

MOSQUITO BYTE

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Chief's Corner

by Chief Bob Davis

In June we had an unusual lightning event in Northern California. El Dorado County took several "hits" but not nearly as many as the counties to our north. As you heard and saw on the news, this weather phenomenon sparked over 1000 fires! You may have also heard that many of these fires were left unattended. It's unusual to hear this but with only a finite amount of resources you can only do so much and the decision was made to go after those fires that posed the most serious threat to life and property.

We were not exempt from the lightening attack. The fire on Gravel Road was the result of one of the lightning strikes. Lightning initially struck an oak tree branch which smoldered for two days. Then the wind coming out of the canyon hit the branch just right and the smoldering turned to flame. Here's a little insight on the incident from my perspective.

When I arrived on scene, the fire was about two acres in size and burning at a moderate rate of spread. The fuel, mostly grass, was keeping the fire on the ground. Thanks to the prevailing winds, it was burning away from the structures located on the property. The fire's right flank posed the greatest threat since a little stronger wind could send it running uphill into the Trail Gulch area. Engine 75 soon arrived and Firefighters Leo Chaloux and Jake Pritchard were assigned the task of attacking the right flank. Firefighter Chris Johns was right behind them in Water Tender 75 and began supplying water to E-75. Next to arrive was Firefighter Eric Pelham who was assigned to attack the fire's left flank. But to reach the left flank Eric had to traverse a cow pen which was enclosed by a 6' high fence. So the first order of business was to breach the fence. After we accomplished that, Eric began working the left flank.

Then the "Cavalry" arrived - two air tankers and a helicopter!!! Cal-Fire, other local resources and hand crews from Growlersburg were not too far behind. Now we had the much needed additional resources for a safe and aggressive attack on the fire. I soon got radio

reports that Leo and Jake had hooked the right flank and that Eric had hooked the left flank ("hooked" means that they had stopped forward progress of the fire in their area). The aircraft were knocking the fire down and allowing ground personnel a chance to control it. The fire was now looking a lot less threatening and we were obviously starting to get a handle on things. It is amazing what a couple of aircraft and a helicopter can do for your confidence level when you are the Incident Commander! A short time later the fire was totally contained and Cal-Fire (who has jurisdictional control over all wildland fires) and the hand crews were left to do the mop up.

Remember that I started this article talking about "finite resources". Well we were fortunate because there was still plenty of resources in the county on that particular day and at that particular time. Here's what was dispatched to our fire which was a relatively small event: One Chief Officer, One Cal-Fire Battalion Chief, all Mosquito equipment and available volunteers, two helicopters, two air tankers, Airco (the guy who runs the air show), one Cal-Fire Fire Prevention Officer, two Battalion Chiefs from County Fire, five local engines, ten Cal-Fire engines, one ambulance, two hand crews, one dozer and one heli-tender. It's this kind of aggressive response that helps to keep small fires from turning into big fires. And, it's this kind of a response that is very, very welcome.

We have just gone through one of the driest springs in 80 years. The grass and brush are as dry today as they would normally be in September. Enjoy the summer but PLEASE be careful out there and be "fire-wise".

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association

by Leslie Baumgartner

What a great community picnic! A big THANK YOU to all who came to show the firefighters how much you appreciate them and their efforts. The weather was great and the "Kitchen Crew" (head cook Joe Lima and his #1assistant Neil Matheney) did some awesome "grilling"! Thanks guys. Gail Barritt, Sandi Brauns, Linda Duke, Mary Ann Haywood and Lynda Lima did a

great job at the ticket table. The crafter's booth, as always, was filled with goodies made by our local crafters and they were there to help you select something special. Tom Stuart took command of dispensing the beer, sodas and water and did a great job. The MFPD Support Group operated Pump 75 which supplied the water to firefighters Amanda Morris, Floyd Baumgartner and Eric Pelham so that they could give the kids a "shower" while they were swimming in the lake. A huge Thanks also to Sally Long Johns for providing the Jump House for the kids jumping fun. And a special "Thanks" to Dan Fiorillo and the Coca Cola Company for their donation of Coca Cola products. Thanks also goes to the community members who shared their side dishes with all, without you we would only have a half picnic! I saw Bob Davis, Mary and Ken Joseph, Todd Hern, Joe and Lynda Lima, Neil and Pat Matheney all helping with set up and clean up. If I have missed someone, I do thank you also! While thanking folks I would also like to recognize the following for their great donations to the raffle. Art of D'Fusion, Garrison Burrell-Pellham, Colibri Ridge Winery, Chris Dillender, Sharon Hern, El Dorado Savings Bank, Frank & Heidi Etheridge, Golden Spoke Bike Shop, Kelly Hern, Mountain Mail & More, Front Yard Nursery, Hangtown Ace Hardware, Placerville Hardware, Rocky's Art and Framing, Ralph Hern, The Crafters and the Thomas Kinkade Gallery. Again thank you all for helping and coming to the picnic.

Judging from some of the conversations I had at the picnic, there still may be some confusion about the different Organizations in our community and who/what they are about. Several people asked me questions which I really could not give good answers because they related to another organization. Here's a very abbreviated explanation of the 3 major community organizations. Please feel free to come to any of the organizations' board meetings (see Byte calendar) to ask a question or give suggestions.

Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association (MVFA) is a non-profit, community-wide organization - if you live up here, you're automatically a member of MVFA. MVFA's role is to provide community support and community fire education. MVFA owns and manages the Finnon Lake property but their major source of funding is through donations and "fund raisers". MVFA organizes, funds and puts on the Christmas Pot Luck, Easter Egg Hunt, summer community picnic (which just occurred) and the children's Halloween Party. MVFA also publishes the Mosquito Byte and the Mosquito Phone Book. The MVFA also frequently purchases small tools, implements or medical equipment which they then

donate to the Fire Protection District. The MVFA Board carries out the business of the Association.

Swansboro Country Property Owners Association (SCPOA) is the organization that governs the Swansboro Subdivision (which is a part of the Mosquito community). Their members are those people living within the subdivision. The SCPOA Board is responsible for managing the homeowners association business. They are funded by assessments on the property owners. SCPOA owns and maintains the airport, the roads within the subdivision, and the common areas such as Dyer Lake, Catfish Pond and Trout Lake

Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD) is a State of California created Special District charged with the responsibility of providing fire suppression, fire prevention, public education and first responder emergency medical services within District boundaries. MFPD is tax supported. The District's assets include the Fire Station, the station grounds and the fire equipment. Its members are the paid staff and the men and women living in the community who volunteer their time as firefighters, support group members or board members. The MFPD is governed by a 5 member Board of Directors who are "public officials" elected by the voters in the State's General Election for 4 year terms.

I hope this helps clarify the roles of these three different, but associated organizations.

Crafters

by Sharon Hern

Thanks to all who stopped by our Craft Booth at the Community Picnic. All of the proceeds from our sales go to the MVFA for their continued support of the community and our volunteer fire fighters. Thank you for your support.

Want to be a "Crafter"? We meet on the 4th Friday each month from 9:30 to 11:30 at Darlene Rood's home, 2211 Swansboro Road. We're now starting to work on "Holiday" projects for the November craft sale. Join us at our next meeting on August 22nd.

**In Memory
of
Jerry Okumura**

SCPOA

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

Dave Najera from Aquatic Environments, was a guest at our last meeting to explain why we spend so much each year to keep our lakes "healthy". Dave explained the types of growth we get and why/what needs to be done to maintain the healthy state they are currently in. Some considerations for the future will be dredging, setting up an aeration system that will not be damaged by vandals and putting together a long range plan. The chemical treatments are the most expensive and we will need to continue with them but we may be able to eventually decrease the frequency. Since we are having a dry year we may also be able to have our maintenance crew clear out some of the bottom muck and dead cat tails as the lakes recede.

We also received a brief report from our Maintenance Lead, Johnathan, on the lake management class he attended. The good news is that we are doing pretty much what is recommended and our lakes are in very good shape. One thing that was emphasized was the clearing of the dam faces of brush and small trees to maintain dam integrity. Larger trees are better left alone since they have such an extensive root system. Johnathan and Tammy will be working on this as time permits but road patching and maintenance will continue to be their priority during good weather.

Our secretary, Lynda, reported that we currently have 43 accounts in collections leaving a shortage of over \$40,000, this is quite a bit higher than last year and will have to be taken into account in next years budget. The budget committee will be having meetings after each regular meeting now through when the budget is approved. This is your chance to get involved and have a say in what your dues are spent on.

The road committee will also be meeting to finish up the road survey and get the appropriate information together so that we can correct our reserve study and look at having some road work done this year. The idea of purchasing a sweeper for the roads was again discussed and it was decided that Tom would get the pertinent tractor information from Johnathan to get prices on what would be appropriate to purchase.

The runway committee will draft a letter to all property owners bordering the runway reminding them of their responsibility to clear any brush that encroaches on the runway safety areas. A few years ago the areas were cleaned but several owners have allowed growth to return.

The website group is still working on improvements to the site and also exploring the idea of allowing advertising on the site for donations. They will report back if it can legally be allowed.

The idea of closing the runway for an event was also discussed. However issues of liability, insurance coverage additional costs, etc. have not been addressed. It was also brought up that using it for an activity other than what it was intended for may give people the idea that they can do it anytime.

Thanks to the hard work of our secretary, Lynda, our liability insurance options were examined. Lynda, obtained a quote from an A+ company that is taking on new clients which was almost half of what we are paying now for the same coverage! A motion was made and approved to purchase insurance from this company.

Our next meeting will be Saturday August 9th at 10:00 AM at the fire station and will be followed by the budget and road meetings.

NO Logging Trucks

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) has notified the Byte that they will not be moving forward (this year) with their planned helicopter-assisted timber harvest up in the forest off of Mosquito Road. Therefore, logging trucks will not be routinely using Rock Creek Road in August as was previously announced.

Airport Appreciation Day

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

Ever see a "NanChang CJ-6" up close? How about a DR turbine powered helicopter? Ever looked inside a Beechcraft Baron twin? Or peering inside an Army* Blackhawk helicopter? Well now's your chance to do all of this plus get an up close look at some other classic airplanes (planes that are 35 years old and older). Mark your calendars for **August 9th** and visit the Swansboro Airport between 3 & 5 PM. This will be your chance to "see and touch" these plane as well as talk to some of the pilots who fly them. For further information contact Kim at 621-1049.

(*The Army Blackhawk helicopter is an active duty National Guard helicopter which will be on display unless it has been dispatched to a higher priority assignment.)

**In Memory
of
Jim Hinds**

The Educated Construction Consumer (4 of 4)

by Erik Pelham

To review: 1. Use licensed contractors; 2. Have an extensive and thorough "Scope of Work"; and 3. Get multiple bids and references. The fourth in our series will prevent you from paying for something that you are not getting. Your down-payment should not exceed \$1000 or 10%, whichever is less. This is called "Earnest Money" and is a token amount to seal the contract. It is a violation of state law for a contractor to accept more than this amount. This is to protect you from "pre-paying" and the contractor disappearing or doing substandard work. This is your leverage to get what you want. Murphy's Golden Rule: "Whoever has the gold makes the rules."

Going forward from the contract signing, the exchange of money should be covered in a contract document that parallels the "Scope of Work". The "Payment Schedule" is set up so that you pay for work that has been done, or materials that have been delivered, to your job. Before you make a payment, you can clearly see whether or not the pre-agreed to terms of the "Payment Schedule" have been met. If you owe \$1300 upon completion of the drywall installation, then you can look at the project, determine that the drywall has been installed, and make the appropriate payment. If the drywall is not installed, then the contractor should not even be asking for that payment, and you should not be making that payment.

In these four articles, I have covered some of the basics of your consumer rights. There is no substitute for you doing your homework at the website run by the Department of Consumer Affairs (www.cslb.ca.gov). If you rely on someone else to protect your rights, don't be surprised if you find yourself in a less than desirable situation.

Friendly Reminder

by Taffy Warner

Mosquito and Swansboro do NOT have litter removal except for the residents that will pick up roadside trash as they take a walk or clean up in front of their homes. So please do not toss litter out of the car!! If you are posting signs for an event on a specific date, please take down the signs after the event is over so the signs don't become litter!! Likewise if you are trying to sell an item and plaster signs all over, please remove the signs once you sell the items or realize you are not going to sell the item!! The roadways have been exceptionally clear of debris until a few weeks ago so please remember to corral your trash. All of us benefit.

Homeowner Assistance Program

by Taffy Warner

Property Tax Postponement Program. If you are having difficulty paying your property taxes, make sure you contact the State Controller's Office Property Tax Postponement Program at their website: www.sco.ca.gov or by telephone (800) 952-5661 or (916) 327-5587 to see if you qualify for this program.

There are 4 basic criteria:

1. You are at least 62, or blind, or disabled;
2. You own and occupy your home;
3. You have a total household income of \$35,000 or less;
4. You have at least 20% equity in your home.

Applications for the program may be submitted from May 15th - December 10th each year.

Taxes continue to accrue but repayment is not required unless you move; sell the home; a lien such as a mortgage becomes delinquent; or the homeowner dies.

Pruning Ponderosa Pine Trees

by Li Vellinga & Bob Fritz

Chief Davis' constant warnings are made only too clear, if that's the proper word, by the recent smoke levels. As such, I started looking at the suggestions for clearing the potential burn areas around my house. We've one particular Ponderosa Pine whose lower branches touch the ground, and I wanted to trim it to about 10-12 feet.

Li found a good source of info on-line on the subject of how, when, why, and who should. Go to: www.oregon.gov/ODF/URBAN_FORESTS/docs/HazResistPond*Pine*.doc

When pruning your Ponderosa pine tree, live branches should only be pruned during the dormant season (Dec - Feb). You can prune dead branches anytime. Pruning in the dormant season will avoid attracting beetle pests that can harm and even kill the tree, making it more susceptible to failure during a storm.

Cutting your tree's branches and leaving stubs is called topping. Never top your tree! It is ugly and harmful to its health. Pruning your tree properly will extend its life.

To prune the correct way, partially undercut the branch you are removing approximately 6" away from the tree's trunk. Next, cut the same branch from top to bottom, further out. Finally, remove the stub that remains by cutting at just outside the raised area that surrounds the branch at the trunk.

The Community Thanks You

Many THANKS to Allison Moalli for co-ordinating the Mosquito Road Clean-Up day during the "Bridge Closure". The Swansboro Pilots Association along with many other volunteers undertakes this project every year. They walk Mosquito Road while the road is closed and clean up the trash along the sides. We, the community THANK YOU!!!!

School Begins in August

El Dorado Union High School District begins August 11th and Placerville Union School District begins August 13th. Rock Creek road travelers be aware of school buses in the mornings and afternoons.

Mosquito Phone Book

2007 Mosquito Phone Books are again available for purchase at the Fire Station (\$3.00 ea.) Phone Book additions and corrections are listed monthly in the Mosquito Byte. Please contact Sharon Hern at 626-5268 with any corrections or additions for the upcoming 2009 Mosquito Phone Book.

Additions:

Barraque, Lewis & Stacy.....622-1178
6440 Claim Street

Halvorsen, Gary & Tina.....626-0622
2849 Dyer Way

Hileman, Courtney.....626-5417
6567 Lupine Court

McCarthy, Dennis & Leslie.....621-0088
6810 Corder Court

Osborn, Ken & Mary Ann.....626-6391
3350 Lupine Lane

Pico, Kathleen.....621-3046
6502 Claim Street

Ridley, Garrett622-5417
6567 Lupine Court

Sanchez, Jonathon & Robin.....621-1240
3750 Stope Drive

Stuart, Tom & Theresa.....622-2795
3010 Swansboro Road

Corrections:

Butterfield, Jerry.....622-8724

Clarification

On page 4 of the July issue of the Mosquito Byte, a SCPOA Meetings article was incorrectly attributed to Mary Porter. Ms Porter submitted the idea for the article but not the final wording used.

News from the Café

by Frank Ethridge

The Café has its new freezer and we want to thank everyone who helped make it happen, The MVFA as well as the Gentlemen who helped me move it into the café, Phil and Kelly Etheridge with the electrical work and a special heart felt thanks to a member of our community and her Family who helped with the cost of the freezer. I also want to thank the Community for their patience and understanding when I hurt my back and had to close. We are working on a new Menu and hope to have it out soon.

Thank-you all from the Crew at the Café

Recipe of the Month

by Frank Ethridge

Green Beans in Tomato Vinaigrette

In addition to being delicious, this recipe can be made ahead—not, alas a full day in advance, but at least a few hours before you eat dinner. You can leave the red onion out of this dish if your children—like mine—shriek with disgust at even the tiniest fleck of onion.

Recipe Ingredients

- 1-1/2 lbs fresh green beans, washed and trimmed
- 3 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 6 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp each minced fresh basil and Flat leaf Parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 lbs plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- ¼ cup minced red onion

Steam the beans for 5 minutes. Rinse quickly in cold water to stop the cooking. Drain well. In a large bowl, whisk the vinegar, mustard and garlic. Gradually whisk in the oil. Add the herbs and salt, whisking thoroughly. Add the vegetables and toss everything together.

Let the beans marinate, unchilled, for at least 2 hours. Serve at room temperature. (If you prepare them earlier in the day, go ahead and chill them. Just make sure to take them out of the refrigerator at least 2 hours before dinner.) Makes 6 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:

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 3rd 2008 thru June 25th 2009 at 7:30 PM at Hangtown Grange. Special attire not needed. 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 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

FOUND:

Prescription sunglasses, near Dyer Lake. Good condition. Call Critter Don at 622-7622 (8)

MOVING SALE- August 1,2 & 3rd at 3721 Dogwood Lane.

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:

17" Sanyo Color TV. Works fine. Call 626-5268 (8)

BOXER-PIT BULL MIX - Free to good home, sweet & gentle female. Has been spayed and has Animal Control License. Does not like cats. Call Shannon at 621-2530 (8)

GUINEA PIG- Free to good home, male tri color 1 ½ year old guinea pig. Includes cage and supplies. Call Lori at 626-4406 (7)

SERVICES:

DUSTIN & SONS- Trash hauling, log splitting, light tractor work, light brush and tree removal, brush burning, weed-eating. Friendly and honest service. Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. at Home 344-8402 or Cell 363-4991

PG & E -Sick of paying over \$200 per month? Some clients report a reduction in their electric bill from \$200/month down to about \$5.00/month after installing a photovoltaic solar system on their property. Results may vary. Mention the Mosquito Byte to get your FREE Solar Electric evaluation. Call Michelle Ulrich, our office manager, at 916-536-9799 to book your appointment today!

CARPORTS - carports starting at \$895. Delivered and installed. Also available, Garages, Storage Buildings and Warehouses. Call Wayne for details at 626-6225

BULL DOZER FOR HIRE-Great rates, quality work. Roads, drainage, fire prevention, clearing or ?. Local mosquito resident since 1993. Call Eric at 626-8979.

VEEMMA- 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. rijmccg@aol.com.

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 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

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.

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 and drain clearing. License#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, your local builder - quality work at reduced rates. No job too 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 WEED CONTROL- Licensed herbicide applicator on the hill. Now is the time to spray for summer brush control: Blackberries, Scotch Broom etc. Call and let us customize a vegetation control plan to suit your needs. Dustin K. Sears, Sr., Owner. 344-8402 or Cell 530-363-4991

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

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

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

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

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

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FOR RENT:

Large studio apartment. Private deck with a spectacular river view. Kitchen with granite counter top. Features lots of storage. Water and electricity included. \$595/ month plus deposit. Please call 530-906-2021.

Spacious free-standing studio on acreage. Newly remodeled - fresh & bright. Washer/ dryer hook-ups. Fenced yard, one pet OK. Water included. \$595/month plus deposit. Please call 530-906-2021.

FOR SALE:

DIRT BIKE, 2001 Honda XL 50cc. Comes with training wheels and Gear (helmet, pants, shirt and chest protector - all size Youth Small) Good condition. Great starter bike for young riders. \$1,200. Call Kelly @ 295-9165 (8)

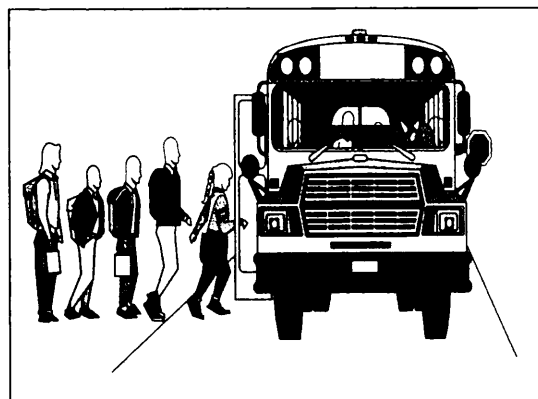
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Community Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED					1	2 10:00 AM Support Group
3	4	5	6 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Tostadas	7 7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting	8	9 10:00 AM SCPOA Meeting
10	11	12	13 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Build Your Own Hot Dog	14 7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting	15	16 10:00 AM Fire Safe Council Meeting
17	18	19	20 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Chicken Pot Pie	21	22 9:30 AM Craft Meeting See page 2	23
24	25	26	27 \$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe ** Meat Loaf	28	29	30
31	<p>**ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</p> 					

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