

Mosquito Byte

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The updated phone directory provided by the MVFD is on sale at the fire station for only \$4.00. Please have correct change - thanks.

The United States Forest Service will offer a fire safe demonstration open house at the Fire Station on Saturday May 31st starting at 10:00 in the morning. This demonstration is a great opportunity to see the fire hazard potential of our District along with methods of mitigating those hazards.

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Chief Leo Chaloux

The other night I had a phone call at home from someone who needed my help because their goat had been chewed up by some dogs. Seems this couple had gone out for a family event and when they had arrived back home late in the evening they noticed three dogs hanging around their house. As they went to close up their chickens for the night they noticed a few had been killed. As they looked around they soon discovered that all their chickens had been killed and one of their pet goats had been mauled.

These animals were all behind a very well built fence and all gates had been shut. The dogs had dug under the wire and simply made a game out of chasing and killing all the animals they could. These owners had done everything possible to protect their pets from predators and were responsible enough to make sure their animals were not a nuisance to their neighbors. Well what do you do when your next-door neighbor has a dog that packs up with other neighbor's dogs? Seems people just do not realize that when dogs pack up they revert back to the call of the wild and become very aggressive.

Over the years I have responded to many calls where a domestic dog had been a jerk and when I confront the owners about their dogs being mean I

always get the same ole surprised remark, "not my dog, he is so gentle and mild." What they do not realize that as soon as they leave their little foofoo dog gangs up with other dogs and starts terrorizing the neighborhood. The problem with a domestic dog is they have no fear of people; after all they live with them. Not like a mountain lion or a coyote that has an inherent fear of humans and do not really want to be around us.

I did help with the goat. He had been mauled around the neck and there were many punctures and abrasions. Fortunately, a major artery or vein had not been punctured even though the goat did lose a great deal of blood. This was something that any pet owner should not have to deal with, especially when they are being the responsible one. So what do you do? I advised them to call animal control and file a vicious animal report, and once the owners of the dogs are found they should be held legally accountable for all expenses for the care and loss of their animals. After all many animals were killed and the goat needed to see a veterinarian for extended care, rabies and tetanus shots would be required and then probably antibiotics would also be needed. Not a cheap matter taking place here, and why should the responsible owner be stuck picking up the tab? There was also the daughter who was very attached to the goat, her pet, and here she is going through this.

As stated many times in the Byte there is a leash law in El Dorado County. It is a very easy law to understand -- simply put, if you have a dog it has to be under your control at all times. I bet in this county there are about 227,328 dogs and only about 234 leashes are purchased a year. Animal Control does come out and answer complaints as much as possible, but then it is a big county with about 227,328 dogs in it so it makes it difficult. Again, the responsibility of a dogs action is not being taken by the owner but is being pawned off onto either a governmental agency or someone else.

I once had a neighbor who had a dog that was constantly running all over the area. He asked me if I had a problem with his dog on my land, I told him I would not have a problem at all as the dog simply

would not be running around on anyone's land. Again, someone else taking responsibility.

Onto other things. Looks as though we have gone from a winter to a summer with out a spring in between. The late rains did manage to produce real tall grass this year and as it does in every year it will be drying out. Once it does it will be ready to burn. All predictions so far are for a hot and dry summer with a high probability of a dangerous fire season. So now until the grass does start to turn brown and dry out is a good time to prepare your house to survive a wild land fire. At the least remove all ground fuels 30 feet from your house, if you can do more I strongly suggest it. If you would like someone from the fire department to come out and look at your property please give us a call at the fire station.

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We arrived home Friday night, May 16th, and found stray dogs on our land. At first, we thought they were lost and started calling neighbors to find their owners. Then, we walked down to our orchard where our chicken coops are located, and the goat stable and found a horrific sight...All of our 14 chickens had been brutally killed. Our milking goat had been severely wounded and is still in shock and unstable. Our kid goat had been wounded and traumatized. We found multiple holes where the dogs had dug under our 6 foot fencing to obtain access to our animals.

The descriptions of the dogs, that were surrounding the orchard and corral, when we arrived home are as follows:

- Medium male, black lab mix, tag noted Missouri Flat Pet Clinic #32524, have located owners
- Large Rottweiler/german Shepard mix, black and tan coloring with long tail and feathered coat
- 3. White medium sized dog

We are asking anyone who knows the whereabouts or owners of these dogs, or dogs that fit the descriptions above to contact us immediately.

Thank you for your help in our time of loss.

Seth & Samantha Ford, 2801 Lawyer Drive, 344-1744

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The floor is done and it sure turned out nice. Things are beginning to snap together. We finally have had good weather to depend on and one of our more talented neighbors installed the required rooftop equipment. The good weather will also allow our local

dirt mover to lend his talent to grading around the building.

Leo had the fire fighters practice their lifting skills and bring in the appliances. We need them tuned up for the upcoming fire season.

Gilmore Heating and Air was called to install the registers and thermostats and they showed up within the hour to do it. They are highly recommended if anyone should ask. Our electrician is buttoning up all the necessary electrical work and we thank him for being so patient.

A group of pilots have donated the tables and chairs for the restaurant and to them we will be forever grateful. A member of our community, Mary Gottleib, hand painted some small single tables which, if you get the chance, stop by and check them out. They look great.

Camping season is open and we've had our first visitors of the year at the Finnon Campground. The Boy Scouts/Weebelos Woods took place May 16-18. Cameron Gallemore was instrumental in coordinating this event which is a crossing over of Weebelos to Boy Scouts. They enjoyed themselves and look forward to using the facility again next year.

It's difficult to say when the restaurant will be open but we will let you know as the project gets closer to it's completion.

mufd board news

Debbie Minor

Spring has come and is blooming and drying out quickly. It sure is nice to not be wet every time we step outside. Not much in the way of incidents this last month, instead the office in the fire station is in the process of remodeling.

I would like to remind all of you about the upcoming Fireman's Annual Picnic on July 19. Please mark it on your calendars and attend. I will put another announcement about this event in the next issue of the *Byte*. If you would like to help with this function please give me a call at 621-3533.

I was not able to attend the Fiesta Night as my son Adam had a baseball game that lasted beyond the event time schedule. I did however hear that it was exceptional as usual. All who attended had great food and plenty of it. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event turn out so well.

THIS IS THE JUNE ISSUE – BUT THERE ARE THREE THINGS GOING ON MAY 31ST. LOOK FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ELSEWHERE!

A THANK YOU FROM MARY JOSEPH

The Fire Station office is wonderful. Those guys did a great remodeling job in record time. I really feel like I can breathe and now everything will have a place.

FUELS REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT FINNON LAKE

Debbie Minor

The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department is working with the High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council to complete a fuels reduction demonstration project at Finnon Lake. The 15-acre project, funded through a grant from the Bureau of Land Management, will provide the community with examples of how to reduce hazardous fuels (brush, undesirable trees, etc.) to prevent the threat of wildfire. Interpretative materials and walking trails will be created to help community residents understand how similar techniques might work on their own properties.

A portion of the project will include chipping brush and undesirable trees in a large "tub-grinder." While the grinder is on site, residents will be invited to bring clean brush and wood waste (no nails, concrete, dirt, etc.) to be chipped. Watch for more information in future issues of the *Mosquito Byte*.

For more information, contact Debbie Minor, chair of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (phone: 621-3533) or Dan Macon, High Sierra RC&D (530/823-5687 ext. 115).

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

The rain delayed rummage sale will be May 31st at the Fire Station from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy your breakfast at the Fire Station and check out the fire safe demonstration and then come browse the bargains.

Our next Craft Sale will be on July 19th at the Fireman's Picnic.

The next craft meeting is on June 27th, hope to see you there as we have a lot of different projects that we are working on and need all kinds of crafty help. This is last craft meeting before the Fireman's Picnic. 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.

Future Meetings:

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.

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Help is on the way for those privacy-invading telemarketing calls that are always a nuisance no matter what time they call. Those who have Internet access can pre-register home and mobile phone numbers NOW at the state Attorney General's secure website: http://nocall.doj.state.ca.us. Just click on the "pre-register" link and follow directions. Registration is free and lasts for five years. Our Attorney General will forward the pre-registered phone numbers to the FTC, who will operate the National Do Not Call program (saving California taxpayers millions) which begins October 1st, and you will be on the very first list. Phone registration with the FTC (if you can get through) begins in July. Finally a good thing, although there will be certain exceptions as usual!

Thanks to Jo Thomas for this information.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Last March I saw a nice lady in a white station wagon picking up trash near my home on Mosquito Road. On May 5, I saw her again only this time she was two miles over on the Placerville side of the bridge up trash, heading towards picking Mosquito/Swansboro area. The back of her station wagon was open and she was stopping to pick up trash, watching for cars and running back and forth getting trash on both sides of the road, all by herself. This time I was able to stop and talk to her. Her name is Jackie Eisenhower, and she does it she says because "I appreciate living in such a beautiful place" and she wants to help keep it that way. What a great gal!! Thank you again, Jackie Eisenhower, a great asset to our community!

mosquito memories

This booklet published in 1993 by the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department is available at the Mosquito Fire Station for \$7.00. It is a "must" for all Mosquito residents.

GREAT SALAD

Evelyn Potter

I was introduced to this wonderful salad at a luncheon with friends. The recipe came along with Ellen Penrod. Try it, you'll like it.

1/4 c water

1/4 c vinegar

½ c sugar

1 1/2 c mayonnaise

Put into a saucepan and mix well. Beat thoroughly with a whisk while heating. Bring almost to a boil. Serve with baby spinach leaves. Add sliced red onion hard boiled eggs, mushrooms and REAL bacon pieces which has been crisply cooked. Crumble and add to your salad. Pour dressing over individual salads and serve. May be gently reheated on STOVE. Not good for the microwave.

FIRST ANNUAL MOSQUITO TEA AND GARDEN TOUR

Get inspired by your fellow gardening neighbors!

Date: Sunday, June 8 Time: 10:00am – 3:00 pm

Location: Meet at the Okumura's home for "Tea and

Crumpets" 7135 Tumeli Lane Cost: \$10:00 per person

RSVP by June 1 to Jan Okumura 626-5321

There will be much information available from some of our local experts on various aspects of gardening.

Raffle prizes! Tea, coffee and tasty goodies!

Tour begins at 11:00 am. Itinerary and maps provided at the Okumura's

Proceeds will go to landscaping at the new Finnon Lake restaurant.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is one of the greatest tools we have. Forgive yourself for not being the success you planned to be, for not being brilliant, for being to lazy or too compulsive, to tall or to short, to fat or to thin, to careless or to careful.

Forgive your parents for their sins against you, your spouse for theirs, your boss and co-workers for theirs.

Forgive fate for its tricks, and you find you have rid yourself of resentment as heavy as any coal miner's sack.

Author unknown, submitted by Evelyn Potter

A GOOD MORNING BREAKFAST AT THE FIRE STATION

A fundraiser for your Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, May 31st

8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At the Mosquito Fire Station

Serving sausage gravy & biscuits,

coffee, juice, eggs & link sausage

\$6.00 for adults \$3.00 for children under 12

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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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WANTED

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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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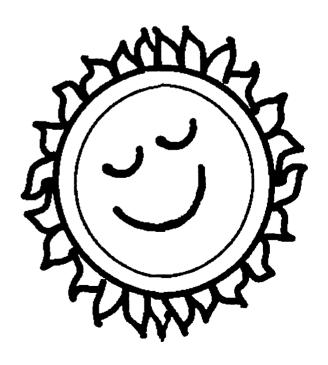
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JUNE, 2003 ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
8	9	10	11	MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00PM	13	SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM
FATHER'S DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21 STONIONO BIR
22	23	24	25	26	CRAFT MEETING SEE PAGE 3	28
29	30	Please note: May 31 is a busy day. For information: See Page 3 for the Rummage Sale See Page 4 for the Good Morning Breakfast See Page 1 for the U.S. Forest Service Fire Safe Demonstration Open House				



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