

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

Last month I said that our Fire Department was unusually busy. Perhaps I spoke too soon. This month we have had 1 Vehicle accident (head-on collision on Mosquito Rd.), 1 Mutual Aid to the town of Cool, 2 wild land fires, 4 smoke checks, 6 Medicals aids, and 3 public assists. Looks like the trend is continuing!

As you have seen on the news, the risk from wild land fire in our community is not a unique one, many acres of forest land and homes were lost to fire in a matter of minutes up in the town of Paradise. This year is shaping up to potentially be one of the most destructive in our history. There's many reasons for this; drought conditions over the majority of the west, heavy brush and fuel loads in our forest land, and the many homes that have sprung up in rural areas. The frightening thing about these losses so far is that it is so early in the fire season. If we continue at this pace, September and October (our normal high fire danger months) may be a catastrophic time for California and other western states.

In past Byte articles I've written about things our residents can do to make their homes "defensible". I'd like to shift gears now and write a little about what "We" (the Fire District) will do in the event of a wild land fire and what "You" (the residents) should do when a fire does start in or near our community. Notice that I did not say "if" a fire starts but "when". Living in the foothills as we do, the experts say it's simply a matter of time before either nature, accident, or other human action will start a fire which could take off and destroy everything in it's path.

First let's talk about "We". When a wild land fire starts anywhere in this District, "We" are the first Fire Department dispatched. Also dispatched will be the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (Cal-Fire), equipment from other nearby

fire districts, the U.S. Forest Service, and as many aircraft and hand crews as are available at the time. "We" have primary responsibility to ensure the safety of our residents, the safety of our fire fighters and to protect the structures in our District. Cal-Fire has the responsibility of suppressing the wild land fire. However, we know from experience that one of the best ways to protect residents and to save structures is to put out the fire before it gets big. So, when I or a Chief Officer from the District arrives at the scene, we run through our list of priorities; "Is there an immediate threat to a resident or a fire fighters safety?", "Is there an immediate threat to a structure?". If the answer to both of these is 'NO', then "We" will most likely engage in a very aggressive initial attack on the wild land fire to put it out or contain it.

Now let's talk about "You". One thing "You" can do to is be prepared! Make sure important papers and documents are stored in a safe place or are ready to be moved with you in the event of an evacuation. Make sure all family members know what to do if there is a fire, i.e., where they are to meet, whom they can stay with, what they can do to help each other, and what they need to get by for several days. Each family should have a plan developed and reviewed so that each member knows what to do. A little planning in the beginning could be a lifesaver.

Another thing "You" should take into consideration is that there are only three ways in and out of our community; west on Rock Creek Road, south on Mosquito Road or north on Mosquito Road through the forest. And, often in a large event one or more of these routes is closed. That's why the Fire Department Support Group and members of the Swansboro Pilots Association have developed an evacuation plan using the Airport to provide a safe haven for residents. "You" should be familiar with the all of the evacuation routes from your home to the evacuation site. By the way, evacuation is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department and the

effort will likely start off with a "reverse 911" call from the Sheriff's office notifying residents to evacuate.

I don't want to scare anyone or be the conveyor of doom and gloom. But we must realize that we live in a world of risk. We don't have tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes (most of the time) but we do have wild land fires. They are a part of living in the state of California and especially in the foothills. Therefore, we have to be ready, do some planning with your family, get important personnel papers together, rely on common sense thinking and above all, be safe.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association by Leslie Baumgartner

Summer is here and the heat is on. It seems we are seeing more campers at the campground and around the lake. The disc golf course had visitors last weekend and they said it was a great course, many thanks to Chris and his volunteers for putting this together, it attracts people to not only the disc course but also to the restaurant and campground bringing in revenues for the community. I talked to some campers that had found Finnon Lake in a Campgrounds in California book dated in the 1980's. They were happy to say it was as good as the book said. Anyone wishing to help at the campground should contact the me at 626-1204 and we will get you started.

Soon you will see the handi-work of some local artists who have volunteered to make signs for our events, so a big thank you for a great job goes to Jan Escamilla and Dee Harris for doing our signs. The first sign you see will announce the upcoming "Community Picnic" (SEE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE RIGHT!)

For those of you who have not been to Finnon Lake recently, Clint Johns has completed his Eagle Scout project. There is a new sidewalk going up to the Rock Creek Café pavilion and 2 new flag poles, one by the restaurant in front of the pavilion and the other one across the lake on the point in the Campground. Thank you Clint for a great job!

Be sure you have reserved July 19th for this great time from 11 to 3 at Dyer Lake. Remind your neighbors and friends about the picnic and we will see everyone there.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

FUN FUN FUN!!!! Our Annual Community Picnic with our volunteer fire fighters showing their pride in their Department will be held July 19th at Dyer Lake, Come show your support and give a "thanks" to the firefighters that do so much for us!

There will be lots of fun, things to eat and a raffle with great prizes. Our local "Crafters" will be there with a variety of crafts for sale. Telephone books, Mosquito Memories and T-shirts will be on sale. Mosquito Byte subscription forms will be available. All of the new fire equipment should be on display, plus the usual swimming and water play. There will be a bounce house for the kids.

Some of the great raffle prizes that will be raffled off are: 2 Thomas Kincade prints donated by the Kincade Gallery, gift certificate from the Front Yard Nursery, a gift card from Wal Mart/Sam's Club, gift certificate for 1 ½ hour massage, 6 - \$25 gift certificates for Rock Creek Café, Handmade Work of Art from Art of D'fusion, Candle/Flower holder from Southern Living at Home, Set of 5 Frisbee Golf Discs, a ½ hour plane ride for two overflying our area and the Grand Prize is a Dinner for 2 at your home prepared by Chefs' Frank and Heidi Ethridge, what a treat.

For a donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child, we will be serving a tasty lunch of burgers and hot dogs with all the fixins. Soda, water, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Enjoy your day at Dyer Lake with your neighbors and friends!

Potluck dishes are needed: If your last name begins with A-M Salads are needed and N-Z Desserts are welcome, so bring your favorite dish to share! And, we need help setting up and cleaning up, **Helpers of all ages are welcome!**

Please contact Leslie Baumgartner at 626-1204 for any help that you can provide.

Watch Out for Logging Trucks!!!

Sierra Pacific Industries has alerted us to their logging plans in the forest this summer. Look for Logging trucks during the month of July using Mosquito Road in the forest and Rock Creek Road down to Hwy 193. They will operate M-F so be on the look out for the trucks and drive alert and safe.

SCPOA Report

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The June meeting was short since there was a U.S. Forest Service meeting scheduled at 11:00 immediately following ours. Our maintenance crew has been responding to the calls we have received about road potholes. They have used up most the cutback material we had on hand. Our treasurer, Tee, (who is able to get us a discount) will be ordering two more loads of the high performance cutback from Teichert. She will work with Tom and Johnathan to coordinate delivery. The crew has also been doing some clean up work in the Twin Ponds area. This will be an on-going project as more of the area dries up. Part of this area is private property so some white posts have been placed on the property lines to show where the common area ends.

Our secretary is still working to collect dues for this year. We have 42 members that are in arrears and they are being sent to Cimerron for collection.

The architectural committee received and approved one set of plans last month, things are still pretty quiet.

We had hoped to start budget planning this month but we must straighten out our reserve plan first. To do this, however, requires that we get our road repair costs accurate. We will have the first session of **budget planning after the regular SCPOA meeting on July 12th. This is your chance to have a say in what we will spend money on next year and ultimately what your dues will be.**

Our Road Committee Chairman, Tom, states that we need to get a video of all our roads so that they can be graded on condition and a 10 year plan put together for repair based on the conditions. Tom and Rob will work on getting this video. **A special road meeting will be held on Sunday June 29th at 9:00 AM at the Fire Station to start the process of putting the long range plan together based on the current**

condition of the roads. We would like to encourage members to participate in this meeting since roads are by far the most significant expense in our budget.

We still have several open complaints which have been referred to the county code enforcement. Several have had some action but no resolution. Unfortunately, County budget constraints have cut all but one person from this department so we shouldn't expect too much from them right now.

If you have been out to any of the lakes you will have noticed that we have quite a bit of growth in the water. We received a lake treatment plan from Aquatic Environments after they conducted an assessment. Unfortunately, the plan cost was higher than the amount we have budgeted for lake treatment. It was decided that we will contact Aquatic Environments to see what we can do to stay within the budget and still have effective treatment. They have been very good at working within our budget in the past and still maintaining good pond quality. A motion was also made and approved to send our maintenance person, Johnathan, to a pond management workshop that is being held in Placerville. It is put on by UC, USDA and El Dorado County. We felt that this would be very worthwhile since we have so many ponds in our common areas.

The runway is developing some weeds along the edges and this will be taken care of by volunteers from the pilots group so our maintenance crew can focus on our other common areas.

A couple of suggestions were made at the meeting. One was that we send out postcards each month to try to get more people at the meetings. The cost in labor, material and postage was thought to be too excessive for our current financial position. We will continue to post signs at Rock Creek/Mosquito and La Paz/Mosquito. Another suggestion was to temporarily close the runway in order to hold a community event. It was unclear why we would want to do this when we have the Dyer Lake facility just across the street to hold events. Since we were running out of time this suggestion was continued to next months meeting.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday July 12th at 10:00 AM at the Fire Station. It will be followed by a budget workshop. We hope to see you there and look forward to your input.

SCPOA Meetings

by Mary Porter

If you are interested in having input in the discussion about your home owners association dues, you must attend the meetings!!

The Educated Construction Consumer (part 3 of 4)

by Erik Pelham

In Part 1, we discussed using only licensed contractors. So now that you have narrowed the field of people available to do your work, let's further narrow it by getting multiple bids, at least 3 to be exact...and while you are at it, ask each bidder to provide you with 3 references.

Acquiring three bids will give you a context for what the approximate price should be. Generally speaking, the lowest bid (especially if it is significantly low) is not the one you want. Several factors may be in place that influenced the low number. For example: the contractor may be intentionally low balling the price to land your job and intends to hit you up for more money after the fact in a "bait-and-switch" tactic; or he/she may have accidentally overlooked some portion of the project. Either way, it doesn't bode well for you. If all other variables seem to make sense about the contractor and you feel good about them and still suspect they may have overlooked something, you may want to request that they revisit the bid and ensure that they covered everything. Given that you have provided them with a clear "Scope of Work" (part 2 of 4), there is no reason why they should have overlooked anything. Perhaps they just have a very inexpensive source for building materials and can actually do the job for less. The best way to check this out is to review their references.

Any contractor that balks at giving out references is to be absolutely avoided. If they are proud of their work, they will be happy to give someone else the opportunity to toot their horn a bit. When you talk to the former clients, not only should you ask about the quality of their work, but also: their punctuality; their ability to convert the client's wishes into reality (or adequate explanation of why not); how well they stuck to the payment schedule; cleanliness of

work/site area; and ask the former client to give them a rating of general performance and whatever else you feel will be an important feature of a good homeowner/contractor relationship. Don't be bashful about asking to see the former projects in person. Most satisfied construction consumers are happy to show off the finished product.

Finnon Lake Disc Golf Update

by Chris Dillender

We did it! The course is finally open and ready for play. A huge thank you to all of the community members and Hangtown Disc Golf players from Placerville who came out to the work party on June 7th to place all of the baskets and landscape the course. Around 25 people came out to show their support for the community course. The Rock Creek Café generously donated lunch for all the workers - thanks Frank! There is still a lot of work to do - permanent signs for sponsors and directional arrows throughout the course will be added in time, but temporary ones are up for now. Parking for disc golf players is behind the restaurant - please leave the spots in the parking lot open for diners at the Café. Discs will be available for sale soon. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Chris with any questions at 530-409-6429.

Antique/Classic Aircraft Display

by Kim Purcell Kirkpatrick

Want to take an up close look at some airplanes that are 35 years old and older? Now's your chance. Stop by the Swansboro Airport on Friday, Saturday or Sunday (July 11th, 12th and 13th) between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM and take a look at the aircraft on display. For further information please contact Kim at 621-1049.

Crafts

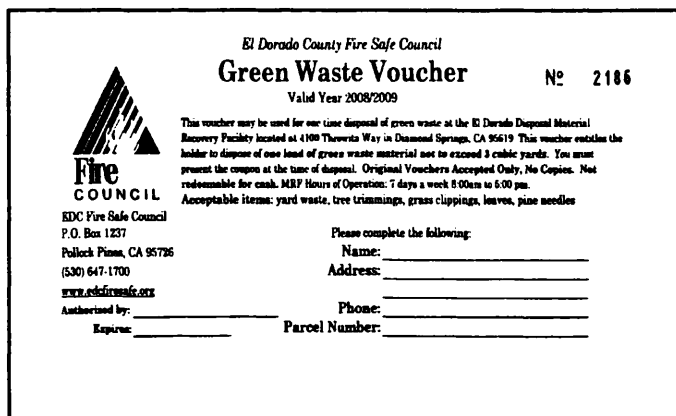
Look for our Craft Booth at the Community Picnic on July 19th at Dyer Lake. There will be lots of craft items available that you absolutely need even if you hadn't realized it! All of the proceeds go to the MVFA for their continued support of the volunteer fire fighters and our Fire Station.

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. We

will be begin work on "Holiday" projects for the craft sale in November. The next meeting is July 25th, hope to see you there.

Green Waste Voucher
by Mosquito Fire Protection District

Below is a sample of a "Green Waste Voucher" which can be obtained at the Fire Station. The voucher entitles the holder to dispose of one (1) load of green waste material (not to exceed 3 cubic yards) absolutely **FREE**. Just stop by the Fire Station, pick up your signed voucher and take it along with your green waste to the Materials Recovery Facility in Diamond Springs.



"MOSQUITO History"
by Byte Editors

Have you ever been curious about the beginnings of our community? Well here's a "time line" prepared by Lois Pearson, a lifelong Mosquito resident who sadly is no longer with us.

In 1849 with the discovery of gold in Coloma, prospectors began looking at every tributary that fed the American River. In short order, gold deposits were discovered in what we now call Mosquito Canyon and mining began. Most of the population settled in the area along Mosquito Road northeast of the cutoff. They referred to this location as "Nelsonville".

In 1851, Ben Summerfield and John Bennett built a sawmill on One Eye Creek and gold started to give way to timber. By 1853 Nelsonville had gone away and the name of Mosquito was given to the area.

(How this name was chosen is a story unto itself which we will cover in a future issue.)

In 1854, the Mosquito voting precinct was established. Also in that year James Summerfield formed the Mosquito Ditch Company who, at a cost of \$20,000, constructed an irrigation ditch taking water from Slab Creek approximately 22 miles down to Mosquito.

In 1859, a road was ordered built by the County Board of Supervisors from Placerville to Mosquito Village. When it was completed, our ever winding Mosquito Road was born along with our infamous "swinging bridge". The bridge, by the way, is a County Historical Landmark.

In 1860, there were 1200 registered voters in Mosquito who cast votes in Abraham Lincoln's presidential election, and this was before women were allowed to vote!

In 1872 J.W. Skinner, a resident of Mosquito, was nominated for County Sheriff and brought law and order to the "hill".

In 1880's the Mosquito School District was established, and the Mosquito Post Office was started. Gold was pretty much a thing of the past but logging and farming kept the community alive. And, there was a large Maidu Indian colony that frequented the area in the mid to late 1800's.

This is roughly the first 50 years of Mosquito. We will continue with other "items" when room in the Byte permits.

Mosquito Phone Book Update

Corrections:
Ralphs, Ron & Jennifer.....622.1558

Remove:
Bayless, Russell & Connie

News From the Café
by Frank Ethridge

Thank you for coming out on Father's day; it was a pleasure to serve you and yours.

July is the time to celebrate the birth of America and

we are going to have a BBQ from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday the 4th. The restaurant will be closed for dinner that night so we can all celebrate with our families and friends. Hope to see you at our BBQ.

Thank you from the crew at the Café

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

Chicken Salad

2 cups cubed cooked chicken breasts
 ¼ cup mayonnaise (add as needed)
 ½ cup seedless grapes cut in half
 ½ cup granny smith apples diced
 ½ cup pecans chopped
 Salt and pepper to taste

Bake the chicken for 25 minutes @350 degrees or boil in court bullion (Onions, celery, bay leaf, peppercorns in water to cover chicken) Mix cooked chicken with all other ingredients in a bowl. Chill in refrigerator, serve on whole wheat bread or a wrap.

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:

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 3rd 2008 thru June 25th 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. Call 295-0503 or 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-gpr.org/index.html>

PICKING' 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 622-8724

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

WANTED:

CARPOOLERS-Have you thought about saving on your fuel costs? Consider carpooling. I work in Folsom, 8:00-5:00. If interested in carpooling, call me, Jeff John, at 622-7052 or my cell during the day at 916-220-3024. (7)

USED CARPETING-Needed 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:

GUINEA PIG-Free to good home, male tri color 1½ year old. Includes cage/supplies. Call Lori at 626-4406 (7)

SEASONED PINE/OAK/MANZANITA. Call Arnie at 621-0135 (5)

SERVICES:

VEVMA- Vitamins Essential Minerals Mangosteen & Aloe - Liquid nutritional supplement. Distributor, Linda Langhout. Call Home 642-2905 or Cell 4097998

DOG RUNER!- I will run your dog for you. I'm responsible and I love dogs. \$6 per dog. Call Kristin, 295- 4851.

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. ripmcg@aol.com.

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.

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

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

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.

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 kjhem@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

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. Call Nancy West at 626-7975

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

NOTARY- Will travel, Loan Doc's experienced. Call Shannon at 621-2530

PLUMBER FOR HIRE: Quality work, affordable rates, licensed and bonded. New construction, remodels, repairs, water heaters, sewer/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, services@drcoolers.com or call 916-316-4043.

WEST SLOPE CONSTRUCTION, 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.

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

E2CON YOUR LOCAL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER - now offers Wild Blue Satellite connection! Thinking of upgrading your PC or Laptop to the new Vista Operating system? Is your iPod having issues, or corrupt? And for those still using dial-up price remains at \$7.25/month. We are located at 681 Main St., Lobby 2 in Mid Town Mall. Craig at 409-8139 or send your email to info@eeon.net

INTEGRAL CONSTRUCTION CONCEPTS-A brand new company specializing in kitchen and bath remodels. Give your home a facelift and boost your equity with our expert help. Call Garrison or Erik at 622-2399 or www.icsqrd.com.

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

BUTTERFIELD HANDYMAN SERVICES - Mosquito Area Quality and Craftmanship. Small jobs welcome for time and material. Call jerry @ 622-8724

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

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

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 jcbbackhoe@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

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

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

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

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

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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PONDERSOSA PINE FIREWOOD – already cut to length, easy access. \$50 per pick up load. Call Karen at 906-2021 (7)

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1980 FORD COURIER PU-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. **SEARS 45" MOWER-**for model #917.27650. Never used \$100. Call 622-9090 (6)

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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. (5)

July 2008

Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p>		1	2	3	4	5		
			<p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Chicken Enchilades</p>	<p>7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting</p>		<p>10:00 AM Support Group</p>		
		6	7	8	9	10	11	
					<p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Spaghetti</p>	<p>7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting</p>		<p>10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting</p>
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			<p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Stir Fry with Rice</p>			<p>10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting</p> <p>Community Picnic at Dyer Lake 11 to 3</p>		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
			<p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Lasagna</p>		<p>9:30 AM Craft Meeting</p> <p>See page 4</p>			
27	28	29	30	31	<p>** ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</p>			
			<p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>BBQ Chicken</p>					

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