

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Leo Chaloux

Over the past several Byte issues, Bob Davis has shared the experiences he and two of our other fire fighters had fighting the southern California fires last year. They had a continuous order; "protect as many structures from burning as possible". Often in order to do that, fire fighters have to place themselves and their equipment in dangerous and threatening positions. I hope everyone who reads those articles comes away with just one thought in their minds - that this can really happen to me up here.

So, many of us go about our daily concerns with the notion that a fire will not happen to me, it always happens to the other guy. Well, life is really the successful survival of risks on a daily basis. Living in California, besides having all the benefits, also has many risks with one of them being wild land fire. We individuals must start realizing that reality and do everything we can to lower or mitigate that risk. The idea that a fire department will be able to save every house in the event of a major wild land fire is one that is simply not true! If the fire is large enough some homes will burn and others will not.

As fire fighters, the last thing we want to see happen is someone's home burned to the ground. Watching that home go is certainly not a heroic experience but one of frustration, sadness and often anger. The anger and frustration for many reasons; not enough fire fighters, not enough fire engines, not enough aircraft, not enough water, not enough time, too much fire, too much wind, too much fuel, and then there's "the house was not defensible".

As home owners there is one thing we can do ease some of that firefighter frustration and that is to do whatever it takes to **make your house defensible**. Many simply do not know how to do this due to lack of awareness, lack of understanding of what a fire can do and lack of education about their role in strengthening their home's against a wild land fire.

With the help and support of Chief Davis, the Mosquito Fire Safe Council, under the direction of Walter Graves, will become more active in providing education and awareness to every home owner in the Mosquito area in 2008. But, Chief Davis and Walter need your help! We need people to contact the fire department (626.9017) who are willing to volunteer to work a few hours on a program that will help make our community a fire safe one.

In the meantime please ask yourself this one question. What can I do to make my house a safer and a more defensible place to live? Please contact us at the station and let us know what your answer or solution is.

IS YOUR HOUSE FIRE SAFE ?

NOW IS THE TIME TO CLEAR AROUND
THE HOUSE WHILE YOU CAN STILL
BURN OR CHIP

Mosquito FPD in Southern California Inferno

by Battalion Chief Bob Davis

[Editor's Note: On October 21st Bat. Chief Bob Davis, Engineer Floyd Baumgartner and Fire Fighter Dave Erdman on Mosquito Engine 275 were part of a Strike Team from El Dorado County sent to southern California to help combat the many fires raging in the area. During their assignment, they found themselves involved in protecting houses and fighting all kinds of fires. This is the last article in the series by Bob describing some of his experiences.]

I left off last month just as we finally got released to our Base Camp for some much needed rest. Let me start this last article by saying a little about "Base Camp. Base camp was like a small town. If you needed anything, it was there - you just had to go out and find it! The camp was made up of a whole lot of white tents that from the outside all looked alike. You spent most of your time sticking your head in and out of tents just trying to locate whatever it was you were looking for.

Our strike team was staged out by a ball field that was about a 10 minute walk from the main part of the camp. And, separating us from that camp "hub" was a big asphalt parking lot where they parked all of the Type-1 Engines not out on assignment. There must have been 300 engines parked in this area. Engines from everywhere in the State. They even had engines from downtown San Francisco and one had a big shiny bell on the front bumper. (I'd sure hate to be the guy who had to ring the bell from the bumper.) So, there we were, resting, looking at this mass of fire engines and watching the grass grow on the ball field for the next 12 hours, waiting for the next assignment. (Remember from the last article that we were the only Type 3 Strike Team available and had to remain close to our engines even while on R&R)

The next day we were sent to an Indian Reservation to mop up hot spots from the fire that had burned through earlier. Fairly routine work and we had become accustomed to doing this. When evening arrived, our strike team leader had a treat for us. He had arranged with a local casino for us to go there for dinner before we had to go and find a place to camp for the night. The food was greatly appreciated!! Afterwards, our strike team leader staged us at a location overlooking the town and the casino. It was a site to behold that night with the stars above and the town lights below. The darkness did a lot to mask the scars and destruction from the fire that had raged through the area days earlier.

The next morning we were relieved and we returned to base camp to await another assignment. It wasn't long in coming and soon we then sent to another location for "mop up". After that it was back to base camp and then out to another mop up assignment and then back to base camp. This became our routine for the next couple of days.

After 9 days on the line, the "decision makers" were starting to release some strike teams. We were "hoping" but they were hesitant to let us go home because we were the only Type-3 strike team available. Our strike team leaders, however, pulled some strings and got us a conditional release. We could start on our way home but we would have to stop in Madera and "stage" just in case they needed us to come back south. So we sort of started for home.

As we pulled into our staging in Madera we began to hold our breath that we didn't get that call. After checking in, the strike team leaders surprised us again when they came out and told us they had motel rooms

for us. This was the first real bed and hot shower we had in 9 days! So what if they hold onto us for one more day, Madera was sure a lot closer to Mosquito than where we had been for the last week and a half.

The "return down south" call never came and the next day we were up, rested, clean and all of us in great moods as we started our trek the rest of the way home.

For me, this was an experience of a lifetime; challenging, sometimes downright scary, fulfilling when you saved a stranger's home and a tremendous course in professional development. I would like to thank Floyd Baumgartner and Dave Erdman for sharing it with me. The Fire District is very fortunate to have a community that backs the department in a way that enables us to go out and help other communities when needed. God forbid, but if our community was ever in need like those folks down south, we know that these other Fire Departments would be here helping us.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Leslie Baumgartner

Mark your calendar, March 15th 11:00 AM is the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, more on the particulars can be found in the Easter Egg Hunt article that follows. Hope you can HOP over and join us and watch the kids have fun.

Our last MVFA meeting was attended by Chris Dillender who briefed us on the DISC GOLF course being planned for the Finnon property. WOW, is it ever going to be great. Chris arranged for a Disc Golf professional who designs competitive courses to come up and help refine the placement of the baskets. This will be a great asset to the community. If you like disc golf, you will love this course that takes you for a walk around Finnon Lake for exercise as well as playing the game. Take along your lunch or snack to enjoy as there will be picnic tables along the way. Or, grab a bite to eat before you go on the course or stop in after for a snack at the Café. Don't know that you want to throw a disc? Talk to Chris, it is more than just tossing a frisbee, the discs they use are a lot different. Thank you Chris for donating your time and knowledge to our community.

A committee is being formed to work on the Finnon Dam project. We are planning to have a community gathering in the spring to give a presentation on the project and bring everyone up to date. If you are interested on helping with this project please give me a call at 626.1204 and come to our MVFA meeting on March 6th at 7:00 PM at the Fire Station.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

by Leslie Baumgartner

Spring is approaching and the grass is almost tall enough for the Easter Bunny to hide eggs. We sure hope that we have lots of kids from 0 to 12 come and hunt for those Easter Eggs on **March 15th at 11:00 AM at Finnon Lake campground**. If it is raining, the Easter Bunny will post signs and run down to the Fire Station to have something special for the children there. Donations of individually wrapped candies or small toys/gifts for prizes, can be dropped off at the Fire Station from now until March 10th. The Easter Bunny needs your help, so if you would like to join the fun and help please give me a call at 626.1204. Hope to see all of our children at the Easter Egg Hunt!!!!!!

Frisbee Golf Update

by Chris Dillenender

We hope to get the Finnon Lake Disc Golf Course open soon! The course layout has been finalized and brush clearing is underway. Our next step is to secure sponsors to help finance the project. We have had tremendous interest, both on and off the hill, to sponsor individual holes. It's also a good way to advertising a local businesses. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, call me quickly (530.409.6429) before they are all taken! We are also looking for volunteer help clearing the course - so if you have a mower, weedeater, chainsaw, and a little extra time, please call - we need all the help we can get. Once we get the course open, this is a fun and FREE sport that can be enjoyed by everyone!

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

February was our annual meeting and, like in the past, there was an expectation of a large gathering since this is the meeting that we conduct our board elections. But, since our elections are now done by mail, the attendance as well as our ballot count were smaller in numbers than in the past. We only had about 90 ballots returned out of 702 and had around 40 people show up for the meeting, we really appreciate those that took the time to come.

I'm sure part of the motivation was the dues increase, this has been a difficult issue and it's unfortunate that more people did not show up for the meetings in October and November when the topic was discussed at length and decided upon. Our board president, John, did a great job putting together a power point

presentation explaining where the money from our dues goes. He also explained the laws that require us to have and fund our reserves. We are still in the catch up phase but are getting close to being fully funded. If you are selling your house, the new law states that any shortfall in the reserve fund can be used as a negotiating point by a buyer to lower the price a member is asking for their house. This gives all of us a good reason to support the extra money that was put into the reserve fund this year.

Our roads are by far our biggest expense. Our road chairman Tom will be attending some conferences this year to obtain the latest information on the best and most economical products that are in use. He will also be using his personal vacation time to start the process of video taping all of our roads so that we will have documentation of their condition. Anyone who is interested in helping out with our roads can contact Lynda at 621.0309 or come to the regular meetings and let Tom know, he needs your help.

Thanks to outgoing Board members, John Moalli and Wayne Mikel for their hard work over the past years. John's expertise with our legal issues and Wayne's help sorting out our budget issues and complying with Davis Sterling requirements was invaluable. They both deserve a break and we hope that they will continue to provide their valuable input to this board.

We would like to welcome to the board Rob Kirkpatrick who has served in the past and Christina Walsh who is new to the board and Jeff John who was reelected. We look forward to working with them. We would like to thank Sharon Hern, Bill Wren and Norm Nester who were the volunteer inspectors for the election, we couldn't to it without them.

The web site committee has been very active and we encourage everyone to visit <http://www.scpoa.net> to see the fruits of their labor. Craig Arsenich, Rob Kirkpatrick, Barb Beacham and Lynda Lima have made many updates and the site is more user friendly. Congratulations to Lynda Lima who had the winning design for the new logo contest. Her design will now be used on the web site as well as all SCPOA letterhead.

Our next meeting is March 8th at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. We will be forming the various committees so please come, give us your input, support and join a committee.

Sharing Thoughts and Time with the SCPOA Board By Taffy Warner

The last few Board Meetings (December & January) had low attendance from the community. At one meeting there were only two homeowners present. Which led me to wonder at the reason – of course everyone is busy and weekends are cherished but in years past when there were problems in the community, the meetings had better attendance. In watching the Board over this past year, I was impressed at the expertise of the Board members and their personal investment of time and energy to provide service in a variety of specialized areas (finance, road, building, code enforcement, airport, & website). Although I do not think of this community as 'apathetic' in general, it was baffling that so few homeowners appeared interested enough to spend an hour or so once a month to hear about the current status of different aspects of Swansboro. Eventually I came to the conclusion that the Board did their job too well! There were no major problems in the community, and few, if any complaints, which may have contributed to the sparse attendance at the monthly SCPOA meetings. Reading the summation in the Mosquito Byte kept people relatively 'up to date'.

February's meeting was fun because so many more people attended. It was the annual meeting and some of the Board members were exiting their posts and new ones elected. There were the annual "Appreciation Certificates" as well. I am sure the Board members appreciate the certificates but it must be disheartening to work hard to represent the community and set aside time to make sure the community is involved and kept updated on a monthly basis only to have a couple of residents turn up for the meetings. There are always opportunities to participate with specialized committees if you have the time.

You may be pleasantly surprised at the amount of activity in this community and the Board's interest in your opinions as well when contemplating different courses of action. It is also a great time to touch base with your neighbors!! So this year think about giving the gift of your time and attention to the Board and community at large by attending at least some of the meetings.

"Humankind", Let's be Both by Brian Kotaska

The other day, I was enjoying the food at the Rock Creek Café eating dinner with my family when at a

nearby table I could hear people talking. To my disbelief, they were making some pretty negative comments concerning our fire department staff and people in general who live up here on the hill. As I sat there listening, I began to reflect on my recent experience with the fire department staff.

During the storm we, along with most every one else, lost power. When we learned that our court was going to be one of the last to get it restored this same fire department that these people were running down, told us that if we need gas for our generator or a warm shower to come on down to the fire station. Wow!!, what a gracious offer and it was totally unsolicited! They just wanted us to know that they were there to help us in any way they could. Now how could this be the same people that this group was talking so negatively about, I wondered.

The only conclusion that I could reach was that maybe these people who were talking don't live up here or maybe they had never had any contact with our fire department. If that's the case, I'm sorry their opinion is so negative. So, if anyone else heard those comments, I would just like to say any contacts I have had with the fire department have been professional and positive - certainly not anything like the negative comments I heard. Humankind is one word but has a two-part meaning, "be human" and "be kind" to ALL. Thank you Mosquito Fire Department for being both.

Craft Report

by Sharon Hern

The "Crafters" are having their first Craft Sale of the year at the Pavilion at Rock Creek Café, on March 15th. We will open at 10:00 and close at 3:00 .Featured will be Easter and Spring items; gifts for everyone and items for all to use, even if you did not know that you needed it. Our Craft Sale will be in conjunction with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. So come early and not only get the best bargains, but watch the children (and some adults) scrambling for Easter Treasures.

Want to be a "Crafter"? Our meetings are scheduled for the 4th Friday each month from 9:30 to 11:30 at Darlene Rood's home, 2211 Swansboro Road. The next meeting is **March 28th**.

Looking forward to seeing you in at the Craft Sale on March 15th and at the Craft Meeting on March 28th.

FREE Community Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mosquito Fire Station, 8801 Rock Creek Road.

Want to get rid of that **HOUSEHOLD TRASH** that never finds its way to the county dumps? The Swansboro Pilot's Association will again provide a large dumpster at the Fire Station. This is your opportunity to get rid of unwanted household trash on a first come basis. **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, RUBBER TIRES and large APPLIANCES** can NOT be accepted. All cardboard boxes not filled with trash should be broken down for recycling.

The El Dorado County Environmental Management Department will also be on hand accepting household **Hazardous Waste**.

Items Accepted are: Motor oil/oil filters, Household cleaners, Pool/photo chemicals, Paint, stains, varnishes & thinners, Automotive products, Solvents, Removers, Aerosol cans, Adhesives/sealant, Pesticides, Herbicides, Batteries, Vapor & sodium lamps, 5-gallon propane tanks, Fluorescent light tubes, Mercury switches/thermostats and most products labeled "Caution", "Danger" or "Poison".

Items "not" accepted: Electronic waste, Appliances, Radioactive materials, Infectious medical waste, Explosives, Compressed gas cylinders.

Please limit materials to 5 gallons or 50 pounds; however, you may transport up to 20 gallons of used oil or latex paint with no single container larger than 5 gallons. Please use original or disposable containers that are labeled with contents. Do not mix wastes together. For additional information call 621.5300 or visit our web site at www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/emd

Thanks and happy cleanup from the Pilot's Association and the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department.

Mosquito Phone Book Changes

Corrections:

Grandy, Glen & Emily.....344.8132

Additions:

Welcome back to the "Hill" John!

Florin, John.....626.6314

2992 Buckboard Road

Editor's Note:

Due to the number and length of articles this month, *The Educated Construction Consumer* by Erik Pelham, Part 2 will be presented in the April Byte.

News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge

Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us for our Sweetheart Dinner. We hope to do more of these events in the future along with some outside events, we will keep everyone posted. We will be doing Prime Rib again on Thursday Nights. On March 21st the café will have been re-opened for 1 year and we plan on doing a B-B-Q dinner to celebrate. Also Easter is on March 23rd so look for details on that upcoming event.

Family Nights – Our price for Our Wednesday Family Nights will be going up to \$6.00.

Thank-you and we look forward to serving you at the Café. The crew at Rock Creek Café

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

White Chocolate Crème Brulee

- 5 large Egg yolks
- 1/2 cup Sugar
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 3 ounces White imported chocolate -- finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon Vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 300F. Whisk egg yolks and 1/4 cup sugar in medium bowl. Bring cream and remaining 1/4 cup sugar to simmer in heavy medium saucepan. Reduce heat to low. Gradually add chopped chocolate to cream mixture and whisk until smooth.

Gradually whisk hot chocolate mixture into yolk mixture. Mix in vanilla. Ladle custard into four 10-ounce custard cups (or crème Brulee cups). Place cups in large baking pan. Add enough hot water to pan to come halfway up sides of cups.

Bake until custards are set in center, about 1 hour. Remove custards from water and cool. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat broiler. Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon sugar over each custard. Broil until sugar caramelizes, watching carefully, about 2 minutes. Serve hot, or refrigerate up to 1 hour and serve cold.

Makes: 4 servings

ADVERTISING POLICY

There is no charge to our subscribers for advertising in the *Mosquito Byte*, however ads must be limited to 7 column lines maximum. Deadline for advertising is the 19th of each month. Call Gail at 622.2235 or e-mail gbarritt@earthlink.net. 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.

MEETINGS

LADIES BOOK CLUB!!!! Any readers on the hill? I am looking for interested and interesting ladies to start a monthly book club here in Swansboro. I have been in a few and it is a lot of FUN! Call Garrison Burrell-Pelham at 622.4703

MAH JONGG - Looking for people to play Mah Jongg using Wright-Patterson rules. Call Barbara at 626.4747

PICKIN' POTLUCK - Local Acoustic Musicians: Starting a jam session once a week, hosted by a Fiddle & Mandolin player. Styles Blue Grass, Country, Oldies, Blues, Cajan, rock-a-Billy or originals. Singers & listeners welcome, bring something to share. Call Jerry for details at 621.2842.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Mosquito/Swansboro are meeting every Friday night from 7 to 9pm at 3342 Stope Drive. Mountain Fellowship is offering Bible based teachings and how to apply them to every day life as well as fellowship, fun activities and community service projects. Call Debbie Rood at 642.0695 for more information.

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP -Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am followed by a Celebration service at 11am. Mountain Fellowship is a non-denominational congregation of Christ's church. The Celebration service features contemporary music, prayer, testimony and the Word of God. All events meet at 3342 Stope Drive in Swansboro. For more information call 295.0503 or visit our web site www.mfom.net.

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Planning Commission meeting room in the EDC Government Center Building C. Call Adeline Penn at 621.2639 or <http://www.hanging.ega-qpr.org/index.html>

WANTED

Wanted free firewood, will pick-up. Call 621.2530 (3)

FREE

2 bedroom 1400 sf modular home. Call for info. 642.0338 (3)

Used Beige recliner. No tears or holes in upholstery. A bit worn, but still works. 622.6337. Please leave message if no answer. (3)

Kimball "The Entertainer III" 2 keyboard electronic organ. Has many voices and rhythm features. Works well, good condition, excellent for casual use or for students. Instructions included. In Mosquito, call 295.5578, Neil Matheny. (2)

TOY AND CLOTHING EXCHANGE

My children received lots of toys for Christmas and they will be getting rid of some old ones to make room for the new. Do you have the same problem in your house or are your kids bored with the toys they have? Instead of buying different toys why not swap them with a neighbor? Same goes with clothes. Please call Esther at 622-6455 or email at esther_andreas@hotmail.com if you are interested. (2)

Oversized Coffee table, Kids bed with slide. Call 344.8015 or 622.0210 (1)

SERVICES

LANDSCAPE FOREMAN - I am a relocated Landscape Foreman and I am looking to build a new business here locally. My name is James and my number is 391-5532. I can help with yard clean up and maintenance. I also have very good local references upon request. Please call if I can help.

VHS VIDEOS CONVERTED TO DVDs. -Have any family vacations, precious memories or baby pictures on videos? I can copy them to DVDs for you. Call Dee at 642.2333.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT- Brush removal, Chipping, Ground/ladder fuel reduction. Licensed and insured. Call Brien McLain at 295.3704

LET'S STOP POISONING OUR CHILDREN! HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS - A LOADED GUN - "Of chemicals found in our homes, 150 have been linked to allergies, birth defects, cancer, and psychological abnormalities. Don't wait! To make your home a healthier and safer place, call today. Contact Angela or Debbie at 626.8536

LOCAL MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL. Just moved to area. Works from home in Swansboro. Home Loans, Refinance, Construction loans. Call Sara Infante at 295.3405 or 707.689.1673

LOOKING FOR A NEW OR USED CAR, TRUCK OR SUV or to sell your vehicle. If so give us a try! Dave and Samantha Campos, your neighbors here in Mosquito! Stop by or give us a call, keep your tax dollars in our community at Thompson's Toyota. Dave at 903.9745 and Samantha at 903.1771

GOT WORK?? Need Help??? Fix it, Paint it, Repair or Replace it. Odds and Ends. Strong, able bodied person. Pay by the job or by hour. Call Jason 295.1518

HEALING HANDS MASSAGE THERAPY: Female Massage Therapist with 20 years experience. I am trained in many types of body work, but specialize in Deep Tissue Massage. I will come to your home on the hill for \$50/hour and \$75/hour and a half. Gift certificates available. **THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE INQUIRIES ONLY, PLEASE**. Call Garrison at 622.4703

RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY - Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit Ridley9academy.com or call 409-0879

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MURALS and more - unique wall treatments for your home. Local personal references available. Call D. Harris for ideas and prices at 642.2333

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

HAIRSTYLIST- Attention ladies, I am mobile, artistic and licensed. I have 30 years experience and am reasonably priced. Call Cathy for an appointment at 344.0555

GENERAL CONTRACTOR, Owner, specializing not only in all types of custom stair rail installation; but also in all types of finish trim, custom as well as standard packages. New construction or remodel. Licensed, bonded and insured. 20+ years in business, 30+ experience. Ken Osborn at 622.0551.

VICK'S PLUMBING: Specializing in kitchen and bath remodeling. Offering over 30 years of experience. Call me for repairs and installation of water heaters, garbage disposals, ice makers, etc. Victor Garcia 626.6837

RESPIRE CARE - available in Swansboro/Mosquito, M-F, weekends or overnight as needed. Also available for short periods of time (barring previous scheduled commitments) and/or for hospice care for your family member. I have 3 local home-care references to verify my skills and the level of care I will provide for your loved ones. Nancy West at 626.7975

HOUSEKEEPER - I'm looking for work on the hill. I am local, honest, reliable and a hard worker. Call Kathy at 626.0379 or 307.8778.

HOUSE/ PET SITTING, Misc. jobs, call Laura at 306.2792

ETHERIDGE ELECTRIC: Electrical contractors, residential, custom homes, service work remodels. Fully insured, contractors Lic. #883474, Call Phil or Kelly at 344.9066

HANDYMAN -Your best friend. Odd jobs—Reasonable rates. Ken Gambee at 621.2530

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CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site - www.california-gardens.com or email - li@california-gardens.com

PLUMBER FOR HIRE: Quality work, affordable rates, licensed and bonded. New construction, remodels, repairs, water heaters, sewer and drain clearing. Lic#829135. RGB Plumbing. Call 295.0820

PARTYLITE CANDLES parties and gifts. Call Sharon McCoy at 295.8112 or sharon000@sbcglobal.net

BOTTLED WATER on the Hill: Are you interested in having bottled water service without leaving your home? If so email Jeremy or Nicole, services@drcoolers.com or call 916.316.4043.

HI-SPEED INTERNET coming to Mosquito! Remotely Located Now Providing Hi-speed internet to your home. No Satellite Dish Needed. Call 651.1736

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PELHAM BLAKEMAN CONSTRUCTION: Custom & remodels. License #850034, member BBB, senior citizen discount. Call Erik at 622.4703

BABYSITTER: Reliable, experienced female, high school junior. First aid certified references on request. Reasonable rates. Elliot Davis 295.1156

CREATIVE ADMIN SERVICES: Let us help you send out those holiday cards, gifts, event planning; create newsletters, flyers, announcements, brochures; create letters, forms, labels, mailers, create and maintain databases, graphs, and reports; calendar management, internet research and more. www.creativeadminsolutions.com or call 295.1779

GUITAR/BASS LESSONS here on the hill. Beginners to intermediates, all ages. Call Heidi at 344.8015

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

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SIGN PAINTER: Signs, logos, pop art, screen painting. Phil Langdon 622.5378

FIRE PREVENTION - Bobcat mounted masticating head that reduces standing or cut trees or brush into mulch in minutes. Get your 100 ft clearance. Call Kurt at 295.9203 or 916.496.7284 to answer any questions. To see the machine in action go to - http://www.loftness.com/videos/video_carbidecutter.cfm

VETERINARY CLINIC OF MOSQUITO now accepts Visa and Mastercard. Open Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 6 pm by appointment. 9200 Rock Creek Rd, Mosquito, 621.9999 Pamela Steinke, DVM.

BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE RAJA YOGA classes- M.W.F 6pm - 7:30 pm at the Fire Station during the cold season. Loaner mats available, wear loose, comfortable clothing. Call Bill for more info at 916.276.7087

SEARS ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL: Don't let the excellent brushing jobs go to waste on our roads. Stump regrowth spraying, ditch spraying, fire breaks and much more! Call Dustin, owner/operator, at 344.8402 or Cell 363.4991

SEAMSTRESS/ALTERATIONS: Reasonable prices, years of experience. Call Esther at 622.6455

FAX AND PHOTOCOPY SERVICE here on the hill. Call Fred Adams at 642.9441

BACKHOE & TRACTOR WORK: Trenches, driveways, gravel needs, footings, house pads, utility lines, brush clearing, septic systems, stump removal!! 4X4 backhoe. Licensed and Insured. Jim Collins 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

GLASS & CERAMIC ART: Affordable handcrafted items made here in Mosquito! Studio open most days, call first to be sure. Do your gift shopping here on the hill. Call Pam Angelo at 621.3688

REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Live the American Dream; the ownership of a home and a little acreage to call your own! Sally Long Johns, your resident Mosquito Road Realtor, will help you buy or sell any property in El Dorado County! Utilize your new neighborhood website www.mosquitoadneighbors.com, or 295.4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, snlongjohns@yahoo.com

LOG SPLITTER: owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. 344.9066

NAUTILUS MARINE SERVICE: Marine engine, inboard & sterndrive specialists. Generator repair - marine & stationary. Fabrications, installations, electrical & electronics. Call Toll Free 800.760.1430

REAL ESTATE SERVICES: Fifth generation Sierra Nevada & Mosquito resident, helping you to sell or find your treasure in California gold country's best kept secret. Realtor Judy Mathat 295.4645, Office 621.4334, Office FAX 417.1018, Cell 626.9565, Home Office Coldwell Banker Real Estate

NOTARY SERVICE: I am a "Mobile" Notary Public living right here in Mosquito. I am experienced in all areas of notary work including loan packages, real estate transfers, etc. Call Elaine Galvan at 621.2433

METAL STRUCTURES: We build metal buildings, carports, sheds, stalls, Fifth Wheel covers, etc. Local family, free estimates. We also do concrete work, sidewalks, foundations, etc. Call Jeremy at home 626.4406 or work 916.826.9758

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

BULL DOZER FOR HIRE-Great rates, quality work. Roads, drainage, fire prevention, clearing or ?. Local mosquito resident since 1993. Call Eric at 626.8979.

OSTERKAMP CONSTRUCTION: Specializing in custom homes. Plumbing and general building contractor. Home improvement. Certified, dependable service. Quality construction at competitive prices. Swansboro resident since 1987. CCL 612033. Call 626.7873

HANGTOWN GLASS CARE: Tint commercial/ residential glass. Will save you money on energy costs and retard fading your furniture and carpet. Call for free estimate! Rex Langdon, Jr. at 409.5530

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

FOR RENT

HOME FOR RENT - Beautiful 2 year old home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1725 sq. ft. Available January 8, 08. \$1,300 a month plus deposit. Call Laurie at 916.337.6151

HOME FOR RENT- 2 bedroom, 2 bath home on 5 acres for rent. 1350 square feet. \$1400. Utilities not included. Pets and livestock welcome. Barn. Available January 2008. Call Alice at 626.6057.

HOME FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, 1 bath roomy home on 24 acres. Hardwood floors, deck, fenced yard, W/D hookups, water included. \$675 + dep. 530.906.2021

HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, detached 2 car garage. ~1800 sq. ft. for \$1250/monthly/+deposit. Includes water and garbage. Call pm 707.552.8691 or cell 707.694.4745

MONTH TO MONTH OKAY WITH THIS LANDLORD....Older 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom mfg home on 15 acres \$950.00 per month. Shared driveway - Must be courteous. OR Newer 2 bedroom plus office, 2 bathroom mfg home on 5 acres \$1350.00. Shared driveway - must be courteous. SNLONGJOHNS@yahoo.com or cell 530/306.0821

FOR SALE

1 VTWIN 2100 Toro Riding Mower 50 inch cut \$1,000 1 YR old, 1 2' 8" fire rated door \$200, 1 2' 8" Pella Metal door with frame and Blinds in window section \$250, Decorative concrete pavers 16X16" \$1 Each 50 plus qty. & 10X10 Metal Pen/fence with gate \$75. Call Brian at 642.0779 (3)

FIREWOOD: \$250.00 per cord delivered. 3-way mix; you pick the mix. Call Erik at 622.4703 (3)



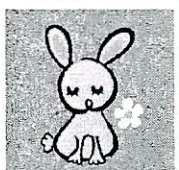
EASTERN KING MATTRESS, BOXSPRINGS - 2 years new, includes contemporary black iron scroll bedframe and canopy. Sacrifice at \$550 for all. Call 642.8337 (2)

TV - Panasonic, 18", Excellent condition, \$50. Work benches, \$35. Antique boxes \$8. New interior door knobs, \$5 each. Call Eileen at 622.9492 (1)

DOWNSIZING/MOVING SALE- 27 inch Samsung TV(HDTV) with Armoire \$500, Madag. gas dryer \$150, Rocking/Recliner \$100. Call 344.8015 or 622.0210 (1)

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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED						1 10:00 AM Support Group
2	3	4	5 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Lasagna	6 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	7	8 10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting with Road Meeting to follow
9 Daylight Savings 	10	11	12 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Corn Beef & Cabbage	13 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	14	15 10:00 AM Craft Sale at Rock Creek Cafe 10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt at Fannon
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe B.B.Q. Chicken	20	21	22
23 Happy Easter 	24	25	26 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe Tacos	27	28 9:30 AM Craft Meeting See Page 4	29
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