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JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS TO START WITH.

We just received word that Norman Benes passed on shortly after his move to Fair Oaks the first of June. As you know, he was our weather reporter for several years and we send our condolences to his family.

Next – due to increased postage and printing costs, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board has agreed to raise the subscription cost of the *Mosquito Byte* to \$11.00 a year. This amount just covers the cost of a five page edition. We, the editors, and they, the Board, are sorry to have to raise prices, but it is necessary in order to continue to bring you the community news in a timely way.



COME SEE YOUR NEW ENGINE

How would you like a ride in this new addition? Contact Chief Chaloux or Captain Minor to set up a time.

ARE YOU READY??

Chief Leo Chaloux

The last two articles I wrote for the *Byte* focused on the heavy fuel loading throughout the Mosquito Fire District and the starting of a prevention program to help get rid of some of this fuel. Fortunately, I did get a response from the Swansboro Pilots Association, as they are willing to help come up with a solution to the problem. They will be working with me and other members of the community who want to protect our community by working towards preventing the destruction caused by a wild land fire. I am grateful that organization has stepped up to the plate and is so willing to help solve a problem. If anyone else wants to participate please give me a call.

Our wild land fire problem is not a unique one as you have seen on the news. Many acres and homes are being lost to fire in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. This year is shaping up to be one of the most destructive in US history. There are many reasons; such as drought conditions over the majority of the west, heavy brush and fuel loads, and the many homes that are being built in the rural areas. The frightening thing about the losses so far is that it is so early in the fire season. This September may be a catastrophic one for California and other western states.

Now that I have written about trying to prevent a wild land fire by developing fuel reduction strategies I want to write about what to do when a fire does start in or near our community. Notice I did not say "if" a fire starts but "when". It is simply a matter of time when either by nature, accident, or arson a fire will start and take off destroying everything. I just hope when that day comes there are not any other large fires in the area so that more resources will be available to fight such a fire.

Fires are normally a function of people, their activities and their movements. The majority of fires in California and in our District start on the side of a road, where the majority of people and movement takes place. For years I have planned for a fire and have hoped that it would not take place. Being a realist the odds are a fire will either start on Rock Creek Road at Rock Creek Bridge, on Mosquito Road at the swinging bridge or at Slab Creek Reservoir. In either case that fire will originate in a deep canyon with steep walls and a great deal of fuel. A fire of that type will start easy and accelerate quickly burning up the canyon walls to the top. Once at the top depending on weather conditions the fire will spread out and most likely be fuel driven. From a

suppression stand point the best opportunity to put such a fire out is when it just hits the top and does not have a chance to spread out. That suppression is often a result of weather conditions, the type of fuel burning and resources available to carry out the suppression activity.

When the day comes and there is a fire starting anywhere in this District this Fire Department will be the first dispatched along with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, equipment from other near by fire departments, the U.S. Forest Service, along with as much aircraft and hand crews that are available. We are very aggressive when it comes to fighting wild land fires as we know the best way to save structures is to put out the fire before it gets any size to it. However, our responsibility is to lives within our community, fire fighter safety, and property. Those three priorities will be what we do. When I respond to a wild land fire one of the first things I do is make a decision of whether to fight the fire or protect a house. We always do everything possible to protect the house but only after someone's life is not being threatened or a fire fighters safety is not being jeopardized.

So when this big fire does come along what can you, as a member of this community, do? First off make sure good clearances are maintained around your house. This one thing alone will greatly increase our ability to save your house. Make sure your driveway is cleared enough to make it possible for a fire engine to get to your house. Remember your little Toyota may be able to access your driveway but can a 16-ton fire engine do it? Take the time to look at your driveway and see if a cement truck or a moderate sized U-haul truck can go down it without tearing it self up. Make sure your roof and gutters are clean and any hanging limbs are removed. Be aware of how your house fits in the wild land and see if it can be saved. If you are not sure give Devery or me a call (626-9017) and we will gladly come to your house and check it out for you.

Other things you can do to lessen the impact of a large fire is to make sure important papers and documents are stored in a safe place or are ready to be moved with you in the event of an evacuation. For years my wife has placed pictures, insurance and property documents, along with things she cannot replace in an ice chest in the closet next to the front door. The whole thing can be picked up and put in the car.

Make sure all members in your family know what

to do if there is a fire. Where they are to meet, whom they can stay with, what they can do to help each other, and what they need to get by for several days. Each family should have a plan developed and reviewed so that each member knows what to do. A little planning in the beginning could be a lifesaver.

One thing to take into consideration during a fire is there are only three ways in and out of our community – either west on Rock Creek Road, south on Mosquito Road or north on Mosquito Road. To keep anyone from getting hurt we usually block off Mosquito Road or Rock Creek Road if a fire is taking place on one of them. Mosquito Road to the north is all dirt through the National Forest and can be a difficult ride depending on the vehicle you are driving. To help solve these problems the Fire Department Support Group and members of the Pilots Association who own hangers have developed plans and locations for evacuation. Often it is better to evacuate people to a safe and near location then having them drive down long dangerous roads to get out of the area. Several of the owners of hangers at the Swansboro Runway have graciously stated they will open their hangers to the community in the event an evacuation is necessary. This evacuation effort will be done in partnership with the Mosquito Fire Department Support Group and the American Red Cross. An area for animals has also been established for evacuation and will be controlled by the El Dorado County Animal Control and the Support Group.

I don't want to scare anyone and be the harbinger of doom and gloom but I also want you to realize that we live in a world of risk. We don't have tornadoes, (most of the time), floods, hurricanes, earthquakes (most of the time) but we do have wild land fires. They are a part of living in the state of California and especially in the foothills. Therefore we have to be ready. Do some planning with your family, get important personnel papers together, rely on common sense thinking and above all; be safe.

WATCH OUTS!

Enclosed in this issue of the *Byte* is a brochure provided by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council. Will your home survive is the question. Please read the information and evaluate your situation and create a plan to correct any problems. We who live in rural areas need to be aware of the steps to be taken to help protect our families and homes from danger.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to the wonderful people who found my husband, took care of him and called the fire department when he wandered from home, fell and hurt himself. Thanks also for your support and empathy when I arrived at the scene.

My thanks to our fire department for their help and response in the past few years. You are great.

Esther Bernards

MVFD REPORT

Debbie Minor

Hello again! Summer begins on June 21st, and we should all be extra careful out there. It is the time when everything becomes dry and fires are easily started. I ask that we all keep a watch out for our neighbors and ourselves during this fire season.

Things are moving along pretty normally with the department. Well except for that shiny new red fire truck that Leo and his wife Chris brought home to our community. Thanks you two for taking the time to do that. It sure is a beautiful vehicle.

Work continues at Finnon with the remodel project and the campgrounds. If you are interested in helping in some way contact Mary Joseph.

I would like to thank Iris Saxon for taking over the phone tree. She has accepted the roll of committee chairperson and will organize all phone tree events. Again Thanks Iris!

Our next big function is our annual Fireman's Picnic on July 27th. Please mark your calendars. If this year's event turns out to be anything like last year it will prove to be a very fun social event. There will be lots of food and activities as well as good neighbors to visit with. We hope to see you all there.

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hem

Our first Craft Sale was a huge success!!! This was actually a side-walk/multi garage sale we discovered as we arrived at 6:30 am to set up, however that did not interfere with our able bodied sales people. Our first sale was before we even had the tables set up. Our proceeds were as follows:

Raffle Tickets for the Quilt and 3 Afghans \$ 55.00
Craft Sales at the Pancake Breakfast and last craft workshop \$ 72.00

Craft Sales at Cameron Park Airport \$499.25

Total \$626.25

My many THANKS to all of the "Crafters" who provided us with the beautiful items to sell. Also, many THANKS to those who helped us on June 1st, Dick Rood and Ralph Hern who helped us set up and take down and all of our sellers, Darlene Rood, Lynn Spitsen, Mary Ann Haywood. Sally Bozeman, Kim Purcell, Nell Dasher and Elli Graves.

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 work on crafts at home. We will arrange to pick up your items or have them dropped off at the Fire Station. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

Future Craft Sales:

July 27 - Mosquito Fireman's Picnic

September 2 - Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar

November 8 & 9 - 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.

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 28. 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 me at 626-5268.

PHONE BOOK UPDATE

ADD:

GOTTLIEB, Maurice and Mary

7121 Tumeli Ln 295-1876

DILLENDER, Chris and Jessica

2636 Gold Trail 295-3331

DELETE

HARRIS, Rusty and Debbie

PAWED

People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado County - PAWED - is a nonprofit coalition of animal welfare groups and individuals committed to stop the killing of healthy, adoptable animals. Their address is P. O. Box 5305, El Dorado Hills, California 95762.

There are four shelters for animals in El Dorado County:

♡ El Dorado County Animal Control operates a shelter in Placerville (and one in Lake Tahoe) It is a public agency responsible for protecting the public from rabies, responding to complaints of animal abuse and neglect, picking up stray animals, and sheltering stray and abandoned animals. 2301 Cool Water Creek Road, Placerville, 621.5795

♡ El Dorado Humane Society operates a cat shelter in Diamond Springs. It is a nonprofit, volunteer animal rescue organization. 484 Main Street #9, Diamond Springs 642.2738

♡ Animal Outreach of the Mother Lode operates a cat shelter in Diamond Springs. It also is a nonprofit, volunteer animal rescue organization. 6200 Enterprise Drive, Ste. D, Diamond Springs 642.2287

If you would like to adopt a pet or be a volunteer for one of these great organizations, be sure and give them a call. The animals will thank you!

ZIPPY CORN BREAD

1 pkg (8½ oz) corn bread mix
1 can (4 oz) chopped green chilies, undrained
⅓ tsp ground cumin
⅓ tsp dried oregano
pinch rubbed sage

Prepare corn bread batter according to package directions. Stir in chilies, cumin, oregano and sage. Spread in a greased 8 inch square baking pan. Bake at 400° for 20 - 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.



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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.

CLASSES

Herbal Medicine Making Classes:

Skin Care for Everyone! Aug 24 10am-2pm

Let's Get Salvey! Aug 31 10am-2pm

Herbal Fermentation Sept 14 10am-2pm

Ouch: Sore Muscles and Achy Joints! Sept 21 10am-2pm

Cold & Flu Season: Be Prepared Sept 28 10am-2pm

Sign up for all 5 classes for just: \$250.* Sign up for individual classes: \$55.* *materials included except for Cold & Flu class. Call to sign up: Samantha Ford, CMT 344-1744

FREE

Free to good home. All good with kids. One chocolate Labrador, 5½ years old. Two Australian mixed, 3½ years old. All have had shots, are neutered and have licenses. Call Manny, 626-3512.

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.

WANTED

NEW OR USED GO KART parts priced affordably. 621-3823

PAINTER: for interior work. Neat and clean, reasonable rates: Call 546-4961.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP 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 9:30 a.m. followed by a Celebration service at 11a.m. MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. 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 <<http://www.cmna.net/mfom>>

SERVICES

Landscape Design, Hauling, Maintenance. Handyman Work. Fast, Friendly, Reliable. Free Estimates. Flat Rates. 622-4731

BRAKE DRUMS AND ROTORS TURNED Call 626-0691.

HANGTOWN GLASS CARE I tint commercial and residential glass. Will save you money on energy costs and retard fading your furniture and carpet. Call for free estimate! Rex Langdon, Jr. 530-409-5530

CHILD CARE: In my Swansboro home. I can watch infants/children. Please call Connie at 344-9394 or e-mail connietinker@hotmail.com

AVON INDEPENDENT SALES and Leadership Representative would like to fill your shopping needs. To buy - or if you would like to sell Avon products - give me a call. 957-8518.

MASSAGE: Therapeutic Massage* and Infant Massage & Communication Classes offered in Mosquito. Call Samantha Ford, 344-1744 for appointment. *male clients by referral only.

TRACTOR SERVICES: Bush hog, loader, box scraper and snow removal. \$55.00 per hour. Call 642-0338

WEB DESIGN: Need a website? I offer cutting edge graphic design, logos and brochures. www.instep-in.com. Call Seth Ford at 344-1744.

CUSTOM PET PORTRAITURE by nationally renown artist Tamara Burnett. Have your pet forever immortalized in a fine watercolor portrait by Tamara. She is very well known for her highly detailed, realistic, jewel-like watercolor renditions of animals as well as for her uncanny ability to capture her subject's essence through the expression in their eyes. Please visit her web site or call for more information. web site: www.innecite.com/~burnett/Burnett Phone: 626-1884 (days), 626-3686 (eves)

CUSTOM BUILT COMPUTERS...In SWANSBORO!! YES, We come direct to your home, 7 Days a week, at YOUR convenience! Call Jeff at: 642-9386 or 9388. email: llranch@hitechnetworks.net

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.

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.

LOCAL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER: \$114 per Year - Lowest Price Around; No Set-up Fees (\$35 Savings); No Monitoring / No Limitation; No Hidden Fees - Just Good Service ;Free e-Mail / Free WEB Site; Call TODAY (530) 295-8590 HiTech Networks, 681 Main Street, Suite 204-A, Placerville, CA 95667 Visit our WEB site <http://www.hitechnetworks.net>, e-mail : info@hitechnetworks.net

CHIMNEY SWEEP for hire, 27 years experience. Wood stoves - pellet stoves - fireplaces - dryer vents - gutters. Repairs - installations - problem solving. Richard Smith 622.2990.

VICK'S PLUMBING: Call Victor Garcia at 530-626-6493.

IS MOSQUITO ROAD ROUGH ON YOUR VEHICLE? Give "Hippie" a call at Mosquito Auto, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642-2867.

DON'S CRITTER CARE: Pets, livestock and gardens, too. While you're away. Reasonable rates. References. Call 622-7622.

HOUSE CLEANING Reference available. Free estimates. Lisa Harvey, 626-1496.

HORSESHOEING: Hot, cold or therapeutic: Call David Greenlee at 647-9100.

COMFORT CONTROL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING: Sales - service - installation. Free estimates on replacement. 10% senior discount. 530/642-0987 or 1-800-770-7747.

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

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.

FOR SALE

NURSERY SALE - flowers, various pots and yard decorations on Friday, July 12; Saturday July 13; Sunday July 14 - at the Hawkins', 2749 LaPaz Road.

Sale or Trade 1968 MUSTANG 289 AT. 99% restored. \$2,500 or trade for 4x4 621-3377

Kenmore ELECTRIC DRYER Needs power cord. \$30.00 621-3377

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Ready for summer use: CEMENT MIXER, 3.5 cu. ft. elect. Terrific buy at \$150. FAMILY DOME TENT, like new, 10 X 12 ft.w/ fly, sleeps 5 adults, \$35. Call Norm at 622-8711. No Saturday calls please.

ORGANIC/FREE RANGE EGGS Call Samantha Ford 344-1744

1988 CHRYSLER New Yorker Landau 3 liter V6, AT, AC, 108k miles. New brakes, new tires, fully loaded, power everything. Very Clean \$3,500.00. 621-3823

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KIOTI TRACTOR LB1914. 153 hours, Regular 3 point hitch. Loader, Tiller and Brush hog. \$12,500. Call Manny at 626-3512.

A LARGE COLLECTION OF RECORDS to choose from. Albums, \$1.00 each, 45's and 78's, .50 cents, each. 45's not yet ready for sale but will arrange for them to be seen soon. Also for sale are vintage Department 56 Pieces and a number of Collector Plates such as B&G, Royal Copenhagen and Wedgewood. Other miscellaneous items as we finish unpacking things that have been packed for years. Please call for appointment to see what's available. Thanks. Larry 530-621-1071

.84 CHEVETTE for sale. New brakes, good tires, runs well. Stored in Swansboro \$ 300. call: 415 -897-8548

DOLPHIN COLLECTION \$250 or best offer. 295-3355.

TWO GIRL'S BICYCLES, Good condition. \$30 each. Call 622-0524.

'91 JEEP TRUCK, new clutch, 4 wheel drive, runs great - with camper shell \$3,500. 626-0979.

HERBS: Evergreen Herb Garden, 2001 Swansboro Road. Herbs, herb classes, products, plants and books. Call or write for information. 626-9288.



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MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE
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Dyer Lake

Saturday July 27, 2002

11:30 - 4:30

Adults \$8.00

Kids 12 & under \$4.00

**Bring your favorite chili for the Chili Cook-Off
Entice our professional judges and win a prize!**

**BBQ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Hot Links, Chips,
Drinks, Beer & Wine
Great Raffle Prizes**


Bucket Brigade, Pie Eating Contest, Swimming

Come See Your New Engine!

**If you are interested in helping with this fun filled event please call
Mary Joseph at 642-0338**

JULY 2002

All Meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR MVFD BOARD**

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