

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

My article in the Byte a couple of months ago announced that I would have some additional information regarding the new State Law requiring 100 feet of clearance around all structures. This new requirement went into effect on January 1st of this year. Its purpose is to provide a defensible space around a building or structure. In our District, the inspecting and enforcement agency for this requirement is the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection. So do not be surprised if you see CDF&FP personnel during the spring inspecting Mosquito/Swansboro properties for compliance.

From a fire fighting and structure defense stand point this new 100 feet of clearance makes a great deal of sense. The old 30 feet of clearance was put into effect about 50 years ago, not to protect structures from an advancing wild land fire but to protect the wild land from a structure fire. However, with the large numbers of people moving into the wild land areas, what we now call the urban interface, the tactics and emphasis on wild land fire fighting has changed.

Back in the old days a wild land fire called for an aggressive attack made on the fire front and continuing until control and suppression were achieved. Today, we are almost immediately put into the position of using our resources to defend structures from the wild land fire and thereby limiting our suppression activity on the fire. Thus, the wild land fire continues to grow larger threatening more structures, requiring more resources for defense and so on. With the large number of structures lost to wild land fires in the past several years, the State realized that the 30 feet of clearance was simply not enough to adequately and safely protect a house.

Please understand that this new regulation does not mean you have to clear-cut everything around your house for 100 feet. The majority of us live up here because of the trees and what they offer to us.

However, there are many things that can be done to minimize the impact that a wild land fire might have on your land and the threat to your house. If you have any questions, or would desire to have an "informal" inspection of your house to see how you are doing meeting this new requirement please contact me or Devery at the fire station (626.9017) and we will be glad to come out. Following is the defensible space criteria set forth in the Public Resources Code.

14 CCR, Division 1.5, Chapter 7 Fire Protection, Subchapter 3.

Defensible Space Regulations, Section 1299.

The intent of this regulation is to provide guidance for implementing the defensible space criteria of Public Resources Code 4291 (a) and (b) and minimize the spread of fire within a 100 foot zone around a building or structure.

(a) A person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous area, forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or any land that is covered with flammable material, and is within State Responsibility Area, shall do the following:

- (1.) Within 30 feet from each building or structure maintain a firebreak by removing and clearing away all flammable vegetation and other combustible growth pursuant to PRC section 4291 (a).
- (2.) Within the 30 feet to 100 feet zone (Reduced Fuel Zone) from each building or structure (or to the property line, whichever is nearer to the structure), provide a fuel break by disrupting the vertical and/or horizontal continuity of flammable and combustible vegetation with the goal of reducing fire intensity, inhibiting fire in the crowns of trees, reducing the rate of fire spread, and providing a safer environment for

firefighters to suppress wildfire.

- (b) Any vegetative fuels identified as a fire hazard by the fire inspecting official of the authority having jurisdiction, shall be removed or modified provided it is required by subsection (a) (1) & (a) (2).
- (c) Within the intent of the regulations, the fire inspection official of the authority having jurisdiction may approve alternative practices which provide for the same practical effects as the stated guidelines.
- (d) Guidance for implementation of this regulation shall be consistent with procedures contained in the publication: "General Guidelines to Implement Performance Based Defensible Space Regulations under PRC 4291" as adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4102, 4291, 4125-4128.5, Public Resource Code. Reference: 4291, Public Resource Code.

Mosquito Road Closure Update

Kris Payne, Supervising Civil Engineer from El Dorado County Department of Transportation provided the following information for the Byte on January 19th.

Aerial photos of the site were completed on January 17th. Drilling and soil sampling was finished on January 17th. Soil samples were sent to the Lab for analysis on January 18th.

Exploration of soil competency for foundation repair has begun. Soil profiling, which helps to determine the sub structure of soil began on January 19th. That information will be used to determine the type of repair that is needed. Engineering solutions are just beginning.

Mr. Payne also reported that DOT Maintenance has completed the placement of the guide markers on Rock Creek Road and placed sand bags in the slide area on Mosquito Road to divert water away from the damaged areas during future rains.

Remember PLEASE STAY AWAY from this area. For further information refer to www.co.el-dorado.ca.us and click on DOT or call 530.621.5900

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department by Debbie Minor

Board News.....

To start, I would like you all to give a big thanks to Pat Matheny and Kelly Hern who are taking over the Phone Tree for us. Their first task will be to revise the phone tree procedures which will allow for a smoother process for the volunteers who make the calls. This is a big service for this community, as we use the Phone Tree for many things such as letting everyone know about upcoming events and helping to notify everyone if there were an emergency to arise.

MVFD now has a full board of 7 members. Bob Davis, one of our Fire Fighters has joined the MVFD board. Thanks to Bob for giving us his time.

Now you will all probably get tired of hearing this: The MVFD Board has been working hard for many years to get Finnon Lake Dam repaired and the lake back to its typical size and beauty. We are working with the various State Agencies and have been told that all permits needed to be able to start work on the Finnon Dam project will be completed by April 2006. In anticipation of this happening we are trying to raise funds. Some items will be major undertakings such as rental of equipment that the Job Corp does not have access to and others as small as cans of pink spray paint to mark areas to be worked on. We are in the process of preparing a letter that will have the items needed. This letter will be sent out to all residents in hopes of obtaining donations of either the monetary kind or items from the list.

Look for the article about are upcoming Soup Night. This is a new event and we hope it will warm everyone up.

Mosquito Fire Safe Council by Debbie Rood

I am happy to report that fuel reduction work has began January 4th on Dogwood Lane. Hurray! With the closing of Mosquito Road, I can only hope that this problem will cause everyone to realize just how vulnerable we are to acts of nature. Water damage is one thing, fire is another. As I watch the news and listen to all the people angry at the county and the government because they are not helping them fast enough, I can't help but think ahead to our position

here where fire is concerned. We have been fortunate enough to have already received advance help from the government in the form of fuel reduction Grants. These Grants that we have received to help us prepare for a fire disaster are a luxury far to few receive. To prepare for the wildfire that will come sometime we as a community are doing everything we can to protect the lives of everyone up here. The fact remains, each and everyone of us is responsible for our own safety, which in turn assures the safety of our neighbors. So, when it comes to individual land owners maintaining the evacuation routes M.F.S.C. has started, we all have two choices. One is to do something. The other is to do nothing. Either way, in the end the only ones left to blame will be ourselves. These are choices we will have to live with and peoples lives are at stake.

If I choose to do nothing and lives are lost as a result of being trapped along the evacuation route due to the overgrown brush on my property, could I live with it? No. Could you? Be smart - Do your part! Before fire season starts.

Next Fire Safe Council Meeting:
February 26, 2006 at 2:00 PM
Mosquito Fire Station

Mosquito Byte Help Needed

Were you aware that since its inception, the Byte has been compiled and published by a two-person volunteer crew. Yes, the "two person crew" has changed over the years but the fact remains that it is still being done by a couple of volunteers. And, it's getting to be more than a "two-person" job! So have you got some spare time and want to be a part of this great publication. I'm looking for two to three more volunteers to help with both the preparation phase and the printing/ mailing phase of the Byte. If you are interested, please call Sharon Hern at 626.5268 for further information.

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell

The brush clearing along Dogwood has started thanks to the Fire Safe Council's work. Johnathan, our maintenance person is taking advantage of their efforts to help improve drainage and do some road repair. The section of Dogwood Lane between

Mosquito Road and Stope Drive will be closed periodically for safety while the work is being done.

The issue of which fencing SCPOA is obligated to maintain was brought up at the January meeting. This particular issue has been addressed by a prior board, however it was felt that further information was needed before a decision could be made.

Our treasurer gave account updates. A question was raised as to why SCPOA uses Wells Fargo Bank for our checking account when they charge us so many fees. This will be looked into with the new fiscal year for possible changes.

Once again with the start of the new Board terms, the budget and long range planning meetings will begin. Anyone who is interested in working on these committees are encouraged to let our secretary know so you can be included.

The architectural committee had a slower month. Three plans are pending and a letter will be going out to a property owner who received a permit but hasn't submitted plans for review.

The road committee is still in the information gathering process that is needed in order to put together bid packages. We hope to finish this process as soon as possible and get the bid package out so that the road work can be scheduled in a timely manner. The road committee is also working on putting together a 5 -10 year plan. The road committee has regular meetings the third Saturday of each month at the fire station at 9:00 AM. The committee would like to have as much community input as possible so please plan to attend.

The web site committee is still working on an update for the site. Since we are all concerned about the Mosquito Road closure a direct link to the county DOT site, which has the latest information on it, will be added to the SCPOA site. Log onto SCPOA.net to get the latest information.

As we all know Mosquito Road will be closed for an unknown amount of time while repairs are planned and executed. This puts all of us on Rock Creek Road which is constantly busy in both directions. Please give yourself extra travel time so you can proceed slowly. There is room for two vehicles on the road if everyone stays on their side and

maintains a safe speed. Lets all have some patience and keep it safe.

Our next meeting will be the annual meeting at which time we will be voting for new board members. It will be held on Saturday February 11th at 10:00 AM at the fire station. This is a very important meeting, please plan to attend and vote for the new board members. This is your opportunity to express any ideas or concerns you may have.

February 2006 Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

2005 was another banner year for the Crafters. We made nearly \$1485 from our sales and raffles. And, after the hose tester was purchased for the Fire Department with the profits from 2004 we had \$168 remaining. So the total in the Crafters account at the end of 2005 is \$1652.78. We will be discussing with Leo potential uses for the 2005 profits. Good going Crafters!!! Thank you for all of your help in making the crafts and selling the crafts.

Watch for this years "Levi Quilt" at future events held here in the Mosquito/Swansboro area, you could be this years winner. All of our proceeds go to our Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department, so again, thank you for helping to support our community.

Next Meeting: **February 24, 2006**

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

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am
 Location: 2211 Swansboro Road
 Dates for 2006: March 24, April 21, May 26,
 June 23, July 28, August 25,
 September 22, October 27 and
 November 17(dates tentative)

Phone Book Correction:

Add to Page 17
 Richard & Peggy Paradise, 3280 Cableview Ct.
 916.743.4176

If you wish to be listed in the phone book, please send your name, address and phone number to:
 M.V.F.D., 9009 Orval Beckett Court, Placerville
 95667-9040

Thank You

from Critter Don

A big time THANK to M.V.F.D. for the Happy Ho Ho Groceries and Turkey. And ditto THANK to all my great friends and neighbors for their caring and support as I trudged through my 4 ½ year legal fiasco that is now over.

PHONE TREE NEWS/UPDATE

by Pat Matheny & Kelly Hern

We'd like to give a big, hearty THANK YOU to Iris Saxon, the outgoing chairperson of the Phone Tree. Iris has kept your phones ringing for the past several years whenever there was news the MVFD wanted to pass on to you. She recruited callers, kept phone lists updated and otherwise kept the information flowing between the MVFD Board and the community. A Thank You also, to the current phone callers: Cindy Archuleta, Norma Duncan, Kelly Hern, Sharon Hern, Tilly Holtrop, Lynda Lima, Pat Matheny, Debbie Rood, Stacey Stefan, and Marita Webb.

THE PHONE TREE: Taking over as co-chairs are Kelly Hern and Pat (Mouillesseaux) Matheny. Many people in Mosquito are familiar with the phone tree, but newcomers may not be. So, we'd like to give you information about our local "phone tree". The MVFD Phone Tree is a communication vehicle between the MVFD Board and all of us here on "The Hill". It is used to notify or remind the community about local activities such as the recent Public Meeting regarding Mosquito Road or social events. It is also used in emergency situations when information needs to be transmitted to the community quickly.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT: As we begin the new year, we are in the process of reviewing and updating our records and procedures. To do this, we need your input. We use the Mosquito Phone Book as the basis for our call lists. We are also developing an email notification process for those who would prefer to receive e-mails rather than phone calls. Unless we are notified otherwise, the Phone Tree will include all who are listed in the Mosquito Phone Book. In case of an emergency, everyone will be called. Please use the form on the last page of this issue to let us know:

- (1) You are not listed in the phone book and want to be included.
- (2) You DO NOT want to be called for

community activities.

(3) You would prefer to be informed of community activities by e-mail.

HELP NEEDED: One final request, with some phone callers resigning and more people coming into the area, we are in need of additional callers. If you are interested in becoming a caller, contact either Kelly or Pat. We look forward to talking with you.

Kelly Hern: Phone: 295-9165
Pat Matheny Phone: 295-5578
or email: pmseaux@hnet.us

SOUP SOUP SOUP

by Ron Stone

Christmas is over and a new year has begun. It is time to put our priorities in order. As many know, one of my favorite priorities is our community events and what better event could there be on a cold, wet winter day than a steaming bowl of delicious soup.

With soup in mind, the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department Board has decided to go all out and sponsor their first ever "Soup Buffet". There will be more than a dozen different soups from "Fernando's Famous Manudo" to "Ron's Alfredo Potato Soup". There will be "Chile", "Wild Game Stew" and many others to try. And, what better to go with a bowl of soup than bread and salad. There will be many wonderful volunteers providing a variety of breads and salads. Of course no dinner would be complete without desert and we will have plenty of that to enjoy too.

So, please mark your calendars and attend our "Soup Buffet" on March 4, 2006 at the Fire Station from 5:00 PM until you are full! The cost for this event will be by donation so bring a hearty appetite and a generous heart.

We thank all of you for your support and look forward to seeing everyone on March 4th. If anyone would like to help with any aspect of this event, please call me at 622-1585.

Helpful Hints

Bounce - more uses for these little sheets!

1. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.

2. Freshen the air in your home. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

3. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.

4. Freshen the air in your car. Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

Recipe of the Month

by Evelyn Potter

Here are two little things for the kids to do. They are good and easy and I think they will get a kick out of them.

STUFFED GRAHAM TEDDYS

Spread 1-1/2 teaspoons peanut butter onto 6 "Teddy Graham" Chocolate Graham Snacks. Top each with a second Chocolate Graham Snack to make a sandwich.

OR

Spread 1-1/2 teaspoons cream cheese onto 6 "Teddy Graham" Graham Snacks. Top each with a second one to make a sandwich.

Makes 1 serving each (six sandwiches)
Make, eat and enjoy, Kids

Starthistle Workshop Update

by Taffy Warner

U.C. Cooperative Extension has announced their February 24, 2006 (Friday) workshop for "yellow star thistle control" as well as the control of other invasive weeds. Program runs from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Planning Commission Room of Bldg. C at the El Dorado County Administrative Offices on Fairlane Drive in Placerville. You can pick up a flyers which also have an attached Registration Form at the Mosquito Fire Station. The flyer details the topics which will be covered including the identification of a variety of invasive weeds as well as different methods of controlling them. There is a nominal fee (\$5.00) which covers the cost of the handouts and refreshments. These seminars are really practical and specific to the weeds in our area. You may also call Nancy Starr (621-5552) or Wendy West (621-5533) for additional information.

ADVERTISING POLICY

There is no charge to our subscribers for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte*. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Jo at 642.9783 or e-mail catjct@cwnet.com. Ads in the "Free", "For Sale" and "Wanted" category will run for **three months** unless you call to say the item is no longer available, or that you want the ad extended an additional 3 months.

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

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

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD: Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, Inc, exists to foster the highest standards of excellence in the needle arts. Programs offered will cover a wide range of stitching techniques from cross stitch, needlepoint, surface embellishment, blackwork, whitework, stump work, etc. to needlework history and tools. Stitchers of all levels are 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 www.sunshinereflections.com/ega/

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

CANVAS TARP - Heavy duty 12' by 20' or larger to cover car canopy frame. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441 (1)

OCCASIONAL HOUSESITTER to feed animals and watch house while on short vacations. Contact Sandi or Jerry at 626.6248 (1)

ROCKS for drain, carry size, will pickup. **SOMEONE** interested in joining me for mountain/road bicycle riding and/or car pooling for skiing. Treasa 622.1941 (1)

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 (1)

FREE

UPRIGHT PIANO, early 1900's. Complete, needs tuning and some repair. A real antique. Call 344.8402 (12)

POT BELLY PIGS - Been holding 3 of them for a "Rescue Center" for over 2 years. Rescue Center has moved and won't come get them. Come and get them and they're yours. Phone 344.8402 (12)

SERVICES

RETIRED ELECTRICIAN looking for electrical jobs on the hill. Please call John at 344.1912

COLLEGE STUDENT available for odd jobs and manual labor. Hard worker, great attitude. Prefer Swansboro area work. Please call James at 622.4424.

BABYSITTING in my home. Child care is available in my home with me and my 3 little girls. We frequently do arts, crafts, music and other fun educational activities. Call Kathy at 642.8585.

HOUSEKEEPING: I am new to Mosquito and need local work. Reasonable yet thorough, have references. For free estimate call Terry, 295.1347, or leave message.

HOUSEKEEPING ON THE HILL: Weekly, bi-weekly and monthly services. "Move in" and "Move out" services also available. References upon request. Call Stacy Raye at 626.5904

IN HOME DAYCARE service is looking for potential clients. Interested parties contact Melissa at 295.1779

DECK RESTORING: Let Dan's Decks do the work restoring decks, patios, furniture, fences, etc. Call for information 903.7294

BRUSH AND WEED CONTROL: Don't let last year's fire fuel reduction efforts go to waste! I'm a licensed applicator of safe herbicides to control growth and regrowth. Call Dustin at 344.8402

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GRADING & EARTHMOVING: Culverts, septic systems, footings, house pads, land clearing, driveways, utility lines, all other types of dirt work. Call KURT KIMM at (916) 496.7284 or (530) 295.9203

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BACKHOE & TRACTOR WORK: Trenches, driveways, gravel needs, footings, house pads, utility lines, brush clearing, septic systems, stump removal, and more!! 4X4 backhoe. Call Jim Collins (530) 621.4794 or jcbackhoe@sbcglobal.net

AUTO REPAIR: Is Mosquito Road rough on your vehicle? Give "Hippie" a call at Mosquito Auto, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642.2867

LOCAL COMPUTER SERVICE AND SUPPORT with over 25 years of experience including Windows, Linux, Mac. Wired and wireless network installation, setup and administration services. Virus removal and recovery, software installation. Webpage design and hosting. Reasonable rates. Call Rich at (530) 642.0377 Email: thetechshop@Netlynx.US Web page: <http://www.netlynx.us/thetechshop/>

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REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Specializing in Mosquito/Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 35 years experience "on the hill". Our office is located next to the fire station. **SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES:** 622.6822

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REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Buying or selling a home? You need an honest, reliable, hardworking real estate agent on your side! Serving El Dorado and Sacramento counties. Call Jessica Dillender at 295.3331 or cell (916) 765.1256

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CHIMNEY SWEEP for hire, 27 years experience. Wood stoves - pellet stoves - fireplaces - dryer vents - gutters. Repairs - installations - problem solving. Richard Smith 622.2990

FOR RENT

ROOM for rent in my 2300 sf home with two separate living spaces on 2 ac. at 3005 Buckboard Rd. in Swansboro. \$550 per month with small deposit. Must love small dogs. House with a view on hill. Prefer mature adult, no smokers. Contact Treasa at 622.1941

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

WEIDER HOME GYM EXERCISE SYSTEM - Model #8775. Excellent condition \$100. Call 295.9165 (2)

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SOFABED/matching oversized chair, neutral color, paid \$1,450 last year, sell for \$400. Older sofa/loveseat/coffee table, good condition \$80, small white-washed s.w. style sofa table \$15, computer desk w/shelves, printer stand \$50, swivel office chair, black fabric \$50, older white wicker furniture, 4 pc. \$50, dining table/6 chairs (glass top, bamboo pedestal) \$225, 35" round oak table/4 older ladderback chairs \$150, ladies left-hand golf clubs w/cart \$30, 2 country barstools, pads included \$20 for both, beautiful Cal-king brass bed/mattress/box springs \$300, 6 sets of used but nice Cal-king sheets, will sell only with bed for \$60. Call 530.621.2778 (2)

SHOWER: Single, fiberglass. Never used. \$25. 622.9540 (2)

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

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)

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5	6	7	8	9 MFPD BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM	10	11 SCPOA ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 AM
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