the fire department. Outside of having the normal medical and public assist calls we have had two wild land fires and a couple of robberies at the station and dealings with what I call the scumbag factor.

First off on at 5:15 in the morning on the 13th we were dispatched to a wild land fire on Stope Drive. On the way to the fire we had to dodge all kinds of stuff on Stope. Someone had apparently, while walking down Stope, tossed out garbage cans, real estate signs, TP'ed a couple of homes, turned on garden hoses and in general just tore things up. The fire was not a magnificent one as it was reported in time before it did become a serious one. A few minutes later and it would have been into some heavier Manzanita and would have been a lot of hard work. It burned about a half an acre and, as with all things, there is something good that comes out of it. As this was the first fire for some of the new fire fighters it became a good training opportunity for them. The real bad thing about this one was that it was arson and that does bring up a great deal of concern. My worry is this is not the last fire but only

the first of many for this individual.

Then there was another fire on the 16th way out in the National Forest that was the result of some one who was a little altered, probably on drugs and managed to set the house he was care taking on fire. It resulted in the house burning to the foundation and about 5 acres of timber and brush burned up. This fire took place around 9:00 in the evening and ended up with the volunteers being out there working real hard on it till the following day, Fathers Day, until about 5:00 in the afternoon. I was helping a friend move to Oregon on the 16th so the fire was commanded by George Kellison. He and the other fire fighters did an outstanding job on a very difficult fire; we are fortunate as this fire had the potential of being a very large fire.

The fire station fuel storage facility was broken into on the 6th resulting in locks being cut with bolt cutters and 25 gallons of gasoline stolen. Then again on the 14th someone broke into the facility by tearing off the locks on the diesel side of the facility and tearing out vents on the gasoline side. This time they were stupid enough to stick around and continue stealing while someone had called the Sheriffs Office. They were caught on Mosquito Road and booked into jail for probation violations and hopefully will be prosecuted for theft.

These individuals were a part of what I call the scum bag factor that has been active up here on the hill over the last couple of months. There appears to be a lot of activity that is not of the best kind taking place. A great deal of mischief and vandalism has happened, especially at Dyer Lake. What we need to do as a community is really start keeping our eyes open and reporting to the



Sheriff's Office unusual activity. Once the SO gets enough calls they may start patrolling the area and that may slow down some of this type of maliciousness.

This fire season is one of the driest I have ever seen. The potential for a large devastating fire is scaring me. My concern is that if we do have an ignition start in the wild land that it will immediately take off and be out of control. There are times when no matter how fast you get to a fire, how much equipment and personnel you have there is nothing you can do about it. I am hoping that does not happen to us. So please be careful with all outdoor activities. If you are going to do any grass or weed cutting or use gasoline powered tools of any kind please do it early in the morning or late in the evening. As stated before, this year has the potential to be a long, dry and dangerous one. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL.**

MVFD REPORT

Debbie Minor

Well this last month, was not too terribly busy. Which is good. On the other hand it has been hot. With that in mind we are going to all have to be very cautious as to what and where we do things. The heat brings with it dry conditions. With the heat and dryness we have a potential to have some very destructive fires.

As you all may have heard in the last week we have now had two arson fires. This is not a pleasant thing to talk about as a certain someone or certain individuals whether it is malicious or unintentional have caused our community to be in danger. Fires created by nature or by man at this time of year, with the weather being as it is, can be devastating. I am asking all of you in our community to be on guard, to plan carefully your activities, be fire safe and watch out for others who may not think about such things. Lawn mowers, cigarettes, barbeques, campfires, are a few of the many things that can inadvertently start a fire. As you all know we live in a remote area. We have a very well trained staff of volunteers in our fire department. They need our help to be fire safe.

On July 21st, we will have our Annual Firefighters Picnic. It will start at 11:30 and end at 4:30. We will have lots of food and drink for a nominal donation. We will have the dunk tank and games. There will be music and a prize drawing as well. We hope that you will all attend. Please tell your neighbors and mark the date on your calendars. We could use some volunteers to help.

**HAVE A VERY SAFE
4TH OF JULY!**

IN MEMORY OF LEE DYER STOYAN PEVC

ODDS AND ENDS

PLEASE RETURN – NO QUESTIONS ASKED

Would the person or persons return our 20 foot culvert as well as all of the telephone poles that have been removed from our property at Lot 267, Lawyer Drive. We need these items to begin development on our property.

SWINGING BRIDGE UPDATE

The Swinging Bridge (Mosquito Bridge) is undergoing repairs and maintenance. The bridge received damage recently due to an overweight and over width vehicle attempting to cross. Some timbers were split, including structural timbers, and some bolts were broken. It was decided to combine the repair work and the annual maintenance to avoid closing the bridge two times. The repair and annual adjustment and deck work are proceeding on schedule. Some bolts need replacing along with some decking. The decking is being renailed. The basket you see suspended under the bridge is called a "spider". The workmen wear a special safety harness and proceed with care. The work will be completed by June 29. Thanks to DOT for keeping the bridge in good repair so that we may proceed across in safety!

Ed. note: Thanks to Tom Celio, DOT, for the info contained in this article

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMT's

Recently, 20 of our 22 volunteer fire fighters completed 112 extensive hours of EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) training and study, after which all were awarded their certificates. It is extremely rare for a volunteer fire department to have 100% representation of qualified EMTs. The service they will provide our community will be immeasurable.

If it weren't for the fact that EMTs are available for quick response to give initial care, the medical incidents would not be as easily handled as the response time is long for any county medical unit. It is very likely that sometime one of us will have the need of timely medical assistance and it is nice to know we have such well qualified help available here on "the hill."

POTTER FAMILY GRADUATES

Fred and Evelyn Potter are proud of their college graduates. Son David Potter graduated from Western Washington State at Ellensburg, WA in

June of 2000 with a degree in forensic anthropology. This fall he'll begin work on his Masters Degree.

Daughter Lynne Potter Tiscareno graduated this June from California State University, Hayward with a degree in English Literature. She has already started work on her Masters Degree. She plans on teaching English Literature at the community college level. Congratulations to both of these returning scholars who obtained their degrees after raising their families.

MOSQUITO KIDS EARN HONORS

Sally Johns

Summer is here and kids are playing in the lakes! Christina Galvan, daughter of Chuck and Elaine Galvan, graduated from UC Berkeley and is going on to her Master's program in the fall. Former resident, Zack Grossglauser (parents are Bob and Michelle) graduated from UC Davis and has obtained employment with a Sacramento lobbyist. Zack is the oldest of 9 kids and was home schooled!

Brett Edson celebrated his 12th birthday in STYLE with Cameron Gallemore - they were picked up in a Limo from Markham.

Watch Out for Ryan Joseph, son of Mary and Ken, he earned a 2nd place ranking in a national martial arts tournament.

Coleman Johns was citizen of the month at Sierra Accelerated School and was recognized as a Golden Star Student which provided a terrific benefit - free admission to the county fair!

After working on it for 2 years with the assistance of Stephany Rewick at Federated Church, Clinton Johns earned his Cub Scout Gold and Country - he bridged in to Boy Scout Troop 95 after receiving it and is off to 2 weeks of camp in July.

I want to recognize all the kids in our community - please email me at snlongjohns@yahoo.com or call me 642-8801 with details.

Ed. Note: Thanks to our new reporter, Sally Johns, for taking on the job of letting us know how great our Mosquito Kids are!

SUMMER DROUGHT

Norman Benes

My last measurement of rainfall was on the morning of April 21st at 1.03 inches. The season rainfall total; 33.22 inches. The prospect for additional rainfall until season's end on June 30th ranges from very slim to none. Once past the 20th of June, it is a rarity that a wetting rain occurs. The recent past shows only one day, the 26th of June 1996 with a skimpy 0.21 of an inch. The 33.22 inches for the season will be only two-thirds of normal, a mere 67 percent. The wildfires reported, already, are many above normal so early in the hot, dry months. Statewide, the fire protection agencies are much concerned. Leo and crew deserve our utmost carefulness and help!

Temperatures? There are a bunch of them; some

almost too hot to handle. The 100° high on the 31st of May is one example. Now fast-forward a few days to the first week in June.

The bottom fell out of the thermometer as the column slipped to 45° on June third. And, the maxima sashayed around the mild 80° mark for a few days, also. After a brief flirting with the low 90's on June 7th and 8th, cooler air spread, once more, over Northern California. Summer's temperatures did a very rapid exit stage right, as cooler, colder air moved east from the Pacific Ocean, stage left.

On Monday, 11th of June, it was centered at 18,000 feet over the northern end of British Columbia. Higher up, around 30 to 35 thousand feet, was a relatively slow jet stream... a broad band of wind around 85 mph with a narrow core to about 115 mph ... all headed for Washington state. As the jet slipped a little south, it brought the cold pool of air...temperatures ranging 5 to 15° below freezing. The Upper level, trough-shaped area of low pressure followed right along, sliding south also. Then, this not too subtle hint of winter, or at least a frigid spring moved eastward to the nation's mid-section. The outbreak of a rash of severe weather; thunderstorms, possible tornadoes, other wild winds, hailstorms headlined the national media via print and graphic electronics. While not unusual, snow from Montana, Utah and Idaho was spotlighted, also. We had temperatures that newsy period in the nice, mild low eighties.

A new tool for meteorologists is a robotic UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle). Aspects of the "shakedown" flights were reported in the May 2001 issue of the *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*. The Aerosonde (so named) will measure pressure, temperature and humidity. Using GPS (Global Positioning System) and a complicated maneuvering system, wind speed and direction will be measured and reported, also. Radio communication is via UHF (Ultra High Frequency) to ground receivers. Necessary flight procedures have been established with Australian aviation authorities; similar flight protocols are hoped for within the United States. Could it be that the days of the legendary, airborne "Hurricane Hunters" are numbered?

The first flight into a hurricane was made by Colonel Joseph Duckworth of the Army Air Corps (referenced text lists U. S. Air Force) in a single-engine airplane (my "hangar flying" data notes it as an AT-6 'Texan') off Galveston, TX on July 27, 1943. To prove the flight not a "fluke" he made a second flight the same day. Except where otherwise noted, information is from *Atlantic Hurricanes*, Dunn and Miller, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge LA 1960, page 156.

While Pacific hurricanes do develop off the Baja Sur coast of Mexico, their influence this far north is quite rare; don't count on moisture from that source.

And Sierra thunderstorms many times are the "dry" type, with lightning strikes to start fires.

July in our foothill area and some distance north and south, has seen highest temperatures in the 105 to 110° range. Daily highs are mostly in the mid-90's. Daily minima are usually in the mid-50's to low 60's. Rain? July's total is usually just a few hundredths of an inch

Remember: Safe, sane and careful. Keep Leo smiling!

TASTY AND FUN TO MAKE

Forgotten Cookies

Pat Relfe

2 egg whites

¾ cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

⅛ tsp. salt

1 cup miniature chocolate chips

½ cup finely chopped walnuts (optional)

Beat egg whites until stiff - gradually adding the sugar while beating. Add vanilla and salt. Fold in chocolate chips and walnuts. On well buttered cookie sheet, drop meringue by tablespoons. Place in preheated 375° oven. When oven heat returns to 375°, turn off heat. Do not open door. Leave in oven overnight or until oven is cool. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

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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.

LOST

About a month ago our family lost our dear cat by the name of Bear. He did not have a collar but he belongs to the Khan family on Stope Ct. He was a year old and quite large for his age. He was a Maine Coon who was very friendly yet he was very afraid of dogs and always ended up in pine trees if he saw one. He was a brown classic tabby with brown and black markings. This cat was part of our family and we would love to bring him home. Any sightings please call. If found there will be a \$50 reward. 626-5699

HELP WANTED

CAREGIVERS NEEDED - Local home care agency has immediate openings for Homemakers, CNAs and HHAs at every level of experience. Various schedules available. Call (530) 622-9020.

MOVING SALE

Moving/yard sale, Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 3681 Dogwood Lane. corner of Stope and Dogwood. Lots and lots of good stuff, 50 year's worth.

FREE

Signature Freezer: White heavy duty metal camper shell with lumber rack, full size for long bed truck: **1980 Datsun 210**, blown head gasket, has nearly new tires. Call 621-0163.

WANTED

CAR POOL - 2 OR 3 days a week to Intel at Folsom. Call Mike at 626-3821

BABYSITTER, for two children ages 4 and 1. A few hours a week, maximum 5 hours, Call 626-3397.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Mosquito/Swansboro area residents and visitors can now attend Christian fellowship, Bible studies for all ages, and participate in ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of this area without driving off the hill. The Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP is a non-denominational congregation of the church established by Jesus Christ. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All youth (grades 6 through 12) are invited to meet at 6:30 pm every Monday. For information about youth activities, call Randy Olsson at 570-9303. All events are held at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information about MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP call 621-4282 and visit our Web site at www.cmna.net/mfom

SERVICES

SIERRA NEVADA SEALCOATING. Annual "2-4-1" spring discount. This is the last opportunity for all procrastinators to still qualify for our 26th annual 33⅓% discount! Quality, service & integrity. Originator of the 2-coat applications for the price of only one. Call 644-8888. We're doing some jobs in Mosquito on July 11th so if folks call early for estimates and we can do a series of jobs in a 2-3 day

window, they'll get a better price! Sorry, no paving, just sealcoating specialists.

IF YOU NEED HELP cutting weeds, clearing for fire requirements, gardening, weeding or just need help please call me. I am looking for work, need money to rebuild my car and for snowboarding. Call Nathaniel Chaloux at 622-8611.

FAX AND PHOTOCOPY SERVICE now available right here in Mosquito. Save a trip to town! Send & receive faxes at 25 cents a page. Regular copies 10 cents each; color copies 75 cents each. Photos reproduced from originals (no negatives), from wallet size to 8 by 10; enlargements & reductions, \$3.00 for as many as will fit on one full sheet of photo paper. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441.

CREATIVE MEMORIES--Do you have a box of treasured photos that you keep promising to get into an album "one of these days?" I'd love to help you get those photos and memories into an album that you will enjoy sharing with your family & friends. Not only will that task no longer be "hanging over your head," but you can actually have fun getting it done! Call 642-9441 for class & workshop dates here in Mosquito. Diana Adams, Consultant.

FIRE SAFETY--Make Chief Leo happy and get that grass cleared around your buildings! I do weed eating, yard work and other odd jobs. I'm 16 years old and earning money to attend Weimar Academy this Fall. Call "Dependable Daniel" Adams at 642-9441.

REAL ESTATE SALES ~ personal & professional service! Call agent, Sally Long Johns (530) 295-4641 for all your real estate needs. I won't leave you hanging!

Local HANDYMAN FOR RENT. 30+ years as a carpenter. Also does odd jobs, painting, brush removal, etc. Call and leave a message for Doug @621-3533

PILOTS - ARE YOU CURRENT & PROFICIENT? Flight Reviews and Instrument Proficiency Checks. Also ask me about the FAA Wings Program. Ratings include CFI Single & Multi-Engine Land and Instrument. Bill George 530-642-8063.

2 SCOUT HOUSE/PET SITTER - We will care for your plants, house and animals (all types!) when you can't! Leave Clinton or Coleman a message at 642-8801. P.S. We are trying to earn money to go to camp for us and other Scouts too - there is a scholarship fund that needs money so we are trying to earn some.

HORSE AND PET CARE TLC Pet sitting, Western Pleasure Show Training; Horse Training, the gentle way; Horse hauling with care. 20 plus years experience. 530-642-9386.

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DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Also, I do mail box installation and repair. Reasonable rates. References. Call 622-7622.

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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.

COMPUTER SERVICE: Frazier Electronics. Computer/printer service and repair. Free estimates. Call Stu at 621-4221.

FOR SALE

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Memorex flatbed scanner with OCR & photo editing software, works perfectly. **HP 660C inkjet printer** with nearly new black & color cartridges. **Large & small wire animal cages.** Make offer on any item. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441.

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Ornate, dark wood **DINING ROOM TABLE**, chairs and buffet for sale \$400.00 642-8801

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More – You know you're living in the 21st Century when –

14. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have E-mail addresses.

15. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.

16. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.

17. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes.

18. You hear most of your jokes via E-mail instead of in person.

19. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.

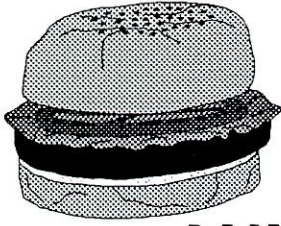
20. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

21. You get up in morning and go online before getting your coffee.

22. You wake up at 2:00 a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your E-mail on your way back to bed.

23. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)





ANNUAL FIREMANS' PICNIC AT DYER LAKE

Saturday, July 21st 11:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

Tickets - Adult \$6.00, Children under 12 \$3.00
Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts!

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be for sale.

Prizes drawn, games and music!

See you there - bring the whole family

All proceeds benefit the
Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department

Questions??
Volunteers??

Call Debbie Minor 621-3533



JULY 2001

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 JULY 4TH	5 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
8	9	10	11	12 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	13	14
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