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A Great Community!

What a great turnout at the Italiano night on the 21st! And it was great to see so many children running around and have a really good time. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put on a great community get together!

9/11 Remembered

Leo Chaloux

On September the 11th there was an event held at the County Fair Grounds to remember those who died because of the terrorist attacks last year. Another aspect of this event was to say thanks to all those who serve as Police Officers, and Fire Fighters both paid and Volunteer. Being a product of the Viet Nam war and going back to that time when I, as with the majority of those returning, did not get any positive greetings at all found this act of gratitude very humbling and satisfying.

Devery, Chris Cochrane, Ron Stone (also a Viet Nam vet) and I, along with our new engine, attended the event. There were fire fighters and fire equipment from every fire district on the west slope, including those from the California Youth Authority, the Conservation Corps, the California Department of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service. Fire fighters being a bunch of kids that have never grown up were asked to be there one hour early so we could run around and look at each other's fire engines.

Once the ceremony started the events of the past year came flashing back as I am sure has happened to all of us. The loss of the innocent people proceeding through life, the fire fighters and police officers carrying out their jobs, and those at the Pentagon and on the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania all became sharp images that reappeared in our minds.

In the middle of this I thought of my friend Fred who passed away two years ago. He was a product of the depression and World War II and was quite convinced that this country's present citizens, especially the young were allowing the country to go down the toilet and had no courage to defend itself.

In looking around at all those who were at the Fair Grounds, and realizing all those who are serving this country all over the world and the everyday citizens that make up the greatest nation the planet has every seen, it becomes evident that ole Fred was just plain wrong. We as a nation and each of us that make it function are doing just fine and are proving that everyday.

Take care and be careful until we get a couple inches of rain as the fire season is not be over. So far we have been blessed, as there has not a been large fire in our own district this summer. Hoping it remains that way.

MVFD Report

Debbie Minor

Hello again everyone!

We have had a few things ongoing that I can update you all on. First we have had a couple of EID meetings concerning the Summerfield Ditch. They are in the beginning stages of discussion with EID over water rights. Look for more information dealing with this all-important item.

The repair to the dam at Finnon is still on hold as we are waiting for some confirmation from the Army Corp of Engineers before we can continue with the permit process. The restaurant is coming together nicely. There are, of course, lots more things to do before it is complete.

As I write this article we will be having our annual Italiano night tonight. I am sure that it will be a success with lots of good company and tons of good food to eat.

At the end of October we will be having our annual Halloween Party for the community kids. We would appreciate any help and donations you might give. Belinda Brent is the Chairperson for this event.

I would also like to mention that I received a call from the National Honey Board and they are partnering with the National Volunteer Fire Council to assist volunteer fire departments around the country to connect with honey industry members to organize Honey and Biscuits breakfasts to raise money for individual volunteer fire departments. They asked if

we would like to be a part of this venture and help our community as well as remind the community about the goodness of honey. We have decided that we will host a Honey and Biscuit breakfast and I would like to know if any of you would like to help organize or help with this event. It should prove to be a sweet experience. Please contact me at 621-3533 if you would like to help.

Fire season is not over yet so please stay fire safe!

Finnon Update

Mary Joseph

I don't have a whole lot to say that's different about the restaurant at Finnion this month....we will be arranging another inspection soon and then start some tape and texture and stucco. The sheet rock sure makes a difference. Last week we had the determined, regular and dependable people in the walls, on the walls, in the attic and on the roof. They were working like crazy taking only one or two quick breaks to drink water, replacing what all they sweat out. It was HOT! The heat got the best of them somewhere around noon and they went home to carry on their own lives. I wonder sometimes if they have personal lives since most of their time seems to be dedicated (ever so graciously) to this project. All I can say is we have some of the best people among us here in Mosquito. If you like, stop by and take a look inside on a Friday morning. Don't forget a toolbelt and an hour of time to spare. If you don't have a toolbelt, well, we can loan you one. These guys could use some new friends. Hey, it's the levity and the dream of not having to leave the hill to have a meal out that has brought us this far. You may have already seen the restaurant but just in case you haven't, I thought I'd recommend it.

As for the campground, it is now closed for the winter season. We can still go for walks back there and enjoy the incredible views it provides, but there is no overnight camping permitted.

I would like to thank our neighbors who keep the Volunteer Fire Department informed of maintenance issues. We are grateful. Thank you!

Odds and Ends – Bits and Pieces

Creatures that appear!

Mary Joseph

It is that time of year again when tarantulas can be seen migrating. They are harmless creatures so

please let them do as they will or assist them in their migration so people and pets do not harm them. Also making their presence are rattlesnakes. These guys are NOT so friendly. In fact their down right mean! We were greeted by a 2 1/2 foot female outside our front door with all but two inches of it up in the air, twisted and shaking just waiting for someone to make a wrong move. She was lucky....a good neighbor came up and got her then relocated her out in the national forest. At least that's what he said he was going to do.

Thank you 1

A special thank you for helping with the dumpster deposits on August 24 to Gene Bowen, Gene Swystun, Sandy and Norm Nester, Carol and James Schultz, Ethel and Dale Behymer, Kim Purcell and Jo Thomas. Your help was sincerely appreciated.

Joyce Davidson

Thank you 2

Thanks to Iris Saxon for putting the American flag at the entrance to the Mosquito bridge on September 11.

Thank you 3

Thanks to Tom Celio and the county DOT for the work on Mosquito and Rock Creek and the Cut-Off Roads. It makes for a smoother trip.

Tire Amnesty Day

Free disposal of used tires

Saturday, October 19, 2002

El Dorado County Fairgrounds parking lot on Armory Way, Placerville (The street between the Veterans' Building and Raley's)

PacBell Phone Books

New phone books were published in July. It is possible that they were not delivered here in Mosquito. They are available at Albertson's on Broadway. No charge.

Mosquito School Update

Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of ten acres on Adams Lane off of Maidu Drive.

The Fire Hydrant Contest Reminder

We have 30 hydrants to paint with a patriotic theme. Designs should use only red, white and blue. Forms and information are available at the Fire Station. Questions? Call Kim at 621-1049

CalStar and our Fire Department work together at Swansboro Airport

Last month there was a medical call that required immediate and quick transportation to a Sacramento hospital, via helicopter. The airport made it convenient for CalStar to land and transfer the patient.



Graft Report

Sharon Hern

At the Craft Sale on September 2nd at the Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar, we made \$331.50. I am happy to report that to date we have made a total of \$1443.75 for our Fire Department.

We need to have as many crafts to sell as possible. We 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 Firehouse. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

I would like to thank the following for their help in setting up and cleaning up the craft sale area at the Diamond Springs Labor Day Bazaar and for helping to sell our crafts : Darlene & Dick Rood, Ralph Hern, Barbara & Tom Atkins, Maryanne Haywood, Sally Bozeman, Kelly Hern, Norm & Sandy Nestor, Lynn Spitsen & Jo Thomas.

Future Craft Sales:

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

We need the following items: 8" x 10" picture frames and 5" x 7" mats. If you have any to spare, please give me a call. Thanks. .

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

Next Meeting: October 25

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: October 25 and November 22

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. 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. Books, games with all of the pieces and toys that are not broken are needed.

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

We will begin to collect the White Elephant items in mid October, so give us a call then for pick up. If you have any questions please call Sharon Hern at 626-5268.

MOSQUITO KIDS WISH WASH

Ron Stone

One afternoon while having my car washed by the Placerville Girls Softball League, my girls came up with the idea of having a fund raising car wash to raise money to help fund a play gound for the children of our community. While we were driving home they brain stormed on ways to get other kids to help and where and when to have the car wash. I was very proud of how well they thought the project out. The idea was presented to the Mosquito Fire Department Volunteer Board so the kids could use the Finnon Lake parking lot and water. Then supplies had to be arranged and other kids had to be recruited to help. This having been accomplished, the car wash will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Finnon Lake parking lot. Please bring your dirty cars and help the kids reach their goal. For kids who wish to join in or for more information call 622-1585.

**IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD HAWKINS**

Summerfield Irrigation Ditch EID Workshop

Devery Minor

On Wednesday August 28, 6:30 pm there was a public workshop with EID at the Mosquito Fire Station. At issue was the status of the Summerfield Ditch.

There were about 40 people from the community in attendance. Among these were Fire Chief Chaloux, two members of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors, three SCPOA Board members and District 4 County Board of Supervisor Penny Humphreys. Paul Hinds spoke for SCPOA and the common areas, and I spoke for the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department as the current owners of Fannon Lake.

Directors George Osborne and Dick Akin, General Manager Ane Deister, District Counsel Sam Neesham and various staff members represented EID from the Engineering, Finance and Maintenance Departments.

Ane facilitated the forum. The audience asked many questions, some of which were answered. The questions that were not answered need to be researched by EID, and answered at a later date.

EID officials have been telling us for about 3 - 4 years now that they intend to abandon the use of the ditch and transfer the water rights from Slab Creek to Folsom Lake for use in El Dorado Hills. The question was asked, "Are the water rights to Slab Creek being transferred to Folsom Lake?" Director Osborne said NO and Mr. Neesham said maybe.

Currently EID serves the needs of SCPOA (Dyer Lake) and two other ditch customers from a well they own on Dogwood Lane. Water was pumped into the ditch and maintained at a cost of roughly \$21,666 for the last irrigation season. This portion of the ditch is about 3 miles long. EID stopped maintaining the other 19 miles of ditch about three or four years ago.

EID is considering putting pipe in the ditch from the Dogwood well for use at both Dyer Lake and Fannon Lake at the initial cost of \$40,000. This would eliminate most of the maintenance leaving only the operational costs. The Swansboro pipeline coming across the South Fork of the American River from the Camino area would serve the other two customers. Resuming flows from Slab Creek through the ditch was not acknowledged as an option. No other solutions were offered by EID.

A local committee of seven members was formed that evening. EID will be working with the committee. Hopefully some good dialog will come from this and we can suggest some long-term solutions. The Committee members are Sheila Swanson, Devery Minor, Leo Chaloux, Paul Posz, Iris Saxon, Ron Stone, Bill George, and Paul Hinds. To date the committee has met twice.

Copies of the minutes from the workshop are available at the Fire Station. The questions asked at the workshop are in the minutes, along with some of the answers that were available.

If you are interested in becoming a ditch customer let us know. We would like to start a list of potential customers to give EID. If you have any questions or concerns on this subject please contact Devery Minor at 636-9017 Sunday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

NOTICE TO ALL MOSQUITO RESIDENTS

As a result of the meeting with EID General Manager and two directors on August 28, a Community Involvement Committee has been formed to study the history of the Summerfield Ditch and the water rights associated with that ditch. We will be meeting with EID in the near future to discuss EIDs position. Any and all residents are welcome to attend our meetings and become aware of our overall water situation.

Shiela Swanson has agreed to chair this committee. If you are interested, please contact her at 295-0515. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, at Shiela's home.

BECOME INVOLVED!

ITALIANO NIGHT

Ron Stone

On September 21st, the Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Italian dinner. There was lasagna, ravioli and, of course, spaghetti. The sauces were plentiful and included Italian sausage, meat sauce, vegi sauce and two types of Alfredo. The bread and salads were truly a great addition but the Spumoni ice cream was my personal favorite. All of the goodies that our friends and neighbors brought made the meal perfect. Thank you all.

The success of this event could not have happened without the thoughtful help of many people. Each time we hold an event there are many

people who work behind the scenes to move fire equipment (that's Clarence Hogrefe) set up tables and chairs and of course the mega job of cleaning up the mess. Nancy Miller, Stacey Stefan, Gail Barritt, Mary Joseph, Rosemary Alexander and Nancy Stone made the place look great. It seems like the same crew showed up to put things back to normal. I just can't thank them enough. Chris Cochrane is always there to help serve and keep the food flowing. As usual Mary Joseph is in the thick of things doing all that she can to make the event a smooth operation. Iris Saxon is magic at clean up, she can make a gallon of sauce hit the floor and make it disappear like Houdini. The Barritts and Bells were the whirlwind of cleaning power and cheerfulness. The laughter coming from the kitchen was not what one would expect. Leo and Chris are like the glue that holds everything together. Our community would not be what it is without them. Thank God for those two. Rosemary is always there to add her expertise and charm and the others I am forgetting to mention are why this community is such a wonderful place to live. Lastly, but for sure the best, is my wife, Nancy Stone. She not only helps with shopping but she puts up with the insanity of me trying to get my stuff together. After all of these people, the event would not be anything without the support of our great community.

Thank you all who came and brought a smile and an appetite and the personal dishes prepared with care and love. I hope to see all of you at the next event – and bring a friend.

Goodbye to a Friend

Bob Villarreal, a former long time resident of Mosquito, died September 18th. He was 88 years old. Bob was born in a one room adobe hut in the Mexican Village of Villa del Carmen. In 1920 the family moved to Oklahoma City and the moved to a small town about 100 miles away. In school, Bob skipped 6th grade and finished 8th grade at 13 but felt obligated to quit school and find odd jobs to help support the family. He returned to school as a freshman at 19. He graduated and went on to college and earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Army and spent 42 years working with the Bell System. He served many years on the Mosquito Fire Protection District Board. He is survived by a daughter and two sons.

SGPOA Board Report

Bill George, Director

Paul Hinds Maintenance Report:

Basketball court is complete. Seems to be getting a lot of use.

Work has been done on Dogwood and Highgrade near Peycos. Patching has been done on Buckeye Court, but more work will be done.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws & DC&Rs: Bill George & Jim Irving

Three new complaints have been received. These will be addressed by Paul Hines, George Kellison and Bill George ASAP.

Common Areas/Fences: George Kellison & Kim Purcell

Sand for the beach at Dyer Lake must be postponed until next year. Seems that beach sand is in limited supply. We will order early next year.

Nominating: Kim Purcell & Bill George

No report at this time, but it is never too early to think about serving **YOUR** community by becoming a Board Member.

Roads: George Kellison & Pete Stressenger

Patching will continue as the need arises.

Since we now have a tractor that allows Paul Hinds to do more roadwork, it is imperative that all residents observe and abide by the work area signs to avoid killing or maiming Paul.

Missing road signs have been ordered, and brushing roadsides will begin shortly. If anyone is aware of missing road signs, please contact any of the Board members.

Runway: Jack Kirk, Kim Purcell & Rob Kirkpatrick

Tree & brush removal along the runway object free area is almost complete with the exception of one property owner who has so far refused to cut his trees. Bill George and John Moalli met with Cal Trans Division of Aeronautics (they control our airport permit) to discuss the lighting plan. Bill and John along with Dean Edson will update our layout plan and submit it with additional required documentation to Cal Trans by October 15, 2002. Paul Posz has volunteered his services as a licensed electrician to assist us on the installation of the runway light system. Kim Purcell may have located a source for used runway lights at Oakland Airport at little or no cost.

Unfinished Business:

There has been some discussion by the Fire Department about building a new station at Dogwood & Stope. Your SCPOA Board has been discussing the possibility of having a permanent office/meeting room at the same location. This discussion continues.

New procedures for property mergers adopted by your board are being formulated by George Kellison and SCPOA's attorney, Mike Woodbury.

It has been 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, October 12, 2002 at 09:00 AM.**

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

A Quick Recipe

Evelyn Potter

Muffin recipes are always welcome, especially if they start with a box! This first place recipe was in an issue of *Quick Cooking*.

APPLE STREUSEL MUFFINS

Makes six muffins

1 box (6 ½ oz.) apple cinnamon muffin mix

1 large tart apple, peeled and diced

½ c chopped walnuts

3 tbs. brown sugar

4 ½ tsp all purpose flour

1 tbs butter or margarine, melted

GLAZE

¾ c confectioners sugar

½ tsp vanilla

1 - 2 tbs. milk

Prepare mix according to package directions; fold in apple. Fill greased muffin cups ¾ full. In a small bowl, combine walnuts, brown sugar, flour and butter. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 400° 15-20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes, then remove from pan to wire rack. Combine glaze ingredients and drizzle over warm muffins.

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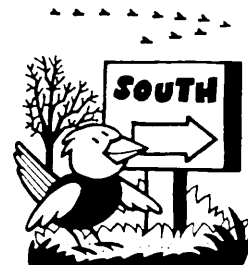
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**ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**MOSQUITO FIRE STATION
6:30-8:30PM**



CARNIVAL GAMES*PRIZES*CAKEWALK

**DONATIONS NEEDED:
CANDY FOR CANDY BAGS-PLEASE DROP OFF
AT THE FIRE STATION BEFORE OCTOBER 23RD.**



**COOKIES, CAKES & CUPCAKES
FOR THE CAKEWALK-PLEASE DROP
THESE OFF AT THE FIRE STATION
ON THE DAY OF THE PARTY
OR THE DAY BEFORE.**



**HELP NEEDED:
ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP
OUT AT THE PARTY, PLEASE CALL
BELINDA BRENT AT 621-3377.
THANKS!**

OCTOBER 2002

All Meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 am CAR WASH See page 3
6 Summerfield Ditch Meeting See page 4	7	8	9	10	11	12 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 9:00 am
13	14 	15	16	17 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CRAFT MEETING SEE Page 3	26 HALLOWEEN PARTY SEE PAGE 9
27  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	28	29	30	31		



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