MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner by Chief Leo Chaloux

Seems hard to believe that 2005 has come and gone, but it has. From the Fire District's stand point the past year has been a rather quiet one. We have been very fortunate for this has not been much of a structure fire or wild land fire season. Despite all the predictions being made last spring about how bad the summer would be in the county, it turned out to be one of the slowest we have had in a long time.

The only serious wild land fire we had was one that took place on Rock Creek Road. That one was a real strange one. We were dispatched to check out a reported vehicle over the edge somewhere on Rock Creek Road between Rock Creek Bridge and Highway 193. It was kind of a vague dispatch with the reporting party being an airplane that had seen a vehicle off the road somewhere down in the canyon. Seems our dispatcher did not know whether to dispatch Mosquito Fire or Garden Valley Fire to this one so we finally ended up be the ones going down there.

Curtis and I took off in the engine and headed to Highway 193. On the way down we didn't see anything so we turned around at the White Rock Power House and as I drove back toward the station, Curtis stuck his head out of the window looking over the edge. He had just made a comment about how he felt like a Golden Retriever with its head stuck out the window when I noticed this large truck coming just a little too fast around the curve at Windy Point. Windy Point is that "narrow" place on Rock Creek Road that makes a real sharp turn, where the guardrail has been installed. Well anyway, this truck is coming way too fast around the corner and he's dragging this trailer behind that has some kind of a materials handler on it, something like a real big and ugly fork lift. I was sure glad I was going slow otherwise this truck would have been right in the face of a brand new fire engine. This guy saw us and cut the curve real tight dragging his trailer up onto the steep edge of the curve. I thought for a while that he

was going to flip the trailer and I would be dealing with this big ugly forklift running down the road right towards me. Fortunately, that did not happen but you should have seen the dust and dried grass flying all over the place. The truck passed on by with the driver avoiding looking at me as much as possible.

As Curtis and I came to the curve, I saw a small fire at the very edge of the road. Seems the axles on the trailer had hit a rock and sparked off a fire in the thick grass. I was stunned; as long as I have been doing this fire stuff this was the first time I had ever seen the actual start of a fire. I looked at Curtis and told him we had a fire and he kind of gave me this "yeah right" look. But when he saw me go to the radio microphone he knew I was rather serious.

Now, most of the time we are dispatched to a wild land fire with some basic information, like where it is and what it might be doing, etc. As we are responding we can look in the general direction of the address and see some smoke, its size, color and direction. This kind of gives me an opportunity while driving to the address to start developing some kind of a tactical plan and determine how many resources are needed and what other threats the fire may impose. However, in this case seeing the fire start right in front of me kind of threw me off especially when I saw this thing grow from the size of a dinner plate to about 10 feet in diameter before I could even get the engine stopped.

Then, suddenly a second problem faced me. I called dispatch and told them we were at scene of a newly started wild land fire. They asked for the address and there are just not a lot of addresses on Rock Creek Road. You see, our "highly technologically advanced" dispatch center computer has to have an address or a nearest cross street to come up with a dispatch protocol and Rock Creek Road is short on both of those. Finally I told the dispatcher the fire was 1 mile east of White Rock Power House, at Windy Point, at the south end of Shoo Fly Ridge, ¾ of a mile west of Nelson Canyon, where the big red fire engine was. They just could not get it going. While I was dealing

with dispatch trying to get them to start sending fire equipment towards us Curtis was out pulling a hose line to go after the fire.

Issue 3 - This just happened to be one of the days when Mosquito Road was closed because the county was working on the swinging bridge. In no time at all we had cars all over the place, along with a fire going up the canyon edge. Dispatch was still having a hard time trying to figure out where we were, because I just could not give them a stinking address. I ended up telling them to send me a few fire engines west on Rock Creek Road from Highway 193 and sooner or later they would run into us and if that didn't work they could look for the smoke. Back in the ole' days when there were no high tech computers I could call a dispatcher and tell him I was at Windy Point and he would know exactly where to send equipment. Not anymore, if it is not in the computer it just doesn't exist. That fire only did a couple of acres, I got frustrated with dispatch and wanted to choke out a computer and poor Curtis ended doing all the fire fighting by himself. So all in all it was a very slow fire season.

Now, on to next year. If time permits there are a few goals that we intend to set and hopefully we will be able to pull them off. One is the on going work with the fuel reduction program. I will be applying for another grant to keep the project going and with luck all the priority and secondary evacuation roads in the District will be completed. Next is an emphasis placed on homeowners in the District placing proper addressing numbers at the head of their driveways and on their houses. Remember if we cannot give dispatch an address they do not know how to get us there. Another goal is driveway clearances so that we can get our fire engines to your house as quickly and safely as possible. The new state requirement for clearances of 100 feet around all structures goes into affect January 1, 2006. I will publish the law in the February Byte along with additional information.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I pray that as a community we all have a healthy, prosperous and safe new year.

Thank You

I want to say how blessed I and my family are to live in this community for everyone has been very helpful and gracious offering their condolences with the recent passing of my father. To all I say thank you. A special thank you to the members of the Mosquito Fire Protection District Board of Directors, your support will always be remembered and appreciated. Leo Chaloux

Fire Safe Council

by Debbie Rood

The Mosquito Fire Safe Council, as well as the entire community, is greatly saddened by the recent passing of Council President Len Newell. Len was a major contributor and driving force leading a team of volunteers who dedicate their time to making this community a safer place to live. Len's knowledge and wisdom was surpassed only by his passion for the forest and his desire to help protect the lives of each and everyone of us in Mosquito from wildfires. Len knew the facts of the forest and the risks of living there. "Forest fires burn forests - that's guaranteed and it's not a matter of if but when" Len would say. Len dedicated his time, heart and soul to this fact and devoted himself to the community's safety.

Thanks to Len and the Fire Safe Council, our community is the most advanced example of wildfire preparedness in the County. Len was a wonderful man who has left this world but he has left it a much better place. Thank you Len, you will greatly missed.

My name is Debbie Rood and I have been named the new President of the Mosquito Fire Safe Council. Filling Len's shoes will not be possible but he has inspired me and I will try to continue the job he started; a job that never ends.

The only way to be successful at wildfire mitigation is for everyone to do their part. This means keeping adequate clearance around your home, remove driveway obstructions, maintaining the areas that have been thinned along our roads just to name a few. Trees and brush are removed but new growth takes their place and I know the rapid change in seasons is not helping. But we can all make a greater effort to seize the opportunities that come. One bush at a time adds up just like money! If you are unwilling to do it for yourself or your neighbors, do it for Len. After all, he did it for you.

Our next Fire Safe Council meeting is Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 2:00 PM at the fire station. Let's all get involved! Hope to see you there.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell

By now most of you should have received your annual packet and discovered the good news, the board voted not to increase the dues this year. This was actually voted on at the rescheduled November meeting, thanks to all who attended that meeting to give their input. We had several suggestions from no increase to another 20% increase which had all proceeds from the increase going to our roads but in the end it was decided to wait for a comprehensive review of the road paving plan to have a better idea of how much will be needed. As far as this year goes the only area we will probably overrun our budget in, is the legal expenses. We are currently at what was budgeted but still have two more months to go.

Our secretary Lynda has done another great job in collecting dues, having only one that has been sent to collections at this time. There was a discussion about changing collection companies. A proposed contract from the new company was provided for review and a decision will be made at the January meeting.

The Architectural committee has been busy, after a brief slow down, 6 more plans were approved last month and 4 more are pending.

A request was made to put up a new fence at Catfish lake to help delineate the common area from private property. With all of the new building going on, it would help both the neighbors who live along the lake as well as visitors. A decision was made to have Johnathan place logs along the property line rather then a fence.

The road committee has been very busy surveying and measuring the roads throughout the community. They are working on a paving plan for next year and starting to develop a comprehensive long term plan. Roads are the greatest expense we have and anyone who would like to participate in the process should attend one of the monthly meetings held at the fire station on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM.

The annual packet has a few differences this year and that is due to some changes made by the state legislature. Previously, everyone could send in a proxy, now you have a ballot. The ballot must be

placed in an envelope which is to be signed then placed in a second envelope. Please be sure to follow the directions and don't forget to sign the inner envelope.

Our Fire Chief Leo Chaloux gave an update on the Fire Safe Council's brush clearing plan. It is still on hold, we hope that the areas of concern will get resolved soon so the clearing can be done prior to our next fire season.

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season, please plan to attend our next meeting on January 14th, 2006 at 9:00 AM at the fire station.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department by Debbie Minor

Last month the MVFD held its annual election for Board Members and Officers. This year we had six openings for the board, five of which have been filled. There were 20 people who attended this meeting. Thank you all for coming.

A warm welcome and congratulations to our newest members to the board: Jessica Dillender, Leslie Baumgartner and Ron Stone who are representing the Community at Large. Curtis Schleth and Chris Johns were reelected to the board and we are very glad to have that support from our firefighters.

I would also like to thank the past board members. We appreciate the time you have given to the board and fire department. Thank you to Iris Saxon, Joe Lima, Neil Matheny and Belinda Brent.

After the General Elections were held, the new board went into closed session and voted for officers. The new officers for the board are as follows: Debbie Minor President, Ron Stone Vice President, Jessica Dillender Secretary and Sharon Hern will remain Treasurer. We still have one position available, which can at present only be filled by a Support Group Member or a Firefighter. Our by-laws state that there can only be three of any one faction on the board. We currently have three Community members, two Firefighters and one Support Group member. If anyone in either of those groups would like to join the board please let us know or come to one of our monthly meetings that are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the firehouse.

OOPS!!!

Correction – The correct phone number for Mosquito Auto is: (530) 642.2867

Many Thanks!

By Iris Saxon

Now that the MVFD has newly elected board members, we can not forget to thank the ones that just left and reflect on all the hard work and time that they so willingly gave. However, they were just some of the many. Thanks must also be given to everyone else who actively participated throughout the year. This community may have started as a tiny acorn, but it's rapidly growing into a mighty oak.

YOUTHS WANTED

by Debbie Rood

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders..... Mountain Fellowship, a Bible based church, will be starting a Friday night Youth Group here on the hill. Boys and girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades will meet from 7-9 PM for fun and fellowship. Activities will begin in mid to late January. Anyone interested joining or who might want additional information should call me, Debbie Rood, at 642.0695.

Memorial for Len Newell

by Lynda Lima

Len Newell past away this month, he will be greatly missed by our community and the Fire Safe Council. Len is best known for the driving force of the Mosquito Fire Safe Council and was able to secure two fuel reduction grants for our evacuation routes. Thanks to him our community is well on it way to becoming fire safe. With that said, Len's wife Norma would like to invite the community to a memorial for Len at the Firehouse on Saturday January 14, 2006 at 11:00am. It would be great for all who benefitted from Len's hard work to come and remember him. For more information please call Norma 530-344-1592

In Memory of Len Newwll

DANIEL EARNS HIS WINGS

by Jo thomas

Daniel Adams, the 20 year old son of local residents Fred and Diana Adams and grandson of longtime residents Buck and Betty Adams, earned his flying wings last month. After graduating high school at DayStar Academy near Moab, Utah, a school which incorporates horseback riding, snowboarding, rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing and many other physical activities into the curriculum, Daniel came home to Mosquito this past summer in order that he could earn money for flying lessons. These lessons took place in northern Maine where Daniel was able to work at the airport, earning money for airplane rental and fuel as well as his food and lodging. Work on his pilot license was interrupted when hurricane Katrina struck and Daniel spent three weeks doing relief work in Mississippi. After winter set in, flying opportunities were few and far between, but Daniel persevered completing the required flying hours, taking and passing his written test and flight exam and earning his Private Pilot license. Daniel's ultimate goal is to become a mission pilot, possibly in South America. For now, this young man has plans in the immediate future to head to Venezuela to gain more insights into mission aviation before returning to the U.S. to continue his flight training. The community congratulates you on your accomplishments, Daniel, and wishes you continued success.

(The Adams have a lot of family and local history on their website at www.AdamsAmigos.net)

Firehouse Country Kitchen Mug for Sale by Joe Lima

Coffee mugs with the Firehouse Country Kitchen Logo on them are for sale at the restaurant. The mugs are \$6.95 plus tax and you will receive a free cup of coffee with each mug you purchase. The proceeds from the sale of these mugs will go for equipment needed for the restaurant. Thank you for your support.

Thank You by Lynda Lima

Some times we forget to thank those people who help behind the scenes of our busy life. I feel that Ross and Mary Ann (aka; Firehouse Country Kitchen) are these people. Many of us do not know all the things they do for our community. When Leo's dad past away, they were right there to bring food and kind words, when Len past away, they were there again with food and kind words for the family.

As we go about our busy lives, we forget to stop and help others, not Ross and Mary Ann. If someone comes into their restaurant and they notice that something is wrong they will lend a shoulder or whatever they can to help. It is people like them that make our community what it is.

The restaurant is not just a business to them; it is an important part of the community. If you have not had a chance to come by and taste the food then you are missing something special. Not only do you get your belly full, but your heart as well.

Thank you Ross and Mary Ann for being such good friends, we are glad you are part of our community.

Recipe(s) of the Month

by Evelyn Potter

Here are two very quick and very good short recipes. The Strawberry Applesauce is a great sweet side dish, and the 3-Minute Apple Cobbler is a very simple and quick dessert for lunch or dinner.

Strawberry Applesauce

Stir 1 small box of Jello, Strawberry or Strawberry-Banana flavor into 2 cups applesauce. Makes 4 - 1/2 cup servings

3-Minute Apple Cobbler

Put 6 vanilla wafers in bottom of a dessert cup.
Add 1/4 cup of applesauce on top of the wafers
Microwave on HIGH 15 seconds. Top with 1 Tbs
thawed Cool Whip (or other whipped topping).
Sprinkle with cinnamon.

1 serving

It Was A GREAT Christmas Party!!!!

Many thanks go to all who helped by: planning the party, setting up, decorating, planning the children's crafts, donating turkeys, cooking turkeys, bringing all the delicious food, cleaning up and most especially Santa who took time off from his busy schedule to stop by.

January 2006 Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

The Crafters final sale in December and the drawing for the "Levi Quilt" on December 17th made an additional \$ 200.50 for our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department. The final accounting and the distribution of the monies will be announced in January.

We have had a very good year and again a huge "Thank You" all of our community members who have made crafts, sold crafts and especially those who purchased crafts and tickets for the "Levi Quilt". All of our proceeds go to the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so again, thank you for helping to support our community.

A very special "Thank You" to Sandi Miller who once again donated the "Levi Quilt" for our drawing. The lucky winner of the quilt this year is Lynda Lima.

Meetings:

Our meetings are generally the 4th Friday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at Darlene Rood's home, 2211 Swansboro Road.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2006

Future meetings: February 24, March 24, April 21, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27 and November 17(dates tentative)

Phone Books

Current Mosquito Phone Books are on sale at the fire station for \$3.00. If you are interested in having your name and phone number in the Phone Book, any corrections that need to made or if you want only your address with no phone number or your phone number with no address, please send the following:

Name, Address and Phone Number to: MVFD at 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville, CA 95667-9040

We will have a monthly Phone Book Update in the Byte.

Correction— on page 20

Williams, Ken & Peggy should be <u>Vogele</u>, Ken & Peggy

Helpful Hints

Bounce - what you can do with it!

- 1. To dissolve soap scum from shower doors, clean with a sheet of Bounce.
- 2. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan, put a sheet of Bounce in pan, fill with water and let sit overnight, then sponge clean.
- 3. Collect cat hair, rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all loose hairs.

Christmas Lights

Hope everyone had an opportunity to drive through the community and view the wonderful light displays during the holidays. They were spectacular and another example of the sense of community developing here on the hill. Thank you!.

News from the Firehouse Country Kitchen

Ross & Mary Ann Aguilar rosmarpwd@macrevolution.com (530) 621.2548

Unfortunately, Frank will no longer be available for Frank's Fridays at the Firehouse Country Kitchen. We will miss Frank but...congratulations are in order for a well deserved promotion at Carrows. We will all miss his dinners but remember you can still enjoy Frank and Heidi's cooking through their catering. Contact Spice of Life Catering at 344-8015.

Frank's departure also means a change in our hours. We will return to closing at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings.

We will also be starting our monthly dinners again in February. Look for the menus.

New Years Day Brunch:

Champagne Brunch will be served New Years Day from 9:00 to 2:00. The cost is \$10.50 per person. However please note that in order to make preparations for our brunch on January 1st, we will be closing at 3:00 PM on Friday, December 30th.

The Brunch Menu will include:

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Chili Rellano Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy, Ham & Potato Casserole, Homemade Blintz, Scotch Eggs, Bagels & Cream Cheese, Black Eyed Pea Soup, Sandwich Platter, Assorted Muffins and Fruit Cobbler, Champagne, Mimosas, Orange Juice, Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

Firehouse Country Kitchen Hours:

Closed Tuesday

Monday & Wednesday: 11:00 to 3:00

Thursday & Friday 11:00 to 7:00

Saturday & Sunday:

Breakfast: 8:00 to 12:00 Lunch: 12:00 to 3:00

NOTE: We have also decided to close at 3:00 PM on Mondays (for the winter months only).

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MEETINGS

4-H CLUB: 4-H Mosquito Bites are here on the hill. We have cooking, fly-fishing, pottery, sewing and maybe Guinea Pigs. If you would like to lead a project or join one of these, call Teresa at 295.9203

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welcome and encouraged. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C, 2850 Fairlane Ct., Placerville. For further information contact Valorie Perkins Rice at (530) 672.2375 or rice@d-web.com or web.com or web.com/ega/ or web.com/ega/web.com/ega/web.com/ega/<a href="m

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

WANTED

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OCCASIONAL HOUSESITTER to feed animals and watch house while on short vacations. Contact Sandi or Jerry at 626.6248

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ACCORDING to Taffy Warner, Senior Day Care in Placerville needs volunteers to help with activities such as adaptive sports, art classes, bingo, etc. Volunteering is a unique opportunity to give of yourself while helping others. Serving lunch or being a companion to a senior can be very rewarding so go ahead and give it a try! Call Jackie Ravera at 621.6179 or 632.6180

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FOR RENT

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CONDO: 1bd condo available in Puerta Vallarta at Villa Del Palmar for the week of June 3-10 in 2006. Sleeps up to four, has equipped kitchen, upper and lower balcony, 3 pools, 2 Jacuzzi's and is at the beach. 621.1049

HOUSE: Vacation on the Caribbean Coast. Sleeps up to 6, on the ocean. \$450 per week. 626.0307 for full info. Email: Costaricaparadise@earthlink.net

HOUSE: Out of town guests? Reasonably priced local accommodation in Mosquito. 2.5 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 Jacuzzi. For more info please visit www.naberlaw.com/cabin/cabin.htm, contact (510) 717.1420 or ayako@naberlaw.com

FOR SALE

1990 HONDA ACCORD- Automatic, great shape, needs alternator, otherwise runs great. As is \$1500. Call Stacy 391.9908 or 626.5904 (1)

1994 MUSTANG convertible: black w/brown leather, excellent condition, low miles \$5900. Gordon 622.8761 (1)

DELL COMPUTER: Pentium 4 at 2.8 GHZ, 512 MB RAM, 80 GB hard drive, CD/DVD +/- RW drive, 17" flat panel display, optical mouse, speakers & mike, XP Home, MS Word 2003, Dell 720 Photo Printer, 2 years in-home service warranty remaining & more. Like new, cost \$1,010; used just a few weeks, will sell for only \$500. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441 (1)

SOFABED/matching oversized chair, neutral color, paid \$1,450 last year, sell for \$400. Older sofa/loveseat/coffee table \$80, sofa table, white-washed s.w. style \$15, computer desk w/shelves \$50, office chair, black fabric \$50, older white wicker furniture, 4 pc. \$50, dining table (glass top, bamboo pedestal), 6 chairs (bamboo & fabric) \$200, oak table (35" round), 4 ladderback chairs \$250, ladies left-hand golf clubs w/cart \$30, two country barstools \$20 both. Call 621.2778 (1)

FLAT BED CAR/UTILITY TRAILER: Single axle w/springs \$50. 626.0307 (1)

HOME: 3283 E. Highgrade Ct., 15 years old, 2 bed/1 bath, 2.5 acres, central air/heat. Call California Country Properties, Scott Behrens, listing agent. Cell 409.8997 Off. 626.0307 (1)

HORSES: (2) 12 yr. old Arab mare \$800, 15 yr. old Arab gelding \$2500. 626.0307 (1)

SCENTED PINE CONE FIRE STARTER BASKETS: Makes a great gift. Baskets made to order and will deliver. Call Kelly at Kelly Knoll Farm 295-9165 (12)

PUPPIES: Border Collie puppies, B/W \$150 and one R/W girl \$225. Available November 15th. Call 622.7622 (12) SHOWER: Single, fiberglass. Never used. \$25 MOWERS: (2) gas. One practically new, \$25 ea. 622.9540 (12)

1951 FORD TRUCK F-1: Flathead 6, good engine, extra parts. Great restore project. \$2,000. Call (925)370.1375(12)

SPINNING AND WEAVING SUPPLIES: Please call Dee for more information. Home 626.1196 or Work 621.6231 (12)

CHIMNEY SECTIONS: (1) Majestic Vermont Castings 4 Foot Chimney Section and (1) Majestic Vermont Castings 30 degree offset and return elbow. \$100.00 for both. Call 642.0779 or (916) 502.0078 (12)

FIREWOOD: Mixed \$65 a cord, seasoned Oak \$250 a cord, Cedar \$200 a cord. Easy access, you pick up. Small animal cages \$2 to \$7, values to \$20. Call Eileen at 622.9492 (12)

PROPERTIES: Costa Rica properties for sale. "Own a piece of paradise", ocean front properties available. Email Scott at: Costaricaparadise@earthlink.net (11)

HORSE: Arab gelding, very well trained mountain trail horse, loves people, great for kids or beginners. 15 hands high, guaranteed sound, will pass any vet check 100%. \$2000. Call 626.0307 (11)

FISH TANKS: 20 gal., 25 gal. and 10 gal. Also a double tier stand for fish tanks, all nice. Best offer. Call 626.8295 (11)



JANUARY 2006 All Meetings are at the Mosquito Fire Station unless otherwise noted. WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY** SUNDAY **TUESDAY** SATURDAY MONDAY 1 SUPPORT **MVFD BOARD GROUP MEETING** 7:00 PM 10:00 AM 11 13 10 12 8 SCPOA BOARD MFPD BOARD **MEETING MEETING** 9:00 AM 7:00 PM Len Newell MEMORIAL 11:00 20 17 18 19 21 15 SCPOA ROAD **MEETING** 9:00 AM 25 28 26 24 FIRE SAFE COUNCIL **CRAFT MEETING** 2:00 PM 9:00 AM See Pg 5 29 30 31

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