

# MOSQUITO BYTE

January 2009, VOLUME 22 #5

## *Happy New Year!!*

The **2009 Mosquito Phone Book** will be available for purchase at the Fire Station on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$3 per book and correct change is appreciated. If paying by check, make it payable to MFVA.

### **Chief's Corner** by Chief Bob Davis

Oops! When I was giving out all of the "thank you's" last month, I forgot to mention the Fire District Board (and believe me, they let me know the error of my ways!) So, let me start 2009 by saying, "Thank you Mosquito Fire District Board of Directors for all the help and support you've given me!"

Here's a little more reflection on 2008. This year has been a busy one with most of our fires happening in the early part of the fire season. The summer certainly had the potential for being a busy and devastating one for not only our community but for all of El Dorado County. Fortunately, we were able to get on those wildland fires that we did have before they had an opportunity to take off. But we did get some wildland fire fighting experience; the Lighting Complex Fires to our north and the Telegraph Fire and Tea Fire to our south. We spent a total of four weeks on mutual aid strike teams. It's pretty obvious that the State is utilizing strike teams more now than they did in the past and I'm sure this trend will continue. One of the benefits to the District from our participation in these strike teams is that the fire fighters get some terrific experience and the District even gets paid for it.

As I said, we were busy this year compared to the past. We had 29 structure/wildland responses. On the wildland fires, a quick response combined with our volunteer firefighters' skill enabled us to control them before they spread. However, they each had

great potential and we were fortunate to have had several volunteers available when the fires occurred. The same can be said for our structure calls. The availability of our volunteers along with their skill and our quick response kept damage to a minimum on most of the fires. We did have one structure fire resulting in about a 30% loss. That fire occurred in an unoccupied house at about 10:30 pm. Luckily a neighbor happened to lock outside and spotted the fire. Gratefully, there were no serious injuries from our fires this year..

This year we also "proved" the nation-wide fact that the majority of what today's fire departments do is respond to non-fire related calls for service; medical aid, vehicle accidents and public assists. In our District, as it is with the other districts in the county, about 80% of our calls fall into this category. This year we were dispatched to 88 of these non-fire related calls. The medical aid calls and public assist calls can occur anytime but many of the vehicle accidents occurred in bad weather with people going way to fast for the conditions. There were a few injuries but fortunately there were no fatalities.

All in all this past year was a relatively good one for us and hopefully 2009 will have us responding to fewer calls.

Drive Safe!!! Now that we have had our first taste of winter snow you have an idea of the hazardous road conditions that we can get up here.

Have a great, fire safe 2009.

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

WOW it is 2009 already! Days are flying by and becoming months and then a year is gone. With the new year, I would like to welcome two new MVFA board members, Mary Ann Haywood and Teresa Wren. Both are members of the Fire District Support Group and will fill the vacancies left by Support Group representatives Gail Barritt and Garrison Burrell-Pellem whose terms expired. I would also like to thank all of the MVFA Board Members who have unselfishly served the Association with their time and hard work on all of the community events and our ongoing activities at Finnon Lake. A "Big Thank You" to Frank Ethridge and Rock creek Café for making the restaurant a welcome place to visit with friends, make new friends and enjoy a wonderful meal. A huge "Thank You" to all of our community volunteers who joined in at work parties to keep Finnon Lake and the surrounding camp sites and area clean. And lastly, thanks to all of you who have joined us at our various community events.

Thanks to a training program by Sac Metro Fire, there has been lots of brushing at Finnon Lake and we now have a fire break around the entire perimeter. We will be having control burns to get rid of the brush piles and to get rid of more dangerous fuels that are scattered about. I hope to have a few early work parties of volunteers looking for a way to spend some time helping in the community to remove some of the mistletoe in the trees, pine cones and rocks from the ground and trash and dirt from the fire pits. This year I hope every one has an opportunity to come down and visit Finnon Lake. Camping, picnicking or just a brisk walk around our perimeter trail are all available - come check us out.

If you heard Carl Weiland's briefing at the Christmas Pot Luck, you know that we are still being considered for a grant to help repair Finnon Dam. Hopefully we will have a "yes" or "no" by the end of March. If we are selected for the grant there will be lots for everyone to do in order to prepare for the first scoop of dirt to be moved.

Please join us for our first board meeting in 2009 on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the fire station; yes, it's New Years Day evening. What better way to start a new year off right.

May this year be one of great joy for everyone and may we all spend time bringing our community together as one so that we can enjoy this great place "Mosquito".

## **SCPOA Report** by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

"Thank You" to those members who attended our December meeting. We had hoped for a bigger turnout since it was the meeting where we needed to make a decision on the budget and any dues increases for the next year.

Johnathan has been hard at work doing maintenance on equipment and burning the piles of cleared brush as time and burn conditions allow. Fencing replacement will probably start in the spring and road patching will continue as weather permits. We are still accepting applications for a maintenance assistant to start work in early spring so if anyone is interested, please contact our secretary, Lynda, at 621-0309.

We are hoping that Mother Nature will provide some substantial amounts of rain this winter to start refilling Dyer Lake. Just in case this doesn't happen, we have also significantly increased the budget allocation for water to bring the lake level up for next summer.

The budget committee has had many meetings over the last couple of months to get a budget together. Unlike our state government, we can't spend more than we take in. This has been a difficult process considering that our delinquent rate has increased significantly; we have over \$30,000 in uncollected dues for 2008. We really appreciated the number of members who took the time to participate and learn how the process works. We even had our CPA come to two of the meetings to review our budget and offer suggestions. He noted that it was about the leanest budget he had seen for an association our size. Our new bookkeeper and past board member, Barb Beacham, spent many hours bringing our books up to date and treasurer Tee Stierwalt worked out multiple budget scenarios on spreadsheets for us to review. We really want to thank Barb and Wayne Mikel for stepping up and getting involved to present more options which ultimately led to our final budget. Thanks to lots of hard work, we were able to present and pass a budget on time that met all the legal requirements without a dues increase for this year.

We realize that our assessments are due at a rather difficult time of year so we will be starting an education campaign to let everyone know that you don't need to wait until March to pay them. We want to encourage anyone who is interested, to start making payments on the following years dues as soon after March as practical, obviously the more months it is spread over the less impact it will have each month. There are a number of members doing this now and we would like to encourage anyone who has questions to contact Lynda at 621-0309 or come to a meeting.

The road committee will start having meetings next month in preparation for getting a bid package ready to go out in March, 2009. Our chairman, Tom Schmidt, suggested that we make an attempt to secure asphalt grindings from the work to be done on highway 50 starting this month. A motion was made and passed to commit the unused road budget from this year to get as much of the material as we can in order to do as many courts as we could. This product would allow us to provide a better then chip seal like surface for a fraction of the cost. It would be finished by rolling and applying a layer of oil in the summer. Unfortunately this project will now be on hold since the paid state legislature seems to be incapable of putting together a balanced budget and the highway project has been stopped for now. We will continue to pursue this option when it becomes available again.

We have been alternating our monthly meetings between Mondays and Saturdays to see if one is more convenient then the other for most people. We have had good turnouts on Mondays so for this next year we will try having monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, January 12th at 6:00 PM** at the fire station.

We wish everyone a very happy and prosperous 2009 and hope to see you at our next meeting!

**Christmas Dinner and Food Baskets**  
by Floyd Baumgartner

Where does one start to say THANK YOU to all the people who pulled together to make our Christmas Pot Luck such a success. Thank you Santa for taking the time out of your busy schedule to stop by and visit with the children in our community and get an

idea of what they were hoping you would bring them for Christmas. We all enjoyed your visit! Bicycles and other gifts that were provided by the Volunteer Fire Fighters were given to five lucky children who were there as well as some other gifts to our not so young attendees. A grand time was had by all!

A big Thank You to the following: Dee Harris and Jan Escamilla for the signs that were posted along the roads reminding everyone about the Christmas Pot Luck. Guy & Gail Barritt for shopping for the groceries for dinner. Joe & Lynda Lima, Arron Green, Sandy Brauns, Jerome Avery, Bob Davis and Iris Saxon who helped set up and clean up. All of those who helped prepare the great turkeys and ham. I hope that I did not forget anyone. Without the help of all of these people, the dinner would not of been the great success that is was and especially Thank You to all who came to share an evening with friends.

Thank you Sandi Brauns for preparing and delivering the food baskets and gifts just before Christmas to several in our community to wish them a Happy Holiday. Given the state of the economy, I didn't know what to expect in the way of donations this year but boy, was I surprised! I think we received more gifts of money, food and toys than ever before. It makes one very happy to see people reaching out to others. Thank you for your generous donations.

Several stores also donated to our baskets this year; Wal-mart, Save- Mart, Food 4 Less, Safeway and True Value Hardware. Please show your appreciation by shopping at these places when their products fit your needs.

**In Memory**

**of**

**Violet Houghton**

**Crafters**

by Sharon Hern

The "Crafters" are beginning a new craft year with their first meeting scheduled for Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. All you crafters and those of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint etc. are encouraged to come. We will be starting work on our spring projects. We also have coffee, goodies and of course table talk.

Our craft meeting will be held on Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road, from 9:30 -11:30 am. Hope to see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Zoe Arsenych**

by Editors

Many of us know Zoe Arsenych. She grew up in Swansboro - her parents still live here - and was active in our community. She was an honor student throughout her school years and won several of the scholarships given by the Swansboro Pilot's Association. After graduating from El Dorado High School in 2004, Zoe enrolled in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona where she graduated with honors in 2008. Now employed by Northrup-Grumman, Zoe has continued her impressive achievements by developing a database for use on a satellite that will be launched in 2014. Congratulations, Zoe!!!

**SCPOA Maintenance Assistant Needed**

by Kim Purcell-Kirkpatrick

The Swansboro Property Owners Association will have an opening for a paid maintenance assistant to help maintain our common areas and roads starting March 2009. If you have an interest in working to keep our community looking great as well as minimize your commute we would be interested in hearing from you. Please contact our secretary Lynda at 621-0309 for further details of the position.

**News from the café**

by Frank Ethridge

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. We wish to thank everyone for your support for the café this past year. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming year with more special events such as our sweetheart dinner on February 14<sup>th</sup> and we are also

planning a St. Patrick's dinner. We are in the early stages of planning possible wine dinners with some of the local wine companies. Let us help you with any catering needs that you may have. Send us your email address to we can keep you informed with what is happening here at the café. You may reach us at 622-0210 or at [fwethridge@gmail.com](mailto:fwethridge@gmail.com)

Thank you from the Crew at the Café

Café Hours are:

Wed - Fri 11am to 8pm  
Sat - Sun 8am to 8pm  
Closed Mon & Tues

**Recipe of the Month**

by Rock Creek Café

***Ginger-marinated grilled Portobello Mushrooms***

Because of their larger size and firmer texture, Portobello mushrooms are good candidates for stuffing or grilling. They have a satisfying taste and texture with virtually no fat or sodium. This recipe will serve 4.

Ingredients:

4 large Portobello mushrooms  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/2 cup pineapple juice  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh ginger, peeled  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

**Directions**

Clean mushrooms with a damp cloth and remove their stems. Place in a glass dish; stem less (gill) side up.

To prepare the marinade, in a small bowl whisk together the vinegar, pineapple juice and ginger. Drizzle the marinade over the mushrooms. Cover and let marinate in the refrigerator for about 1 hour, turning mushrooms once.

Prepare a hot fire in a charcoal grill or heat a gas grill or broiler. Away from the heat source, lightly coat the grill rack or broiler pan with cooking spray. Position the cooking rack 4 to 6 inches from the heat source.

Grill or broil the mushrooms on medium heat, turning often, until tender, about 5 minutes on each side. Baste with marinade to keep from drying out. Using tongs, transfer the mushrooms to a serving platter. Garnish with basil and serve immediately.

**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 [gbarritt@earthlink.net](mailto: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.

**MEETINGS:**

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

**FALL ART CLASSES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS**-Fall Art Classes for Teens & Adults- Have fun creating unique ceramic or fused glass art in my new Swansboro Studio. Afternoon & evening classes available to suit your schedule. Contact Pam Angelo at 621-3688

**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](http://www.mfom.net).

**PICKING' POTLUCK** - Local Acoustic Musicians: Starting a jam session once a week, hosted by a Fiddle & Mandolin player. 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

**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 <http://www.hanging.ega-gpr.org/index.html>

**WANTED:**

**ROOMMATE WANTED** - Looking for someone who would be interested in renting the spare room in my home on Dear Canyon court. \$475/ month, includes utilities. Pets ok. Contact Chris at 530-409-1883 (1)

Looking for a copy of the book, "One Man's Pino Grande by Robert Ramsey at a reasonable price. Call Jim at 626-3905 (12)

Has anyone bought a cricut machine and figured out how to use it? I am looking for someone that can show me how to use mine! Call Nancy at 621-1114. (12)

**I NEED A NEW HOME** I am a young fixed male dark tabby with white feet who was found just about starved. I have been eating very well for the last two months, have had a vet check and now need a loving home of my own. My rescuers already have other rescued cats so I need my own person, I am pretty relaxed and once I completely fill out again will be a big guy. Please call 621-1049 (11)

**FREE:**

**COMBO POOL/AIR HOCKEY TABLE:** 7' x 3 ½', pool table never used, flips to air hockey. Call 642-9783 (1)

Scrap lumber, great for wood stoves, etc. Call Fred or Kathy at 626-4281 (11)

**SERVICES:**

**CATERING-FOOD SERVICES-** Special event planning. Large or small. We will help you design your menu. Catering on the Hill by Rock Creek Café. Call Frank at 622-0210 or FAX 530-622-0211

**BOOKKEEPING-** Bookkeeping services available for contractors and small businesses. All or a bit, let's talk. Assistance with business or personal tax filling-file for a faster refund. McCoy Bookkeeping. Bus license #042237. Call 295-8112 or (cell) 916-997-4757 for an appointment or more information.

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

**LOG SPLITTER:** owner operator, \$25.00 hr., 2 hour min. Swansboro area only. 344-9066

**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

**Bulldozer - Excavation and Property Maintenance** – Case 450 angle dozer – Roads, drainage, fire prevention and clearing. Wood cutting, splitting, yard maintenance. Handyman services, great rates, quality work, local since 1993. Call Eric at 626.8979

Sell your FSBO home or lot yourself and save \$1000s. Your home listed on regional MLS and Realtor.com for only \$295. For more info visit [fsbo-eldorado.com](http://fsbo-eldorado.com) or call Elaine at 530-621-2433.

**PET CARE** - Pet feeding while your away. We will give your pet the same love and care as you would if you were here. No pet too large or too small. Reasonable rates. Call Devin & Dylan's Pet Feeding Service at 295-9165

You can OWN a home today with NO QUALIFYING and only 5 ½ percent down! If an 1800 sq ft ranch style home on 2+ acres for only \$275,000 sounds interesting to you, then visit [www.sage4real.com](http://www.sage4real.com), click NO QUALIFYING tab or call Elaine 530-621-2433. This home is located in Swansboro/Mosquito and offered exclusively by Sage Real Estate, California licensed real estate broker #01265074

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](mailto:ripmcg@aol.com)

DUSTIN & SONS- Junk car & appliance removal; Trash hauling; Light tractor work; Log splitting; Weed-eating; Brush & tree removal, brush burning. No job too small, friendly honest service. Call Dustin K. Sears Sr. at Home 344-8402 or Cell 363-4991

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

SOLAR ENERGY-Sick of paying PG & E over \$200 per month? Some clients report a reduction in their electric bill from \$200/month 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, 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

VEVMA- Vitamins Essential Minerals Mangosteen & Aloe - Liquid nutritional supplement. Distributor, Linda Langhout. Call Home 642-2905 or Cell 409-7998

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

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.

CALIFORNIA GARDENS - Landscape Design and Consultation. Web site – [www.california-gardens.com](http://www.california-gardens.com) or email – [li@california-gardens.com](mailto:li@california-gardens.com)

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

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.

SOUTHERN LIVING at HOME parties and gifts. Call Kelly at 295-9165 or [kjhern@yahoo.com](mailto:kjhern@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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 at [services@drcoolers.com](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.icsqrd.com).

**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](http://www.loftness.com/videos/video_carbidecutter.cfm)

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

**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

**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](http://www.creativeadminservices.com) or call 295-1779

**OSTERKAMP CONSTRUCTION INC.:** General Building & Plumbing Contractor, specializing in custom homes, remodels, additions, decks. Free estimates, exceptional service, competitive prices. Bonded & insured, Lic #612033 Swansboro resident since 1987. Call 626-7873

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

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES**: Fifth generation Sierra Nevadan & Mosquito resident, helping you to sell or find your treasure in California gold country's best kept secret. Realtor Judy Mathat 295-4645, Office 621-4334, Office FAX 417-1018, Cell 626-9565, Home Office Coldwell Banker Real Estate

**RIDLEY K-9 ACADEMY** – Professional dog training and dog walking services. For more information visit [Ridleyk9academy.com](http://Ridleyk9academy.com) or call 409-0879

**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](mailto:jcbackhoe@sbcglobal.net)

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

**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](http://www.mosquitoadneighbors.com), or 295-4641 or toll free 866.SALLYRE, [solongjohns@yahoo.com](mailto:solongjohns@yahoo.com)

**METAL STRUCTURES**: We build metal buildings, carports, sheds, stalls, Fifth Wheel covers, etc. Local family, free estimates. We also do concrete work, sidewalks, foundations, etc. Call Jeremy at home 626-4406 or work 916-826-9758

**REAL ESTATE SERVICES**: Specializing in Mosquito /Swansboro real estate. Debbie and Rusty Harris have 35 years experience "on the hill". Located next to the fire station. **SWANSBORO LAND AND HOMES**: 622-6822

**NAUTILUS MARINE SERVICE**: Marine engine, inboard & stern drive specialists. Generator repair - marine & stationary. Fabrications, installations, electrical & electronics. Call Toll Free 800-760-1430

**GLASS & CERAMIC ART:** Affordable handcrafted items made here in Mosquito! Studio open most days, call first to be sure. Do your gift shopping here on the hill. Call Pam Angelo at 621-3688

**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

**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

**FOR RENT:**

**LARGE HOUSE** for rent on Log Cabin Lane. 5 bedroom 5 bath 3600 Sq feet. Long term rental agreement desired. 1,500 per month or possibly less for an exceptional tenant. Will consider a rent to own agreement. Call for info at 919-0759

**RENT HOME** -2 bd/ 2 ba in Swansboro. 5 acres w/ fenced area for livestock, barn, large toolshed/workshop, large fenced garden & Dog run. 1385 square feet. Spacious kitchen. Wood burning stove, pellet stove, electric heat. Wrap around porch with amazing views. \$1500/month plus \$500 annual home owners Association dues. Available January 6th. Please call Alice at 916-208-8945

**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. Call (530)-906-2021.

**RENT HOME** - 1 bd/1 ba Fresh & bright, w/d hook-ups, fenced yard. One small pet OK.. \$750 per month + deposit. Call (530) 906-2021.

**FOR SALE:**

**OAK FIREWOOD-** \$275/cord. Call 642-8685 (1)

**PAPILLON PUPPIES** aka "the Butterfly Dog" 2-m & 2-f all have beautiful makings. They will be ready for a new forever home just in time for Christmas. Papillons are a toy breed, very smart, very loyal. We have both mother and father on site. Call Nancy at 621-1114, please leave message. (12)

**REMODELED KITCHEN CABINETS.** Very good condition, drawers and hardware in house. Will accept physical labor, yard work etc. for payment. \$400 or best offer. Call 621-0135 Arnie Vreeland (11)





**HAVE A GREAT 2009!**



January 2009

**Community Happenings**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED</p> <p><b>** ROCK CREEK CAFE OFFERS A VEGETARIAN DISH ALONG WITH FAMILY NIGHT SPECIALS</b></p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7:00 PM MVFA Board Meeting</p>  <p>New Years Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Support Group</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Chicken Pot Pie</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00 PM MFPD Board Meeting</p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:00 PM SCPOA Meeting</p>	<b>13</b>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Tostada</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	 <p>Martin Luther King Day</p>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>BBQ Pulled Pork</p>	<b>22</b>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Craft Meeting see page 4</p>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>\$6.00 Entree Family Night at Rock Creek Cafe **</p> <p>Spaghetti</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



The *MOSQUITO BYTE* is available by subscription and is mailed first class to subscribers. Cost of subscription is **\$15.00 per year** with 2 years as the maximum period for Byte subscriptions beyond one year. Please make check payable to MVFA and mail to 9009 Orval Beckett Ct, Placerville, CA, 95667-9040. Deadline for news and advertising is the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month.

The editors reserve the right to edit, limit or refuse any article submitted for publication in the *Mosquito Byte*. The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association accepts ads from subscribers without endorsement.

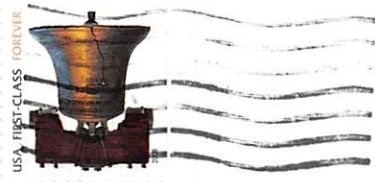
Editors:

Sharon Hern 530.626.5268

[rshern@netscape.com](mailto:rshern@netscape.com)

Gail Barritt 530.622.2235

[gbarritt@earthlink.net](mailto:gbarritt@earthlink.net)



MOSQUITO BYTE  
9009 ORVAL BECKETT CT  
PLACERVILLE CA 95667-9040