# MOSQUITO BYTE

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# Chief's Corner by Chief Bob Davis

The 2008 fire season has begun. It began on May 12<sup>th</sup> when open burning was suspended and the California Division of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service put into service all their engines on a 24-7 basis. That was also when Cal-Fire stationed their S-2 aircraft (that generally support us) at Grass Valley Airport and Columbia Airport. Did this all happen a little early? You bet it did! The "official" fire season usually doesn't get declared until early June.

All over the county, the vegetation is drying out very quickly and getting to the point where it's ready to burn. In fact, we have already been dispatched to more vegetation fires this year than we had all of last year. I truly hope this isn't a sign of things to come!!

May 24th was a "Big Day" for five of our volunteer recruits. That's the day they took their final exam at the Divide Fire Academy being hosted this year by the Georgetown Fire District. This class started back in February and consisted of two classes every week for the four month period. I along with everyone in the community want to thank these volunteers for their dedication and commitment. It has been very time consuming and demanding on them, especially when you take into account the fact that they have iobs. families and all of the other normal responsibilities that exist today. They did this knowing that their only reward would be the sense of accomplishment and the pride in knowing that you now have the professional skills and ability to help members of the community when they are in need.

More and more, the question keeps coming up about just how bad will this fire season be? Well, no one knows that but California burns every year. It's just that it burns more in some years than in others. We have been extremely fortunate over the past several years because we have not had any large fires in the District and the ones that we did have were put out

quickly. BUT, with conditions right now being as dry as they are so early in the year, we may be facing a hotter, drier and longer than usual fire season.

Having said that, have you watched any of the TV coverage on the "Summit Fire" in the Santa Cruz mountains? If you have, then you have also heard Cal-Fire spokespersons stressing the importance of "defensible space" when you live in rural areas. I know that I've talked about this in each Byte article over the last few months but it really is of critical importance. So, hear we go one more time. Please... clear the grass around your house and out buildings. Clean the pine needles off the roof and out of your rain gutters. Establish the 100 feet of fire safe clearing around structures by removing brush, low hanging limbs, etc. If you need help determining what should be cut and removed please call the fire station (626-9017) and either I, Floyd or someone from the Support Group will drop by and give you some advice.

# **Grand Jury Report** by MFPD Board

At the end of April, the El Dorado County Grand Jury released their findings on a study that they had undertaken to look at the number of Fire Protection Districts in the County. In short, they reported that having ten (10) Fire Protection Districts on the west side of the Sierras, exceeded State averages given the size and population in the area, was costly and was perhaps inefficient. Consequently, they have directed all ten Districts to "hold talks in good faith" to consider the possibility of consolidating the districts. In the Grand Jury's opinion, a single fire protection district would be the optimum, but at a minimum the smaller Districts (Mosquito, Georgetown, Garden Valley, Latrobe, Rescue and Pioneer) should look at merging with one of the larger Districts (El Dorado County, Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills and Diamond Springs/El Dorado).

Much of the Grand Jury's report was based upon fiscal assumptions and service levels were NOT addressed. The Mosquito Fire Protection District Board welcomes the opportunity to investigate potential ways to "stretch" our tax dollar. But at the same time, we are firm in our position that any consolidation decisions must not degrade the level of current services in the involved Districts.

So, in case you should happen to hear comments (rumors) about "fire district consolidation", this is what's taking place. Yes, the District is involved in "consolidation" talks with other districts. And, we are holding these talks "in good faith". But the community can rest assured that the Board will not entertain any proposals that result in an overall degradation of the service that we currently enjoy in our community.

Our response to the Grand Jury's directive is due in the latter part of July. Updates on any talks in progress will be given at the regular Board Meetings on June 12 and July 10. These meetings are held at the Fire Station at 7:00 PM.

# **Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association** by Leslie Baumgartner

Winter is gone and summer is upon us. That means we are preparing for summer events like the Annual Community Picnic where some of the Fire Department's equipment is brought out for display. This is a good time to find out how to become a volunteer fire fighter, what the different pieces of equipment are for, including a demonstration (can we say fun for the kids!). Also, games, including the tug-o-war are being planned. The Fire House Crafters are having a craft sale, prize drawings, renew BYTE subscriptions or get a new subscription, Mosquito Memories will be available for sale, buy a phone book, and best of all lunch is GREAT! Mark your calendar for July 19th and plan to come between 11 and 3, bring the family, friends, neighbors and enjoy the tranquility and Dyer Lake.

A few years ago former board member, Neal Matheny, put together a book of Finnon Lake campground, including plans for sites and diagrams of the water lines. I want to thank Neal for the great job he did that made it possible for us to locate a water line within a short period of time to add a new faucet. THANKS NEAL! KENSCO donated the parts so if you stop there for something tell them thank you

for their support of our community. Another THANK YOU goes to Kurt Kimm for the mastication work he has done on the face of the dam helping us meet the requirements for the Department of Safety of Dams, next time you visit the restaurant take a walk out and check the progress.

The next regular board meeting is June 5th at the Fire Station. Please come join us, we would like to see more community involvement and it is the way to get your voice heard. This organization does many things for our community members, like the picnic, but it also gives support to members in need, like the annual Christmas baskets and toys for some of the greatest kids in all of Placerville. Finnon Lake Recreation area is part of the assets and the lake is part of the water resources for fighting fires and community members who use the lake and enjoy it should consider being involved to keep it alive. We will be in need of new board members in a few short months and now is the time to plan on joining and becoming involved in an organization that could use some input from everyone. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Community Picnic on JULY 19th!

## MVFA Needs a Secretary!!!

Help, we need a Secretary for the MVFA board. This is an not an elected Board Member position, but an appointed position without voting power; the same as the Treasurer position. Your job would be to take notes at the once a month meeting or transcribe them from the tape recording of the meeting and provide the Board with the "official" monthly minutes. We need to fill this position as soon as possible, as our Articles of Incorporation provide for this position. Please call Leslie at 626-1204 if you can help us - it wont take much of your time!.

# Finnon Lake Horse by Leslie Baumgartner

It has recently come to the attention of MVFA that some members of the community believe that the horse who has taken up residence at Finnon Lake belongs to MVFA. This is not true. This horse does not belong to MVFA or any member of the community as far as we know. From what we can determine, he was released many years ago by his previous owners when they left the area. He roamed throughout the area for a while and eventually found his way to the Finnon Lake Property. As there are no

fences, the horse as well as other wildlife have roaming access to Finnon Lake property and can come and go as they please.

#### **SCPOA**

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Thanks again to those who came to our May meeting, as always your comments and suggestions are greatly appreciated. Our maintenance crew is continuing to keep our common areas looking great with mowing, weed eating and brush clearing as well as patching roads as the weather and temperatures permit. We need another load of cutback for patching from the El Dorado County DOT since their mix has held up so well.

Aquatic Environments will be evaluating our ponds and providing their recommendations for treatment. The ponds will also be tested for bacteria levels in the water in June.

There are still 84 SCPOA residents who have not paid their assessment for this year, totaling \$83,533.91. Rather then spending the money on sending a third notice of the amount due our secretary will make attempts to contact them by phone before the accounts are turned over to Cimmeron for liens to be placed on properties.

Our reserve study still needs some corrections so that we can accurately fund our budget for next year. This will be addressed at 9:30 AM just prior to our June SCPOA meeting.

No new plans have been submitted for architectural review this past month but the topic of unfinished homes and un-cared for vacant lots came up. Jeff will contact the county to see if they have any program to deal with these issues.

The website committee is continuing their work. If you have not seen it, go to \_www.scpoa.net\_ (http://www.scpoa.net/) and check it out.

A discussion was held on purchasing another printer for our secretary, since this purchase was already approved last year, a decision was made to purchase the HP650. This printer will be used to do the printings for the packets rather than paying to have them done. Lynda is also looking into purchasing postage online as well as a new mailbox that is large

enough to handle the packets. With these additions and changes the cost of travel, time and outside labor to prepare the packets will save the association many dollars.

Our Fire Department Support Group wanted to remind everyone that they will be doing home evaluations for fire safety, give the Fire Station a call to schedule one. There are also forms for free chipping available as well as requests for assistance with brush clearing for those who are unable to do it themselves, call or visit the Fire Station for more information.

Our next SCPOA meeting will be Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station. We will start at 9:30 with the reserve study discussion and the regular meeting at 10:00. This will be followed by the forestry presentation at 11:00. We hope to see a large group for all the meetings.

# **Disc Golf Update**

by Chris Dillender

We're getting closer! The last of the baskets to complete the 18 hole course have been ordered and should be here by the end of May. The only thing we need now to get the course rolling is your help to get the baskets in the ground. We will have a WORK PARTY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 7th from 9 AM until the job is done. We will meet in the parking lot at Rock Creek Cafe. Helpers of all ages are needed, please bring a chainsaw and/or rake if you have one. Watch for signs on the bridge during June to announce our Grand Opening! Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call Chris Dillender at 409-6429 for any info about sponsoring a hole, or how you can help. This will be a great free activity for our entire community to enjoy. If you have a minute, go to www.disclife.com/whatis.shtml to find out a little more about the sport.

2nd Annual Mosquito Art Show
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>
9AM - 4PM
At Finnon Lake Next to the Cafe
Glass\*Jewelry\*Paintings and more,
all local artists

# **Meeting with US Forest Service**

The US Forest Service will be at the Fire Station on Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The USFS will be discussing topics related to the El Dorado National Forest such as recreational uses of the forest, roads and trails; logging and fuels reduction plans; road maintenance and trail management; and anything else the public attendees wish to discuss with them. This is not intended to be a complaint session but rather a positive meeting that can result in better communication and information sharing between Mosquito residents and the USFS.

The Eldorado County Sheriff's Office and the CHP have also been invited to discuss enforcement and traffic management issues in our area. Please come to this meeting and learn more about living within and helping to protect the beautiful forest we are so lucky to have surrounding us.

#### Crafts

Want to be a "Crafter"? Our meetings are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month from 9:30 to 11:30 at Darlene Rood's home, 2211 Swansboro Road. We will be working on projects for the craft sale at the Community Picnic on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is June 27<sup>th</sup>, hope to see you there.

# WILL YOUR HOME SURVIVE? ITEMS TO LOOK FOR.......

- 1. Tree limbs overhanging the roof?
- 2. Clearance around Propane tank?
- 3. Clearance around your home?
- 4. Roof, Attic and Foundation Vents free of debris?
- 5. Fireplace and Chimneys screened?
- 6. Eaves. Roof and Gutters cleaned?
- 7. Under Decks and Porches clear?
- 8. Driveways clearly marked and Vegetation cut back 15'?

REMEMBER THE SMALLER THE FUEL, THE EASIER IT IS TO IGNITE!!

## **News From The Café**

by Frank Ethridge

Here it is already June and the summer heat is on the way. Fathers Day is the 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be running our normal hours. The café will be putting on some outdoor events this summer and we will keep everyone posted. Having a backyard Bar-B-Que or a Summer get together? Need a little extra help? Give us a call at 622-0210.

We wish to say thanks to everyone for their patience as we make repairs on some of the equipment. Thank you from the crew @ the Café

# Recipe for the Month

by Frank Ethridge

A couple of you have asked for my Bar-B- Que sauce well here it is enjoy!

# Bar-B-Que Sauce Yield 5 cups

32-ounces tomato ketchup

6-ounces tomato juice

1-cup molasses

4-ounces white vinegar

1/2-pounds brown sugar

1/4-cup Worcestershire sauce

1/4-cup liquid smoke

1-teaspoon cayenne

1-teaspoon salt

4-ounces water

1 tablespoon onion powder

2-teaspoons granulated garlic

Place all ingredients in a saucepot and mix well over low heat cook for 20 minutes.

#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. Call Gail at 622.2235 or e-mail <u>gbarritt@earthlink.net</u>. 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:**

MAH JONNG - Looking for people to play MAH JONNG using Wright-Patterson rules. Call Barbara at 626-4747

SUMMER ART CLASSES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS Taking sign ups now for ceramics or glass fusing classes starting in mid-June. Afternoon and evening sessions available. Call Pam Angelo for more info at 621-3688

NEW DANCER CLASS for APPLE JACKS & JILLS SQUARE DANCING CLUB- Starts September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 thru June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7:30 PM at Hangtown Grange. Call John or Peggy Cory at 642-2217 for more information.

MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP -Sunday Bible study begins at 9:30am then 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 www.mfom.net.

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD - Hanging By A Thread Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html">http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html</a>

#### WANTED:

USED CARPETING-Interested in acquiring as much used carpeting as possible. If you have old carpeting you want to get rid of or are getting new carpeting, I would love to have the carpeting that gets removed. I will pick it up. It doesn't matter if the carpeting is well worn in places or stained, or even in small pieces. I will take it all away for you. Contact Nancy West at 626-7975 (6)

RENTAL-Older single lady looking for rental in Swansboro/Mosquito area. Call Trudy at 626-9625 (6)

#### FREE:

SEASONED PINE, OAK & MANZANITA. Call Arnie V. at 621-0135 (5)

#### **SERVICES:**

LANDSCAPE FOREMAN 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 you.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT- Brush removal, Chipping, Ground/ladder fuel reduction. Licensed and insured. Call Brien McLain at 295-3704

ATTENTION BUSINESS MINDED INDIVIDUALS - In need of an extra income? Consider a proven solution. No Selling, No Inventory, No Taking Orders. Work from home on your time. Absolutely No Risk. Over 2 decades of positive growth. Call Today - Angela or Debbie Soto at 626-8536

HARLEY DAVIDSON – Need your Harley serviced. Don't go down the hill call Dan at Hawaiian Motorcycle 622-8326. Also Twin Cam performance upgrades in Swansboro. <a href="mailto:ripmcg@aol.com">ripmcg@aol.com</a>.

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.

GOT HORSES? My 9-year-old daughter is crazy about horses, and would love an opportunity to help care for and learn more about them. Would you be interested in a summertime helper for chores like feeding, grooming, and mucking out stalls? Call Alyson at 626-7396.

OLD AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES - Free pick up and disposal. Call Ray Langdon at 622-5378 or 409-5530

LOOKING FOR A NEW OR USED VEHICLE- Feel free to call me any time. I work at Roseville Toyota and am a "LOCAL" in Mosquito. Even if you are interested in a different make of vehicle I will help out. Call David Campos at 530-903-9745

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 at 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

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

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

ETHERIDGE ELECTRIC: Electrical contractors, residential, custom homes, service work remodels. Fully insured, contractors Lic. #883474, Call Phil or Kelly at 344-9066

GUITAR/BASS LESSONS here on the hill. Beginners to intermediates, all ages. Call Heidi at 344-8015

SOUTHERN LIVING at HOME parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or kjhern@ pacbell.net

MURALS and more - unique wall treatments for your home. Local personal references available. Call D. Harris for ideas and prices at 642-2333

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

HOUSE/ PET SITTING, Misc. jobs, call Laura at 306-2792

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+ yrs in business, 30+ experience. Call Ken Osborn at 622-0551.

RESPITE 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. Call Nancy West at 626-7975

HANDYMAN -Your best friend. Odd jobs—Reasonable rates. Call Ken Gambee at 621-2530

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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

BOTTLED WATER on the Hill: Are you interested in having bottled water service without leaving your home? If so email Jeremy or Nicole, <a href="mailto:services@drcoolers.com">services@drcoolers.com</a> or call 916-316-4043.

PARTYLITE CANDLES parties and gifts. Call Sharon McCoy at 295-8112 or <a href="mailto:sharon000@sbcglobal.net">sharon000@sbcglobal.net</a>

WEST SLOPE CONSTRUCTION, your local builder – quality work at reduced rates. No job to small. CA Lic# 625536 call 622-1178

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.

RETIRED ELECTRICIAN looking for electrical jobs on the hill. Please call John at 344-1912

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

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PELHAM BLAKEMAN CONSTRUCTION: Custom & remodels. License #850034, member BBB, senior citizen discount. Call Erik at 622-4703

COLLEGE STUDENT available for odd jobs and manual labor. Hard worker, great attitude. Prefer Swansboro area work. Please call James at 622-4424

HARKEY'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION: Dustin Harkey, owner, specializes in custom concrete but does all types of concrete work: foundations, stamped concrete, sidewalks, pools, etc. CA license 849435, also bonded. Call 642-8986

SIGN PAINTER: Signs, logos, pop art, screen painting. Phil Langdon 622-5378

AUTO REPAIR: Is Mosquito Road rough on your vehicle? Give "Hippie" a call at Mosquito Auto, specialist in transmissions, brakes, tune-ups. 642-2867

FAX AND PHOTOCOPY SERVICE here on the hill. Call Fred Adams at 642-9441

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.creativeadminservices.com or call 295-1779

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

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

RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY – Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit Ridleyk9academy.com or call 409-0879

BABYSITTER: Reliable, experienced female, high school junior. First aid certified references on request. Reasonable rates. Elliot Davis 295-1156

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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

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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

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

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CHIMNEY SWEEP for hire, 27 years experience. Wood/pellet stoves, fireplaces, dryer vents, gutters. Repairs, installations, problem solving. Call Richard Smith at 530-306-2438

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1980 Ford Courier pickup, 4 cyl, 118k miles, very reliable, runs & smogs well, body has some dents and minor rust, interior rough, good tires, great street legal ranch truck, \$700 OBO. Call Steve at 621-3723 (6)

1995 PROWLER 5TH WHEEL W/HITCH 26'. Sleeps 6+, self contained, bunk beds in rear, microwave, TV, upgraded interior. \$8000.00 Call if you would like to view it. 295-8399 (6)

MERRY TILLER- Model G 77 w/ owners manual. Needs engine tune up service \$60. Call 622-9090 (6)

SEARS 45" MOWER- for model #917.27650. Never used \$100. Call 622-9090 (6)

QUART CANNING JARS- 5 boxes of 12 one quart jars, \$5 per box. Call 622-9090 (6)

TIRES - 2 Tires size 235/75 R15 on wheels and hub caps. Almost new, \$140 for both. 1 Tire size P 195/75 R15 on rim, good tread, \$40. Call 622-9090 (6)

GOLF CART- Pull cart with service manual \$6. Call 622-9090 (6)

WOOD DECK PRESERVATIVE - 5gal pail of Olympic Clear, never opened, \$35 Linda at 622-1616 (5)

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KITCHEN CABINETS - Best offer. Call Arnie V. at 621-0135 (5)

I-FIT TREADMILL- very good condition \$50. Call Sandi at 626-6248 (5)

DRAPES, Brand New. Beige linen-like fabric with subtle white stripe, unlined. One Pair, 43"x90" Each side (ten triple pleats) plus one full drape, 66"x90". Ordered for a rental property, didn't fit. \$95 for all. Call Linda at 622-1616.

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6 PIECE OAK STUDY SET - \$800, OBO. Bookshelf, File Cabinet, desk all attached great condition. Call 295-3405, Sara or Jarrod (4)

DIAMOND PLATE TOOL BOX  $-51 \% \times 20 \% -4$  months old. \$150. Call Kathy at 626-4281 (4)

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BUILDING SUPPLIES - sheet rock, insulation, lumber, plastic railing spindles (two lengths) etc. View by appointment only. Call 530-417-5978 (4)

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The Helpful Hint Column appears when there is room. If you have any helpful hints to pass along, please send them to me. Thanks, your editor.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD HINTS TO PASS ON!!!!!**

### 1.Reheat Pizza----

Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy micro pizza.

# 2. Easy Deviled Eggs ---

Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock bag. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly, cut the tip of the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw bag away when done for easy clean up.

## 3. Expanding Frosting---

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.

# 4. Reheating Refrigerated Bread---

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

## 5. Newspaper Weeds Away---

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

#### 6. Flexible Vacuum---

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

# 7. No More Mosquitoes ---

Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

#### 8. Squirrel Away!---

To keep squirrels from eating your plants sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it.

#### 9. Measuring Cups

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup interior, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes right out.

## 10. Goodbye Fruit Flies

To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass fill it 1/2" with Apple Cider Vinegar and 2 drops of dish washing liquid, mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!

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# Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Build Your Own Hot Dog	7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	6	9:00 AM Art Show - Finnon Lake 9:00 AM Disc Golf Work Party - Finnon Lake 10:00 AM Support Group
8	9	10	\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Sloppy Joes	12 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	13	14  10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting  11:00 AM US Forest Service Meeting  FLAG DAY
	16	17	\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Chicken Pot Pie	19	20	21 10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting
22	23	24	\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Tacos	26	9:30 AM Craft Meeting See Page 4	28
29	30	THE F	ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED  **ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS			

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