



Mosquito Byte

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COMING SOON

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Telephone Directories will be ready shortly. However, the fire station offices are being remodeled and they won't be available there for a while. If you want to purchase a copy now call Lela Edson at 626.8265 and make arrangements to purchase a phone directory at her home.

THE CHIEF AND THE GIANT TURKEY BUZZARD!

Chief Leo Chaloux

The weather lately has sure been typical spring like. Along with the very beautiful days we have had there have been some bad ones that included rain and even some snow. All in all compared to what has been happening in the rest of the world we are very fortunate to be living here. It just doesn't get any better from a weather standpoint.

The other day the sun was shining and the temperature was up there so I decided to take my camera and go down into the canyon and take some pictures. I usually leave from behind my house and just work my way on down. When I have my camera I end up going farther down than I ever intend to. That canyon is a nasty one; it takes about one hour to get down to the river and about three days to get back up.

Along with the flowers that are blooming now so is the poison oak. Over the years I have gotten pretty effective at avoiding the stuff and getting around it without too much difficulty. Unfortunately, there is so much down there it cannot be avoided. I even found a poison oak tree, the thing was about eight inches in diameter and climbed up another oak tree about 50 feet. I stayed back from that one, it was so big I thought it would reach out and get me.

My main goal for going down into the canyon besides just enjoying the day was two fold, I wanted to get some pictures of the giant Lupine that grows down there and to get some seeds from it. Now, I could go down to the river by driving down Mosquito Road and take pictures of the large Lupine on the side of the road. Now, I can't do that for it makes sense and is too easy to do. Besides I have myself convinced that the

Lupine in the canyon behind my house is super Lupine, the biggest in the world, the real giant stuff. Well I never did find the super Lupine even though I found myself almost to the river. I am sure it is down there; it just wasn't in bloom yet. So that means I have to go back down there again in a couple of weeks to find it.

There is one place about half way down where the rocks project out and it is possible while sitting on one of them to look to the east and see the river and then view to the west and again see the river. It is a terrific place and really makes you realize how large that canyon is and how unimportant a lot of the things around us are. However, while sitting there I heard this loud rustle in the trees behind me. I just knew something was going to eat me and I did not have any idea which direction I should take off running in. I looked behind me and there was this giant (I love giant stuff) Turkey Buzzard getting ready to land on the same rock I was sitting on. The thing while coming in for a landing apparently saw me and started back winging itself making all kinds of noise. I think it was as scared of me as I was of it. Anyway this thing was large enough to take me on so I decided to get out of there. I jumped off that rock yelling to that buzzard that I was still alive and not fair game. After I was able to get away from his planned perch I was upset with myself for not taking pictures of the event. I wish I had because I don't think anyone will ever believe me.

Once I realized that the giant Lupine was not to be found and that giant Turkey Buzzards inhabit that canyon I decided it was time to head home, besides I was getting hungry. From where I was I looked almost straight up the canyon wall and realized that the somewhat easy journey down was going to be a long tough one up. When I finally did get to the house Chris asked me where I had been and after I told her my story of the attack Turkey Buzzard she just said, "yeah right" and left me to feed myself.

Well in a couple of weeks I am going to go back down into that canyon. I will face the threat of the mean Turkey Buzzard to find and take pictures of the giant Lupine.

In the meantime, summer is coming and now is the time to start making your house as fire safe as

possible. Please take a look at your driveway access, work on maintaining 30 feet of clearance around your house (I recommend 100 feet), cleaning gutters and planning on what to do if there is a large fire in our District.

Take care and be careful.

Welcome to Bryce Faust, brand new grandson of Leo and Chris Chaloux and great grandson of Roland and Lois Chaloux. Mother Malinda grew up here on the hill.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Iris Saxon

Our Easter Egg Hunt may not have been an actual hunt but I think a good time was had by all -- the most important being the children. They not only got their bags of eggs filled with candy, but thanks to Nancy Stone they also had a games to play. I only wish I could thank each and every one of you who contributed but since that is not feasible, all I can say is THANK YOU ALL!

HAPPY SPRING!

Debbie Minor

It has finally arrived and we are getting a nice mix of warm weather and rain to let nature do its thing.

All is well with the Volunteer Fire department this month. It has been slow which is good. I am sure things will pick up as summer comes our way.

May 3rd is our Annual Fiesta Night. There will lots of great food and wonderful company. Please mark your calendars for this event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We will be starting a campground committee for Finnon Lake this next month. If anyone is interested, please stop by our next board meeting May 1 at 7 p.m. at the firehouse for more details.

Work is still progressing on the renovation at Finnon restaurant. Also still in the works are the Fire Demonstration Area and the process of getting permits for repairing the dam. Both are in the stages of getting surveys done. As for the dam surveys, the Division of Dam Safety has quoted me an extraordinarily large sum of money for the work. I am working to find a way that will get it done as inexpensively as possible. As things progress I will let you all know.

VET VISIT

Dr. Lisa Couper, mobile veterinarian will be at the Mosquito Fire Station on Sunday, May 11 from 9:00 am until noon for walk-ins. This date replaces the April clinic that was "rained out." She will make house calls in the afternoon. Call 677-4558 and leave a message to make an appointment for the afternoon or if you have a special request.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO MVFD

A few weeks ago I awoke in a cold sweat, felt clammy and had funny feelings in my chest My wife took my blood pressure and decided it was time to call 911. Within minutes, a First Responder was at our door, obviously dispatched while she was still on the phone with the 911 operator. Oxygen was administered and soon the house and yard started filling with firemen and fire equipment. The ambulance from Georgetown was on its way and things moved VERY FAST! Members of the support group arrived to see if my wife needed a ride... ..and off I went!

The good news from the ER Doctor was that there was no problem, no enlarged heart, no evidence of a heart attack. I just wanted our friends and neighbors to know what a wonderful group of people we have here on the hill wearing the hats of our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Dept and Support Group. We are thankful to live in such a wonderful community with such a concentration of professional medical help available at a moments notice.

There may be something to be said about what you read regarding eating a high-fat meal when your system is not accustomed to it. I had splurged on a mile-high hamburger and fries. . . not my normal fare! My wife suggests getting your bathrobe on quick as you dial 911 because before you can turn around there will be a handsome First Responder at your door.

Thanks again to all! Bob Smith

COMMUNITY YOU ARE AWESOME!!!!

Sharon Hern

Our April 12th Spring Extravaganza was a huge success, even though it rained most of the day. The Craft Sale and those hardy souls who had their Yard Sale tables all fit into the Roods' hanger. A few

propane heaters helped to keep us warm throughout the day. Those who had a Yard Sale said they did very well, even though I suspect we did a lot of buying of each others "treasures". The Yard Sale tables brought in \$140.00 for the Volunteer Fire Department. Our Craft Sale was outstanding with a total of \$606.00. This year the proceeds from the Craft Sales will be put toward the renovation of the upstairs training room as Chief Chaloux has requested.

We will not know for a month or so if we will qualify for a matching grant from Wal Mart for these amounts.

In another bit of good news -- I would like to "THANK" all who donated White Elephants and Baked Goodies for the Georgetown Divide Health Auxiliary Bazaar in December, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department recently received a check for \$500, our share of the profits. This will go toward medical supplies or equipment for our Fire Department.

Craft Meeting May Notice!!!!

There will be no Craft Meeting in May. We do hope that you will continue to help us out by 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. Our next sale is scheduled for July 19th during the Fireman's Picnic.

Meetings:

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

Next Meeting: June 27th

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24 and November 28.

A REMINDER!

The first Annual Mosquito Garden Tour and Tea will be held on Sunday, June 8. Jan Okumura reminds us that time is getting closer and that all you gardeners should call Jan at 626.5321 if you are interested in displaying your unique and beautiful garden. This will be an interesting event and everyone is urged to join in.



GARDEN TOUR

"Springtime in the Foothills" Sunday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sponsored by Community Pride. Reserve your passport to the self-guided tour of unique and picturesque gardens. Ticket are \$10.00 - rain or shine. For reservations or information call Community Pride at 622.0712 or e-mail mfergie@d-web.com.

Old Fashioned Butterscotch Pudding

Evelyn Potter

I just finished making this and it took me all of 20 minutes, and it is great. ENJOY

2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 Tbs cornstarch

1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk (can use low or non fat)

1/3 cup water

1 large egg or (or 1 med. egg and the white of another), slightly beaten

3 tbs butter or margarine, softened

1/2 tsp vanilla

Whipped cream, optional

Combine sugar and cornstarch in medium sized saucepan Stir in milk and water. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly, until mixture just comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Place beaten egg in a small bowl and add a small amount of the egg mixture, stirring this so you do not get any uncooked egg in your pudding. Add to milk mixture, cook stirring constantly for 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in butter and vanilla extract. Pour into dessert dishes and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

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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

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

HOMESCHOOLERS: We are interested in becoming familiar with how many of us there are "on the hill". Would you like to start a co-op, group activities, newsletter, support groups or play dates to meet each other? We welcome all homeschoolers interested, there will be no discrimination based on age, religion, race, ethnic, or cultural background. Contact the Ford Family @ 344-1744.

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>>

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At the Mosquito Fire Station



Chile Rellenos, enchiladas, tamales, and much more!

\$7.00 for adults \$4.00 for children under 12



MAY 2003

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	2	3 SUPPORT GROUP 10:00 am MEXICAN FIESTA, see page 5
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