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TO START WITH

Many thanks and a hearty "good bye" to our weather reporter Norm Benes. He has been an editor's dream - never had to be reminded and always had his report ahead of the deadline - even when he had serious medical problems in his family. Again, thanks, Norm. We will miss you up here on the hill!

NO SUPPORT GROUP MEETING THIS MONTH

FIRE PREVENTION

Chief Leo Chaloux

Last month I wrote an article expressing my concerns on the large amounts of brush, small trees, and grass located throughout the area. One thing I did in that article is ask for help from members in the community in developing a plan that would work toward eliminating or at the least lessening the large amount of fuels. In the past month I did receive one phone call from an individual that stated he was concerned and wanted to help. I was kind of surprised to receive at the very least the one phone call. To be honest I really didn't expect a response from anyone. I do know that if this summer we do get a fire in the community and several homes are lost or threatened I will receive dozens of offers for help. Unfortunately, at that point it will be too late for the area that burns.

In the near future there are going to be many changes in the form of laws and regulations that will impact how we eliminate brush and grass on our properties, how we can burn these materials and even how they can be removed. This community needs to be at the beginning of this new cycle in fuel management instead of being placed in the position of reacting to mandates from the State, County, Air Quality Control Districts, or some other not yet developed agency. At the very least we need to be informed and attempt to be a part of the solution.

As stated there are large amounts of brush, small trees, and grass located throughout the area. From a fire prevention stand point this is nothing but fuel. One of the first things we do when arriving to start the fight on a wild land fire is determine the amount of fuel that is burning. We call it "fuel" and develop tactics around the fact that it is fuel, and the quantity and quality of it will determine how many and what type of resources are needed. In the mix of this determination is how many structures are threatened. We do use the word "structures" not houses, residences, or homes. Calling a home a structure eliminates the personal connection and makes it easier to establish a series of tactics. I don't want to sound cold and heartless here but as a fire fighter the emphasis once the fire starts is extinguishment. All attempts are made to protect structures and all resources are given that purpose as a mission, but not all structures can be protected or saved. This can only happen once the fire is put out.

Another way to save structures is through prevention. It is funny how millions of dollars can be spent on putting out a fire but few dollars are available to prevent one from occurring. Prevention is the most cost-effective way of saving homes. Prevention also starts and continues with first the homeowner, and then the community. The community has to be a major participant in developing a prevention plan, for to have one property owner be responsible and not an other will benefit no one. All a fire needs is fuel, and with the fuel loading in some parts of our District being what it is there are simply not enough resources available to protect every home much less put out a major fire.

If anyone is interested in working towards a solution that would help make the Swansboro/Mosquito area a safer place to live please call me. I am hoping that I get more than just one phone call. Be careful out there, summer is coming.

SCPOA BOARD REPORT

Bill George, Director

Maintenance Report:

Transline spraying (Star Thistle control) 2nd application at Trout & Catfish lakes. Street signs have been replaced.

Vandalism still happening at Dyer Lake restroom, residents should be very aware when they are at the lake.

Paul Hinds and several Board members have been researching information on tractors to replace ours, which is close to wearing out and does not meet our needs. Paul presented the results of his efforts, and discussion as well as questions followed. No decision was made at this time.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review: Jim Irving & Rob Kirkpatrick: There have been two submittals to the committee; one for exterior lighting which was approved, the second was a request to install a modular home inside the Association, which was denied.

Bylaws & DC&Rs: Bill George & Jim Irving: Complaint #01-03 has been forwarded to the Association's Attorney for a response. A letter has been prepared to address complaints #02-02, 02-05, 02-08 and 02-09 and should have been mailed by the item you read this. Kim Purcell is addressing complaint #02-03. Complaint #02-04 has been referred to the road committee.

Common Areas/Fences: George Kellison & Kim Purcell: George provided an update on the management of the lakes. It was decided to proceed with acquiring additional data to insure proper chemical and/or mechanical treatment of Trout Lake as outlined last month.

The roof for the Dyer Lake Pavilion and bathroom will be replaced this summer.

Roads: George Kellison & Pete Stressenger: Roadwork indicated last month will begin in June. If a member wishes to have some work done on their property at the time the roadwork is done should contact Howard Veerkamp ASAP.

Airport Jack Kirk, Kim Purcell & Rob Kirkpatrick: Kim Purcell reported that a soil engineering study will be done along the runway.

Roundup has been applied to the weeds in the cracks in the pavement.

Property merger update: A change in the merger policy was approved. Effective January 1, 2003 any parcels merged for tax purposes will be

assessed two (2) assessments by the Association. Boundary line adjustment mergers will be assessed as one and all prior parcel mergers will be grandfathered.

The June (mid year) packet is scheduled to be mailed on or about June 15, 2002.

It was suggested that we establish a database of any and all expertise that our members possess and would be willing to volunteer for the good of our community. So please contact me at 642-8063 or bgeorge@innercite.com if you wish to participate.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, June 8, 2002 at 09:00 AM.

Please plan to attend, this is your organization, and the members of the Board welcome your input.

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

There were 11 "Crafty" ladies at our April workshop and 9 "Crafty" ladies at the May workshop busily working on items for our first official Craft Sale set for June 1st at the Cameron Park Airport from 8am to 3pm. We have a wide variety of beautiful items to sell at our June 1st Craft Sale, come take a look, buy and support our community.

We need to have as many crafts to sell as possible. We will be busy doing "summer event" crafts at our meetings, but do hope that you will help us out by not only coming to our craft meetings but working on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or have them dropped off at the Firehouse. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

Future Craft Sales:

June 1st - Cameron Park Airport

July 27th - Mosquito Fireman's Picnic

September 2nd - Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar

November 8th & 9th - First Baptist Church on Cold Springs Road

We need volunteers for these sales. If you would be able to help us out on any of these dates please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

Opportunity to purchase Chances on a Quilt or 3 Afghans:

3 of our wonderful neighbors have donated the following:

1. Hand made Levi and flag material quilt
2. 3 beautiful hand made Afghans

Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. You will

have an opportunity to see these items and purchase your tickets at all of our craft sales and community activities. The drawings will be held at the Annual Christmas Party in December at the Firehouse.

A really big "Thank You" to Darlene Rood for donating the tent shade for our craft sales.

Meetings:

Future meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday of each month at Darlene Rood's home

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: June 28, July 26, August 23, Change of date to September 13, October 25 and November 22

We hope to see you at our next craft meeting on June 28th. Come and meet your neighbors, share ideas and help make our community even better. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY

It is not too early to start planning for our community participation in the annual Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar on December 7, 2002. We will be collecting "useable" white elephants and baked goods.

White elephants are those items that you no longer need or want that are not broken. No furniture or clothing please and only small appliances that work.

The proceeds from this event are distributed to the 3 Fire Districts in the Divide area.. Our Volunteer Fire Department has in the past put this donation towards medical equipment or medical supplies. So once again please support your Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department.

If you have any questions please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

Welcome Sarah Johns - little sister of Clinton, Coleman and Clayton and daughter of Chris and Sally Johns!

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

ADD:

Martegani, Sally
7410 White Oak Drive
626-4604

WARMING UP?

Norman Benes

Summer is just around the corner. I'm starting this on Friday, the 17th of May. And, the high temperature at my place reached 87°. It hasn't been this warm since the 26th of October...last year. Oh, the temperatures did reach into the triple digits, 102° and 103° the first three days of that month.

But how did April turn out? Rain? Not much the first 15 days; just 0.06". The middle of the month was a bit closer to winter than spring. There was frost at my place the morning of the 16th. Ah spring, thunder and hail the 17th and 18th respectively. About an 1½" on those two days. The end of the month produced 0.80". Total for the month: 2.19".

The coldest early morning temperatures were at the middle and end of the month...minimums in the low to mid-thirties, the coldest with the frost on the 16th. The monthly lows averaged out to a 42.3° minimum and the highs averaged out to 66.2°. My nearly decade-long averages for April: 67.0° high temperature; 42.3° low temperature and 4.07" for precipitation. So...the days were a tad cooler; the nights a bit warmer; and the wet-stuff about half of normal. Could this be a prelude to an even drier than normal summer?

Through the middle of May, with less than a ¼" of rain, a tentative answer would be "likely" with only two days of sprinkles. And, normally, May checks in with only 3¾" of rain. Looking at the May Pacific Gas and Electric rainfall data for the past half-century the May average is less than 2". Hey! Listen to Leo: get that safe, clear zone around the house. Above all; take care.

The high temperatures for the first half of May...75.9° and the lows averaged to 43.8°. The highs were a tenth of a degree from the month's normal, while the lows were about three degrees cooler.. But remember those are data for just the first half; the second half may bring a reversal. Consider, now that I'm writing on May 22nd, what a difference just a few days will make. Our dear editor suggested some revisions, additions, in a word... an update.

At five a.m. Monday the 20th of May radiosonde (news stories call it 'weather balloon') data showed a cold minus 13° Fahrenheit pool of air around 18,000 feet along the west coast of North America. It stretched from California's Cape Conception north to the middle of the Gulf of Alaska. Wrapped around this cold pool was a flow of air from the north on its west side that abruptly did a "U" turn over southern California and the Baja Mexico peninsula. That sharp reversal produced a very turbulent flow of air from the south over central and northern California.

The pounding on my roof awakened me about 5:15

a.m. and continued for about fifteen minutes. The hail did a good job of whitening the rear deck. The rain overnight measured 0.83" when I checked at 8:00 a.m. Later that morning it showed, big and white, fluffy flakes quarter to half dollar in size. The snowfall didn't last long and didn't stick. Thunder was heard occasionally during the rest of the day but lightning was not seen. Checking *Climatic Atlas of the United States* (published by the Harvard University Press in 1954 by Stephen Sargent Visser,) shows a nearly crescent shaped area of the Sierra Nevada from east of San Francisco to near Yreka in Siskiyou County with May the month normally having the most thunderstorms. "The rains the past few days: measured mornings of 20th, 0.83" the 21st 1.64", the 22nd 0.09". That gives a provisional monthly total for May of 2.74". My normal is 3.62", so the total is almost an inch below a short period average.

Instead of the normals for the month of June, I've checked the summer and early autumn (June, July, August, September) for our Mother Lode area. Again, I've used Felton's *California's Many Climates*. The region from Grass Valley south to Sonora was used. June and September have average highs in the mid-eighties. July and August check in with average highs in the low nineties. No surprise...right? But do remember that the thermometer does have frequent excursions to the 100°plus range. Sorry folks, the "Delta Wind," the cool flow of marine air from the Pacific through the Carquinez Strait is strictly a very shallow event. The overnight lows range through the fifties. Oh-oh, check July with those night-time lows in the lower 60s. I'll mention rain, although I was tempted to ignore it. The four months will total about a tenth of an inch or a smidgen more. That's why our fire protection groups always stress safe zones throughout the area. Our fire lads and lassies are the greatest!

During World War II, Uncle Sam gave a free train ride to all his GI's. Learning that Livermore CA was close to San Francisco, I decided to go all the way west instead of going to Kansas City. The train ride from Grand Central Station was uneventful. Chicago came, followed by Council Bluffs, Cheyenne, Salt Lake City. Overnight across Nevada, a brief stop at Reno around dawn. Downhill across the Sierra's western flank with Spring's fruit trees in bloom. Sacramento was a leisurely stop with a chance to stretch a leg and breathe cool, early-morning air. Next stop San Francisco then on to Livermore Naval Air station and duty, that April of 1944. A great chunk of real estate, this foot hill country of the Sierra. As over the past half-century, I'll leave for a spell. My subscription to the *Mosquito Byte* stays in force; so a threat, promise, warning: I'll be able to keep up with

the events (maybe attend a few) that a very wonderful group of people stage.

We know Adios, See you later, Auf Wiedersehen. Here's one from my Cech (Czech) heritage: Na shledanou...Till we meet again. God Bless.

HASTA LUEGO

Ron Stone

Cinco de Mayo has passed for another year. Our heart felt thanks goes out to all of those who came to support our fire department and enjoy our Mexican Fiesta night. Now that is over we can see ways to make things better and we look forward to next year.

The decorations were awesome. The fire station looked like an authentic Mexican restaurant. Our thanks go out to Nancy Stone and her wonderful crew. Chris Chaloux really did the tables up nice and as usual Mary Joseph added her elegant touch.

It took several days to put the tamales and the rellenos together - cooking the pork, soaking the husks and filling them with the masa. Iris Saxton was a non-stop tamale maker and with Rosemary Alexander and Nancy Stone the task was quite the show. The cooking crew and servers had a task to handle as the public support was overwhelming at time. Chris Dillinder and Chris Cochran rose to the challenge with a festive spirit.

Of course, none of this could be possible without the crew to set up, tear down and clean up after the close. Speaking of cleanup, you should have seen that Sandy Nester! She was unstoppable at the sink, That job is the toughest of all and Sandy really stuck to the task. Again Chris Chaloux was in the thick of things with the mop up and many other clean up tasks.

It seems like the same people are there at the end to help out. I see them putting chairs away, sweeping the bay floor and putting the rigs back into place. I feel so blessed to live in such a wonderful community. Everyone here is so supportive - not with just events, but with assistance on the Finnon Lake restoration. How fortunate we all are.

Again thanks to all who came and helped to support our cause.

FIRE SEASON IS UPON US

BE CAREFUL !!

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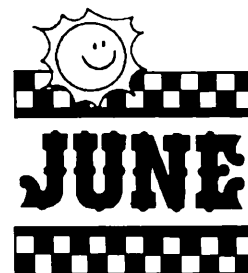
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Jinnon Lake Restoration Project

If you have been down around Finnon Lake and
noticed anything different it's because it *is* different.
There is a group of people who are bringing
volunteerism to a whole new level by giving so much
of their own time to make this dream of a new
restaurant and campground a reality.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved.
The restoration is taking so long because much of
the work is donated. If you have any skills or
expertise or just helping hands we could use you. In
the next month or so, we will be working on
restaurant tasks such as getting the range hood
purchased and installed, drywalling the interior,
applying stucco to the exterior. Campground tasks
will include more tree trimming, getting the restrooms
functional, creating the registration board and drop
box etc.



JUNE, 2002

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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