

MOSQUITO BYTE



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IMPORTANT FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING

The Final Strategic Fire Safe Plan will be presented at a meeting on November 20 at 7:00 pm at the Mosquito Fire Station. The Fire Safe Council has worked very hard to develop a plan to reduce the fire danger in our community. **Please plan to attend.**

GOOD NEWS !!

Final inspection of the restaurant at Finnon Lake has been ordered!

OUR WELL TRAINED FIRE FIGHTERS

Chief Leo Chaloux

As with most fire departments we do more medical responses than anything else. In fact about 70 percent of dispatched incidents we are sent to are medical in nature. Due to that high percentage the fire department spends a great deal of time and money on training and purchasing equipment that will make it possible to provide the best medical services possible.

One new training and medical device we have been allowed to use by the El Dorado County Emergency Medical Services Agency is a Combitube. This is a device that was developed in Europe and utilized there for several years. Just recently the Combitube was brought to the U.S., tested by several fire departments throughout the nation and given the okay to be utilized as an airway device. The Combitube within the last year was given the go ahead for use in El Dorado County with paramedics being the first trained.

Last month 20 EMTs with the Mosquito Fire Department were trained to use a Combitube, the first EMTs in the County. Now what is a Combitube? It is an airway device that can be placed into someone's mouth, put down their throat and secured in place by inflating two attached balloons. Sounds a little scary but this device can be used on a patient who is not able to breathe due to a trauma or someone who has gone into cardiac arrest and is not breathing. By installing this device it becomes possible for an EMT to secure an airway, provide oxygen directly into the lungs and prevent anything from the stomach entering the lungs. This procedure will increase our ability to help someone at their physical worse. If we have to install a Combitube it is because the person is dying and this along with oxygen, CPR and the Automatic Defibrillator will give them an opportunity to survive they never had before.

Unfortunately as with anything there is a cost but then it is impossible to put a cost on someone's life. For us as EMTs the cost is we have to do more dedicated on-going training. We have to go through training on this device once a month for at the least the next six months. After our comfort levels and proficiency levels are increased then we may be doing refreshed training every three months for as long as we utilize the Combitube. I just hope we do not ever have to use the Combitube but I am sure in time we will have no choice but to do so. I will also be grateful for the ability to use this device as it is designed to provide that valuable airway to someone who is dying.

The forecast I have been given by the CDF is there is no expectation of rain for the next several days. That means we are still dealing with a severe fire situation. Even though the nighttime temperatures have been getting into the 40's the day times are reaching the 80's with low relative humidity. This still makes the wild land fire situation rather dangerous. Mixed with the fact that some people are dropping their guards and thinking that the fire season is over still presents a high fire threat.

One other problem is the CDF closed the S2 aircraft bases at Grass Valley and Columbia on October 15th. These two bases provided quick aircraft response into our district, a very valuable resource. Now, until we do get some rains we have to rely on the large aircraft that will fly in from Chico, Hollister or Redding. We will get some aircraft but it will just take a little longer. Also, as of the 15th the CDF down staffed from 15 engines in

the El Dorado/Amador ranger unit to 8 engines. This puts a higher reliance on local fire district resources and a greater time for CDF to respond.

Remember some of the largest wild land fires in El Dorado County have taken place in October and we really do not want one of them to be in our District. So be careful out there with anything that is hot or has a flame, as we are not out of the fire season just yet.

MVFD GENERAL ELECTION

Belinda Brent

More Voting? Yes! This time your vote will count for something a lot closer to home. On November 6th at 6:00 pm there will be a general membership meeting of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department to determine who will hold four of the seven seats on the department's board. The department consists of three parts, the active Firefighters, the Support Group and the Community at Large. This means that all persons over 18 who live in the Mosquito area can have a say in who sits on the MVFD board.

Board membership is divided between the three groups in the department with no single group holding more than three seats. The Support Group and the Firefighters nominate who they wish to represent them at their meetings. The board members representing the Community at Large will be nominated at the General Election Meeting. All department members vote to confirm all nominees.

The board currently consists of the following members:

Debbie Minor, President Support Group
Ron Stone, VP . . . Firefighter (resigning in November)
John Bell Firefighter
Belinda Brent Community at Large (up for re-election)
Iris Saxton . . . Support Group (resigning in November)

There are two vacant positions at this time. One previously held by a firefighter, the other by a member of the community at large.

The new board will meet immediately after the General Election Meeting on November 6th at 7:00 pm. There will be a closed session in which they will vote for board President and Vice President.

Board members are responsible for managing the MVFD budget, organizing fund-raising events and overseeing the Finnon Lake project. The board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station. These meetings are open to the public. Ad hoc committees discussing Budget, Finnon Campground and other topics are chaired by board members and meet separately to plan and

discuss specific projects. All members of the community are encouraged to attend meetings and participate in committees.

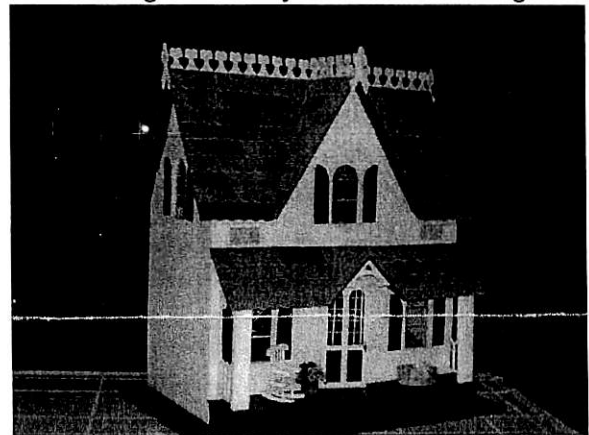
If you have questions about the General Election, please contact Belinda Brent at 621-3377.

CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

Our last Craft Sale is the Fall/Christmas Craft Sale on November 7th & 8th at the First Baptist Church at 2600 Cold Springs Road. We will have 2 tables, one with Fall and Thanksgiving items and the other with Christmas items. This will be a good place to begin your Christmas shopping and help out our Fire Department.

This is a picture of a 4 room, Victorian Doll House with furnishings made by Christa Stressinger.



22" long x 14" wide x 23" high. The scale is 1"=1'

Donations are \$2.00 per ticket and will be sold through the Christmas Party at the Fire Station. The lucky winner will be drawn at the Christmas Party. If you wish to make a donation for a ticket, call Sharon Hern at 626-5268. Proceeds from the donations will go toward the completion of the restaurant at Finnon Lake. Our last Craft Meeting was held on October 24th.

Future Meetings:

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

Next Meeting: January 23, 2004

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: The November meeting has been canceled due to the Thanksgiving Holidays.



GEORGETOWN DIVIDE HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY

The annual Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for December 6 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Georgetown.

We will need the following items for the bake sale: Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Breads, Candy and homemade Jellies. These items will need to be at the Fire House no later than 8:30 am on Saturday December 6th. We will be leaving at 8:30 for Georgetown. I will be happy to pick up your baked goods on Friday, just give me a call

The proceeds from this event are distributed to the 3 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.

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

SPECIAL RECIPE

Evelyn Potter

I made this pie for the first time this week, and we were very pleased with it. It is definitely NOT a pumpkin pie clone. It is more custardy and has an entirely different flavor. It is delicious and well worth trying.

SWEET POTATO CUSTARD PIE

2 small sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into small pieces

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup marshmallow creme

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine, cut into small pieces

1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk

3 eggs

1 t vanilla extract

$\frac{1}{4}$ t almond extract, optional

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 T all-purpose flour

$\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ t ground cinnamon

$\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ t ground nutmeg

1 unbaked pastry shell (9 inches)

Whipped topping (optional)

Cook sweet potatoes until tender. Drain potatoes and place in a large mixing bowl; mash well. Add marshmallow creme and butter; beat until smooth. Add milk, eggs and extracts; mix well. Combine sugars, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg; gradually add to potato mixture, beating until well blended. Pour

into pastry shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until a knife comes out clean. Serve with topping. 8 servings I find that if you lightly oil the measuring cup used for the marshmallow creme, it will leave the cup much easier. ENJOY

YOUR PET QUESTIONS

Pam Steinke, DVM

Q: What is a hyperthyroid, and how did my cat get it?

A: Hyperthyroidism is a common condition in older cats. A nodule develops on the thyroid gland that stimulates excessive thyroid hormone. At first the cat will seem energetic, have a great appetite and appear normal. As the metabolic rate increases the cat can not eat enough to maintain body weight and will start losing weight. It may also drink a lot of water and frequently visit the litter box. The high metabolic rate can increase the blood pressure and damage the heart. If this condition is not treated, the cat becomes very thin and unthrifty with damage to heart and kidneys.

There are three options for treatment. You can have the nodule surgically removed. This may be the most expensive option as the cat may have a nodule on each side or after having removed a nodule another one develops. Recuperation is harder on the cat and during surgery there is a chance of damaging the parathyroid glands (they control the cat's calcium). Another option is to place the cat on medication to partially block hormone production. By adjusting the dose, you can get the cat's hormone level fairly normal. There are few side effects but the cat will need once to twice a day dosing, monitoring of hormone levels and lab work for the rest of its life. The third option is radioactive iodine injection. This treatment selectively destroys the abnormal tissue while sparing the thyroid gland. Few places do this so there is significant cost involved. Most cats are treated medically at first to get them feeling better before surgery or radioactive iodine treatment.

Your veterinarian will be able to discuss with you which option is best for your cat.

If you have any questions concerning your pets you would like answered in this column, send them to Pam Steinke, P.O. Box 1992, Placerville, CA 95667 or e-mail to drpjjs@hotmail.com



SCPOA REPORT

Kim Purcell

Unfortunately the SCPOA meeting this month was canceled shortly after it was started so we were unable to conduct any business, everything will be carried over into the November meeting.

Our Maintenance person, Jonathan Skaggs has been working hard to get potholes filled around the community, if you notice any in need of attention please contact SCPOA (621-0309) and we will get it on the schedule for repair.

When you go by Dyer Lake you will notice that the pavilion and pump house have a forest green color again. The pilots group along with several other volunteers from the community, 21 people in all, had a painting party. Both buildings were cleaned, primed and painted and we only ended up with a few green painters. It was a fun project and thank you to everyone who helped out and brought supplies. The pump house still needs a second coat and a few touch ups on the pavilion will be done at the same time.

The next SCPOA meeting will be on November 8th at 10:00 am at the firehouse, we hope to see everyone there.

BETTER HOME SHOWINGS

Sally Long Johns

Getting your home ready to sell can mean sprucing up your landscaping, putting on a fresh coat of paint, cleaning your carpets and caulking your tub as well as storing some of your treasures elsewhere to create a sense of spaciousness.

Focus on the details - make sure your lights work and that your doors don't stick. Little problems can make another home more attractive to a potential buyer.

Turn on plenty of lights to make your home inviting during daytime and evening showings; open your draperies and blinds during the day - bright and cheery homes sell quicker.

An attractive, well priced home will often receive offers within days of listing - don't be afraid to accept an offer early in the process - it's often the best time to negotiate a winning deal!



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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

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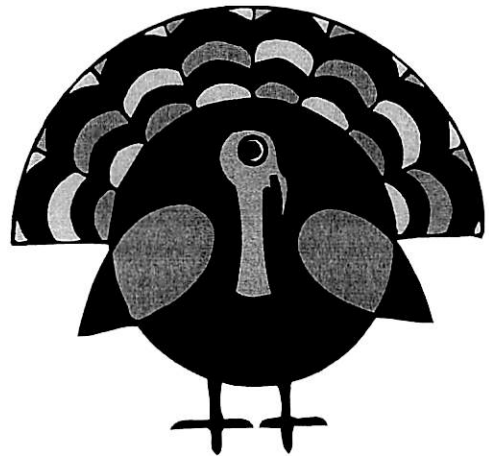
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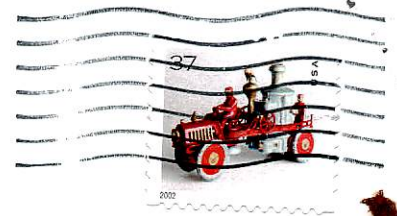
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ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE MOSQUITO FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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