

# MOSQUITO BYTE

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## SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA

Brought to you by the Mosquito Firehouse Crafters  
Easter and Spring Crafts

A One Stop Shopping Day right here in  
Mosquito/Swansboro.

WHERE... Firehouse Country Kitchen - outside  
pavilion

9100 Rock Creek Road at Finnon Lake

WHEN... March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4pm.

All proceeds from the Crafts sold goes to the  
Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department

## IT'S THE LAW!

Chief Leo Chaloux

Even though we are still very much into the winter season now is the perfect time to be thinking about cleaning up around our houses and getting ready for the summer and the as usual threat of a wild land fire.

As you know a great deal of work has been done on the major evacuation routes at the east end of the District. Those roads, Lupin Lane, Log Cabin Lane and Stope Drive are the main routes to take in the event of a large fire. Evacuation signs have been placed on those roads pointing traffic to the Swansboro Runway where people can be safely sheltered for a few hours.

Now that the roads have been done we need to start working on our own properties. It seems that I am always harping on people to cut the brush around their homes and often I am asked why. Not only is it the prudent thing to do when you live in an area that has a high risk for a wild land fire but it is also a state law. I thought I would take this opportunity to publish this law so that all of us know what the State expects. The following comes from the California State Public Resources Code Section 4291.

Any person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains any building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous area of forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, or grass-covered lands, or any land which is covered with flammable material, shall at all times do all of the following:

Maintain around and adjacent to such building or structure a firebreak made by removing and clearing

away, for a distance of not less than 30 feet (this was revised by state law to 100 feet that went into effect on January 1, 2005) on each side thereof or to the property line, whichever is nearer, all flammable vegetation or other combustible growth. This subdivision does not apply to single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery, or similar plants, which are used as ground cover, if they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting, fire from the native growth to any building or structure. Maintain around and adjacent to any such building or structure additional fire protection or firebreak made by removing all brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth which is located from 30 feet to 100 feet from such building or structure or to the property line, whichever is nearer, as may be required by the director if he finds that, because of extra hazardous conditions, a firebreak of only 30 feet around such building or structure is not sufficient to provide reasonable fire safety. Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from such building or structure and less than 18 inches in height above the ground may be maintained where necessary to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion.

Remove that portion of any tree, which extends within 10 feet of the outlet of any chimney or stovepipe. Maintain any tree adjacent to or overhanging any building free of dead or dying wood. Maintain the roof of any structure free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.

Provide and maintain at all times a screen over the outlet of every chimney or stovepipe that is attached to any fireplace, stove, or other device that burns any solid or liquid fuel. The screen shall be constructed of nonflammable material with an opening of not more than one-half inch in size.

Except as provided in Section 18930 of the Health and Safety Code, the director may adopt regulations exempting structures with exteriors constructed entirely of nonflammable materials, or conditioned upon the contents and composition of same, he may vary the requirements respecting the removing or clearing away of flammable vegetation or other combustible growth with respect to the area surrounding said structures.

No such exemption or variance shall apply unless and until the occupant thereof, or if there be no occupant, then the owner thereof, files with the department, in such form as the director shall prescribe, a written consent to the inspection of the

whether the provisions hereof and the regulations adopted hereunder are complied with at all times.

There you go, the nuts and bolts along with the legalize on why we have to clear around our structures. Any violation of 4291 is seen as an infraction by the courts and results in a fine, the law specifies what the fine is and under what conditions. Since this is a State law it is the states responsibility to enforce it and that has been given to the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection. Every year usually in the spring the CDF&FP is supposed to go out and inspect every structure on every parcel in every State Responsibility Area. I have just recently talked to a CDF Prevention Officer who said every attempt is going to be made this year to inspect as many homes as possible not only in the Mosquito area but also on the entire Georgetown Divide.

I consider 4291 to be a good law as it establishes a basis for common sense, that being if you live in this kind of area you should make your house as safe as possible. If you follow the requirements of 4291 then it does not have any impact on you as you are exercising good judgment. If you do not, then 4291 can be considered a pain in the wallet. If you do not adhere to the requirements then you can be found guilty of an infraction and fined, then you still have to clean up your property.

Take the next couple of months, cut some brush, trim some trees and enjoy living in the country. In the meantime it is still winter and the roads can get you, be careful.

## **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL POISED FOR ACTION**

Len Newell

Fuels reduction work on our remaining priority evacuation routes is awaiting word from the U.S. Forest Service about our grant Concept Paper, submitted on Feb. 7 (four days early.) We should know some time in March if our concept has been accepted and we are invited to apply for a grant. This is a new step this year. I feel confident that we have among the soundest of all Concepts that the State Fire Safe Council has gotten, because we had a good head start and excellent results in our planning, and we showed great results (6 miles, 62 acres done last year) from our first grant. However, the appropriation for all of California is only \$2.2 million, and Mosquito is a small place compared to many others. My prediction is that we will be invited to submit a grant proposal, and that it will be funded at less than half of what we need to finish our routes. Half a brush-field managed to prescription is better than none, so we are proceeding to prepare for contract operations. And who knows? We may get most or all of it. One thing we know: we never get

more than we apply for.

Another letter to landowners will be coming out, requesting a renewal of the permission granted last year to work either 50 ft. from the road edge (on Dogwood Lane only,) or 25 ft. on the other, non-through roads. Landowners who did not sign up last year are urged to consider the benefits and sign up when the package arrives. As a professional forester (retired) who invested many years in managing forest fuels on large and small projects, I feel better about our chances of surviving a major fire this year than last. We still have a long way to go. Please stay tuned to the Council's work, and pitch in with some recorded and reported hours of work on your own property, and in concert with neighbors. It is this "matching" of grant funds that helps to make our funding proposals stronger.

One noticeable side-effect of removing the brush was the discovery of so many discarded auto parts, appliances and other trash hidden beneath it. I notice that some conscientious residents have been cleaning up this accumulated trash, and these people are to be commended for it.

Another, probably unrelated development is the discarding of new trash along most of our roads, notably the creek sides of Mosquito Road above Trout Lake, and along Lupin and Stope. I've even had a pile of fast food wrappers etc. left at the base of our mailbox. At the age of five years, I was helping my father clean up trash left by careless campers in the places where we went to fish. I have continued to do this necessary work for some 60 years. As manager of recreation on a large National Forest District for several years I supervised and enforced sanitation, order, and occupancy standards on contractors and visitors. Things have changed, folks. The volume of refuse today is about an order of magnitude (10 times) what it was even 25 years ago. It will take more active volunteers now to keep our community looking like we are proud to live here. We can't let the few true fools spoil it for the rest of us. If we don't clean up, it will make others think "so what? Everyone else does it." Then it will grow worse by the month. There will be no grants for cleaning up such a mess, so let's not let it happen. I have begun to use an hour on Thursday mornings to patrol a stretch of Lupin, from Stope to where Lupin again turns northwest (about 0.4 mile, Segment A4 in the Implementation Plan.) The stuff collected goes in with my trash for pickup, I get some exercise and it feels good to look at a clean neighborhood.

Finally, please take the blue flagging off of your trees if your lot has been treated already. I may be mistaken, but it seems that where there is lots of blue plastic showing there is lots of trash thrown. Plastic somehow attracts refuse? I think so.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the

Mosquito Fire Safe Council would fall on Easter Sunday. The March meeting will instead be held one week earlier, on SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2-4 PM AT THE FIRE STATION. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

## SCPOA REPORT

Kim Purcell

February 12<sup>th</sup> was our annual meeting of the membership which includes the election of new directors. We had a pretty good turnout.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was confirmed, the inspectors of the election introduced and we want to thank Sharon Hern, Dick Rood and Pat Matheny for filling this role. We also want to thank Iris Saxon and Debbie Rood for assisting the inspectors and helping to make the election run smoothly. We had four vacancies on the board this year with five members running, two of which were current board members. There were no further nominations from the floor. Your new board members are John Cory and Jim Irving with Tee Stierwalt and Kim Purcell continuing.

Thanks to Rob Kirkpatrick for setting up a projector and screen and to both Rob and Tee Stierwalt for putting together a three part pie chart presentation of the budget for the next year. This visual presentation made it much easier to understand. The charts made it very clear that our legal and insurance costs are a significant portion of our operating expenses.

The architectural committee approved 30 sets of plans over the last year. One set was denied since it was a mobile home. Two more are pending. This is an increase over last year when around 20 plans were approved.

The budget and long range planning committee worked very hard last year to come up with the budget we have. It is not easy to try to fit in the large cost increases we have had to deal with in legal and insurance. This group will have another very challenging year ahead and anyone who is interested in participating is encouraged to join them.

The Bylaws and DC & R committee had about 10 complaints to deal with. This seems to be about average.

The common areas are looking great thanks to Jonathan. He works very hard to keep things looking so good all year long. He has done a great job with the fencing and we will be placing another order soon since he has already installed what was purchased last year. We will be getting sand for the beaches early in the spring once some of the rain has let up so they will be ready for use once the warm weather arrives. We would like to remind everyone that our common areas belong to all of us. Treat them as if they were your own yard and help to insure that others do the same.

The nominating committee will be looking for members willing to run for the board next year. There will be three vacancies. It is never too early to start thinking about helping out our community by serving on the board. It is a challenging but rewarding experience.

The road committee will need to start holding meetings soon. They will have to look at the work that needs to be done this year and combine it with what was delayed from last year. This is another committee that is very important and anyone interested is strongly encouraged to join. There is a lot of work to do in planning how to best keep our roads in shape.

The runway projects are on hold for now due to weather and a tree problem. Recently a letter was sent out to everyone informing them of the imminent suspension of our airport permit due to trees. Many home owners have put a significant amount of effort and expense into removing trees and brush from the object free area along the side of the runway. All but one homeowner has complied with the requirement to do this. SCPOA has taken legal action against this home owner and will continue to vigorously pursue it in hopes of resolving this situation so that we do not lose this valuable asset to our community.

The SCPOA website is up and running and is being updated. Please take a look at it at [scpoa.net](http://scpoa.net). We will be looking at a new Internet provider since the old company was sold and we will be able to get the same or better service for less cost. Several companies were suggested and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. We will be forming the various committees and looking for volunteers to serve on them so please plan to attend and volunteer

## HAPPENINGS AT FINNON

Neil Matheny

There will be a Finnon Work Party on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 AM. Our primary tasks will be to get the individual campsites cleaned up and groomed for the upcoming camping season. This will include picking up debris around the sites, painting the picnic tables, mowing the weeds, trimming the trees, etc. We appreciate all the help we have received in the past and hope this work party will be just as successful. We have jobs for all effort levels and abilities. The party portion of the day will be a BBQ at 5 PM. MVFD will supply BBQs for anyone who wishes to use them. Bring your own groceries and enjoy an afternoon picnic at the park.

As we continue to develop more campsites at the park, the community can help by donating their surplus materials. At the present time our greatest needs are gravel suitable for roads, culverts, and

clean, solid lumber to build a new shed.

The Firehouse Country Kitchen has just celebrated its first birthday. Ross and Mary Ann are continuing to hone their menu and hours to fit the desires of the community. Beginning May 1 they will be offering a limited lunch menu on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in addition to their normal hours. The recent "Special Dinners" have been highly successful. Mary Ann periodically sends out E-mail announcing weekly specials and the special dinners. If you are interested in early notification of dining opportunities send an E-mail to: Rosmarpwd@macrevolution.com. They will add you to their mail list.

The Fannon representatives on the MVFD Board are Joe Lima at 622-5541 and Neil Matheny at 295-5578.

## CRAFT REPORT

Sharon Hern

Our Crafters have been very busy making Easter and Spring Crafts for our "Spring Extravaganza" on March 19<sup>th</sup> at our very own Firehouse Country Kitchen Pavilion from 9am to 4 pm. Our second Craft Sale is Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Spring Craft Fair at Union Mine High School sponsored by the Union Mine High School Grad Night Committee.

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 Fire Station. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so please help support your fire community.

Meetings:

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

Next Meeting: March 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am

Location: 2211 Swansboro Road

Dates: March 25, April 29, May 27, June 17, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28 and November 18

## GEORGETOWN DIVIDE HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY

Sharon Hern

Many "THANKS" to all who purchased tickets for the Raffle items and baked goodies for the Bake Sale at the Georgetown Christmas Bazaar in December sponsored by the Georgetown Divide Health Care Auxiliary. Chief Leo Chaloux has just received a check for \$1000, our share of the profits from the Christmas Bazaar. This will be used for medical equipment for our Volunteer Fire Department.

## HIGH SPEED SURVEY

It's our understanding that if there is enough interest in our community we can possibly get DSL service in Mosquito/Swansboro. If you have any interest in subscribing to this service, please send an e-mail to catjct@cwnet.com.

## LOIS PEARSON RECEPTION

A reception honoring Lois Pearson will be held at the Mosquito Firehouse on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 PM. As many of you know, Lois has lived her entire life in Mosquito. She attended the Mosquito School where her mother was the teacher and graduated from El Dorado High School. Many of her family still live here.

Lois has contributed greatly to the development of the Mosquito community as we know it today. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department in 1971, which became the Mosquito Fire Protection District in 1978. Lois has continued her work with the Fire Department for many years, often behind the scenes.

We would like to invite all members of the community to join us in honoring and thanking this great lady for her many years of service to the Fire Department and the community.

Refreshments will be served.

## LIFE IN MOSQUITO/SWANSBORO

Iris Saxon

One day I received a frantic call from one of my neighbors saying that one of the dove nests she had in her coup was minus the mother. In the nest were two very young birds and they had been alone for sometime. I went down right away but said I thought we should give the mother every chance to return. When it was apparent that she was not going to return, then I said that I would take the little ones home and raise them. The girls father had given me a general formula with which to feed orphaned birds. It consisted of ground dry cat food, peanut butter and honey all mixed up into a nice goo. I had successfully used it the year before on a little bluejay. Well if they didn't like it, nothing was ever said to me about it. Now I had to make a nice place for them to sleep and I knew that wouldn't be very hard since doves are not known to win prizes for building nests. Besides a box and a soft cloth, all I added was a little stuffed bird and that was just to keep them company. I only had to feed them during the day because as soon as it gets dark birds go to sleep, the only down side of that is when it gets light

again they're awake and very hungry. All in all they have been no problem, why I even took them to work with me. Now they are all grown up and laying eggs of their own. I forgot to tell you the most important part, their names are Francis and Gabriel because they have wings like angels. I don't know if they will ever have babies of their own, but that's alright because I love them just the same. They now live where the donkey lives.

## NEW TABLES NEEDED

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department is looking for any one who would like to donate money for new table for the fire house. Our tables are worn out and need replacing and we would like to purchase new tables. The cost for each table is \$70 plus tax. Please make all checks out to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department and send your checks to Joe Lima, 3814 Stope Drive, Placerville, CA 95667. We will purchase the tables with all monies sent. Please make sure your checks are made out to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department and make a note on the checks that they are for the new tables.

## SECOND ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Jan Okumura

In preparation for the Second Annual garden Tour (probably in early May, I need local residents who are interested in showing off their flower and/or vegetable garden. I also need help in putting this together.

This will be a fund raiser for the further landscaping of the Fire House Restaurant grounds. More information will be available in the next *Byte*. Meanwhile, please call me if you would like to show your garden or help. 626-5321.

## QUICK RECIPE

Evelyn Potter

This *Byte* I am happy to have a one dish meal that is stove-top and quick. Prepare all ingredients first. We really enjoyed this and it was requested that I fix it again, soon. This alone makes it a hit .So here it is. Cook, eat, and enjoy.

### Dutch Kielbasa

- 3 qts water
- 1 cup uncooked egg noodles
- 1 cup shredded cabbage (about ½ inch wide shreds)
- 1 cup frozen chopped broccoli (optional)
- ½ cup chopped carrot
- 1 cup cubed fully cooked Kielbasa OR Polish sausage
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 4 - ½ tsp butter

In a Dutch oven, bring water to a boil. Add the egg noodles, cabbage, broccoli, sausage and carrot. Return to a boil. Cook, uncovered, for 8-10 minutes or until noodles and veggies are tender; drain. put into serving bowl. Stir in the cheese mayonnaise and butter.

You can vary the vegetables to use whatever you have on hand. 2-3 servings

I increased the amounts of noodles, vegetable and sausage by about half and had more than enough for 3. I also decreased the butter (margarine) to 2 tsp.

I hope you will try this and find that you enjoyed it, as did we.

## TIRE AMNESTY DAY!!

Saturday, March 19, 2005

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

El Dorado County Fairgrounds Ball Field

Free Disposal of Used Tires for El Dorado County Residents

Absolutely No Tires with Rims Accepted

No Large Equipment Tires Accepted

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## FIREHOUSE KITCHEN

We are having one dinner only in March due to Easter. On Sunday, March 13, we will be having our St. Patrick's Day dinner. We will not close early because our new hours will be in effect and we will already be closing at 3:00 PM. Dinner will be served between 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

### Menu

A Cheese topped Portobelo Mushroom

Appetizer

Dinner Rolls

Corned Beef & Cabbage (with carrots & potatoes too)

Dessert: A Strawberry and Bailey's Fool

Coffee & hot tea included

Cost is \$12.00 per person. Does NOT include other beverages or tax.

## FIREHOUSE KITCHEN

By popular demand, we are going to be open 7 days a week beginning on March 1, 2005. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays Kathy Hale will be open for lunch serving sandwiches, soup, salads and chili. (we will be doing the shopping!)

Our new hours beginning Tuesday March 1, will be:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 11:00 am to 7:00 PM

Tuesday and Wednesday 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Lunch 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Closed Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005

621-2548

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## ADVERTISING

There is no charge for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte* for our subscribers. Deadline for advertising is the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. Call Sharon at 626.5268 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.

## RENTAL

Puerto Valletta condo available May 29<sup>th</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>, sleeps 4 but perfect for 2. I also have a flex time and size condo with options in Mexico and Hawaii I will not be able to use. They are very nice places, make great vacation destinations and are very reasonable. Give me a call for more information 621-1049.

## MEETINGS

PRESCHOOL AGED KIDS GROUP. Meets every other Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am. For kids aged 2-5 to get together and play and do hands-on activities. Call Jeanine at 621-3875 for more information or email at [kobza@sonicisp.net](mailto:kobza@sonicisp.net)

MONTHLY STAMP, SCRAP AND CHAT- LADIES NIGHT OUT!  
Come and bring what supplies you have or use/ purchase from me. Work on your own projects or I will have several projects

each month for a small fee. Make your own greeting cards or start your personal memory scrapbooks, fast and super easy with simple kits ordered from our Close To My Heart catalog. Light refreshments served. Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday beginning January 19. 6:30pm-9:00pm. Please RSVP to Lori Loree 626-0691 3822 Dogwood Lane, [corner of Maidu and Dogwood]. See you there!!

## MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP

Mosquito/Swansboro area residents and visitors are invited to 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 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP is a Bible teaching 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 295.0503 and visit our Web site at [www.cmna.net/mfom](http://www.cmna.net/mfom)

## WANTED

Clean Fill Dirt 626.1107.

## NEW GROUPS

HORSE BUDDIES: <http://www.horsebuddies.com> If you would like to ride with me, give me a call. 642.8753; Yvonne McGregor

## HELP WANTED:

An experienced tree-trimmer to prune my fruit trees and teach me to trim and care for them. Call Helen Garcia at 626.6493

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DENTISTRY: Dr. Robert Catron, a Mosquito resident, has 13 years of experience in General Dentistry and Orthodontics. Dr. Catron

donates 5% of his earnings from Mosquito residents to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department and has been one of the largest financial contributors to the department. Please mention that you are a Mosquito resident as he has a separate bookkeeping account for this donation program. For a no charge consultation please call and schedule an appointment at 676.7777.

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**EASTER  
EGG  
HUNT**

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FINNON LAKE CAMP GROUND

10:00 AM

Children 12 and under and their parents are invited to come and enjoy the fun. Children will be divided into three age groups to search for hidden plastic eggs. All children will receive a bag of candy. Prizes will be given for finding special eggs. In case of rain or snow, activities will be held at the Fire Station.

Donations of money or candy are appreciated and may be left at the Fire Station before Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions or would like to help, please call Pat Matheny at 295-5578 or Iris Saxon at 642-9335.

**THERE WILL BE A HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY AT THE FIRE STATION ON APRIL 23. MORE ABOUT THAT IN THE APRIL BYTE.**

**FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE DAY  
SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 9 AM - NOON  
3670 BASS LAKE ROAD. EL DORADO HILLS  
FIRE STATION #86.**




Electronic waste includes: computer monitors and TV's, hard drives, keyboards, VCR's, telephones, etc.

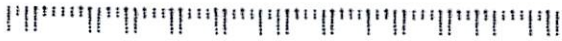
Items that will not be accepted are: Household appliances, microwave ovens, tires, medical waste, explosives, radioactive material, etc.





MARCH 2005  
 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 7:00PM		SUPPORT GROUP MEETING 10:00 AM
6 RECEPTION FOR LOIS PEARSON SEE PAGE 4	7	8	9	10 MVFD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	11	12 SCPOA BOARD MEETING 10:00 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 EASTER EGG HUNT SEE PAGE 8 SPRING CRAFT SALE SEE PAGE 1
				St. Patrick's Day 		
20 FIRE SAFE MEETING 2:00 PM It's SPRING! 	21	22	23	24	25 CRAFT MEETING SEE PAGE 4	26
27 EASTER SUNDAY 	28	29	30	31		



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